

St. John Francis Regis

December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Times

Sunday
7am, 9am, 11:30am

Saturday
8am, 5pm Vigil

Monday-Friday
7am

Holy Days of Obligation
7am, 9am, 7pm

Confessions

Saturday 4pm-6pm,
and during Sunday Masses

*Also by appointment

Adoration

Monday-Friday
6-7am

Saturday
6:30-7:30am

Rosary

Monday-Friday
7:30am

Saturday
4:30pm

Sunday
6:30am

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The program starts in
September and ends in May.

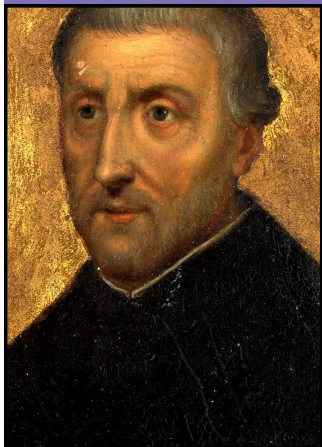
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John Francis Regis Parish is to foster a family of faith,
built on **yesterday's** foundation, so that **today's** spirituality, service, and education
will continue to grow into **tomorrow's** Catholic community.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

Saints Alive!



St. Peter Canisius
Pray for us!

December 18: St. Rufus and St. Zosimus (107) thrown to the lions in Rome – they get a shout out from St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp!!

December 19: Bd. Urban V (1310-1370). A French priest from Languedoc and trained in Toulouse, Paris and Avignon who became pope. He listened to Petrarch and St. Bridget of Sweden, who encouraged him to move to Rome. He is the sainted pope of sorrow, suffering and deep emotion as he wept over the state of the Church in Avignon and Rome.

December 20: St. Ammon and companions (250). Shout out to Deacon Ammon Ripple on his patronal name-day! He was a brave soldier who declared himself a Christian and was martyred with those he was sent to guard in Alexandria Egypt.

St. Domingo de Silos (1073). This St. Domingo appeared to Bd. Joan of Aza in a vision at the end of her pilgrimage – and told her that she will have a son, henceforth to be named the other St. Dominic, who would change the world.

December 21 St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597). The ‘second apostle to Germany’ and the Catholic revival (Counter Reformation) largely come from this Jesuit’s work. All it took was one Ignatian retreat and he was in. He moved finally to Fribourg in Switzerland and keeps the city Catholic to this day.

Dec 23: St. Margaret d’Youville (1701-1771) an unhappily married frontier woman (her husband was a fur trader who illegally sold booze to the Native Americans). She seems caught on fire for the faith when her husband died. She became a religious sister of a new congregation: “les soeurs grises”.

Dec 24: St. Sharbel Makhlouf (1828-1898). From the highest snowy mountains of Lebanon near the great cedars, this poor shepherd became a mystical Maronite monk and sang Mass in the Aramaic language of Jesus. Great healings and miracles still abound to this day.

“To everything there is a season...”

“A time to be born...”
Welles Miller Summers

“A time to die, a time to mourn...”

“A time to embrace, a time to love...”
Kyle Campbell and Hailey Redman

“A time to heal...”

“A time of peace and a time of war...”

Denise Abell, John Abell, Chuck Anderson,
Bob Andrews, Maya Ashton,
Judy Faye Bakewell, Jackie Barnes,
Chris Battle, Beverly Bowles, Rose Brady
Claire Broadhead, Margaret Bush,
Frances Butler, Ayden Burton, David Calvano
Amanda Campbell, Shawn Campbell,
Joan Carter, Leroy Chapman, Diego Chesley,
Linda Clarke, Linda Czarzasty, Daniel Davis,
Mary Delozier, Eric Dexter, Mark Duke,
William Dunn, Richard Edgington, George
Fairfax, Cherri Fearn, Pauline Fitzgerald, Terry
Fitzpatrick, Brian Galpin, Joseph Gardiner,
Tyler Gardiner, Isaac Garity, Katie Gatley

CPT Brett Gambacorta, USA;
CDR Michael Gill, USA;
LCpl Zachary Gilstrap, USMC;
LT Jennifer Gleason, USN;
LT John Taylor Gregg, USN;
Ann Hummel LCDR MSC USN;
ILT Mathew Francis Ives, USMC;
CPT Eric Jimenez, USMC;
CPL Ryan McLean, USMC;
CPT Andrew Mengle, USA;
Maj T. B. Missler, USMC;
Richard Paul, Jr; SPEC
Ashley Pakatar, USA;
Capt Alex Raggio, USAR;
SCPO Ronald J. Ryland, USN

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 8

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose
under heaven: a time to be born,
and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that which
is planted. A time to love, and a
time to hate; a time for war, and a
time for peace.



We are praying for
our military families
at home, and abroad.

Parish Sacramental Life

BAPTISMS

The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with one of the priests and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

MARRIAGES

Couples seeking to be married in the Church are required to contact the parish office and make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

Please contact the rectory for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory when a parishioner would like to receive the sacraments and is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital.

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments are invited to contact the rectory at any time.

Upcoming Second Collections:

(Please make all checks payable to St. John's)

- ◆ Dec. 17 - Christmas Flowers
- ◆ Dec. 25th - Christmas
- ◆ Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary
- ◆ Jan. 7th - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ Feb. 4th - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ Feb. 14th - St. John's Charitable Society



Our Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from **December 22 to January 1.**

Our office will reopen **January 2, normal office hours, M - F 9am-4pm.**

Father Ray, Father Braam and all of our parish office staff wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



There will be no confessions offered at any of the Masses on December 24 or December 25.

There will be confessions offered at the 5pm Mass on December 23.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU - CONFESSIONS & ADORATION are being offered on December 20 from 7pm to 8pm.



Come spend some time with Christ in Adoration and Prepare your Soul for Christmas!

ST. JOHN'S EVENTS

<p><u>December 20</u></p> <p>The Light is on for You Confession & Adoration 7pm to 8pm</p>	<p><u>December 22 - January 1</u></p> <p>The Parish Office is closed for Christmas</p>
<p><u>December 24</u></p> <p>Christmas Mass Time 5pm & 7pm</p> <p><i>O' Holy Night</i></p>	<p><u>December 25</u></p> <p>Christmas Day Mass Times Midnight Mass 7am & 11:30am</p> <p><i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>
<p><u>January 1</u></p> <p>New Year's Day Mass 8am</p> <p>No Exposition or 7am Mass</p> <p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p>	<p><u>January 7</u></p> <p>K of C Pancake Breakfast 8am to 11am</p> <p>Monsignor Harris Center</p>

Daily Readings

Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Jgs 13:2-7
Lk 1:5-25

Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-28

Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 5:16:23-27
Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 18
7:00am **Danny Greenwell & Family (L)**

TUESDAY, December 19
7:00am **Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L)**

WEDNESDAY, December 20
7:00am **Barbara Rene+**

THURSDAY, December 21
7:00am **Joe & Margaret Ramsey+**

FRIDAY, December 22
7:00am **Patty Bray (L)**

SATURDAY December 23
8:00am **Raymond Morgan+**
5:00pm **Margaret Kuhn+**

SUNDAY, December 24
7:00am **Ann Huseman+**
9:00am **St. John's Parishioners**
11:30am **Alice Ezeoke+**
5:00pm **Robert Garner Family+**
7:00pm **Keith Williams+**

+ Deceased (L) Living

**St. John's
Fourth Sunday of
Advent and
Christmas Mass Times**



In order to fulfill both obligations, you must attend a Mass in each box.

Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christmas
December 23 rd 5pm	December 24 th 5pm, 7pm
December 24 th 7am, 9am, 11:30am	December 25 th Midnight, 7am, 11:30am

No Mass on Christmas Eve "double counts" for both obligations.



Monday
Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

12/18 No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition

7 pm - St. Jude Room - Msgr. Harris Center

1/8 Is there No Salvation Outside of the Church?

1/22 Is Hell Real?

1/29 Gregorian Chant and Church Music

HOUSE BLESSINGS - If you would like your home blessed, please call our parish office at 301-373-2281 to make an appointment with Father Ray or Father Braam.



God Bless this Home and All Who Enter

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Parish Office Phone Number: **301-373-2281**
Parish Office Email: receptionist@sjhollywood.org
Sue Smith/Office Mgr.: smiths@sjhollywood.org
Jackie Cannon/Secretary: cannonj@sjhollywood.org

We are here for you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

~ JOIN US AS WE ADORN THE CHURCH ~

Help is needed on the following dates:

SET UP– SUN., 17 DEC (Begin after 11:30 AM Mass)

SET UP – SUN., 24 DEC (Begin after 11:30 AM – **Finish by 3:30 PM)**

BREAKDOWN – SUN., 7 JAN (Begin after 11:30 AM Mass)

For more info, contact Keri Davis, Art & Environment Ministry Lead
240.299.5330 / Keri22Davis@gmail.com

FORMED

ADVENT
WEEK 3

What Christmas is About 26:32

10:46

St. John Parishioners can watch for free!
Scan the QR code or go to formed.org

2024 'WARM Program

3 – 7 Jan 2024

@ Camp Maria

Volunteers Needed!

WARM is a winter emergency sheltering program that relies on volunteers in the community to provide 2 meals and warm bed during the winter months. St John's is partnering with Camp Maria Retreat Center to support WARM 3-7 Jan 2024. **Volunteers are sought for meals and monitoring.**

To learn more or volunteer, visit <https://sugeni.us/4Nxt>, use the QR Code, or contact:
Mary McGlinn at (240)298-7645
Walt Gardiner at (703)304-6264

CATHOLIC CEMETERY needs your help to maintain the beauty and dignity of the sacred ground by following the cemetery regulations:

- * Fresh flowers are welcome all year.
- * Artificial flowers allowed only from November 15 until March 15.
- * Flowers of any type will be removed by the cemetery grounds keeper when they become unsightly or the particular season/holiday is over.
- * Other decorations such as glass containers, candles, lights, metal staffs, benches or chairs, etc. are prohibited and subject to immediate removal.
- * Individual planting of trees, shrubs, flowers etc. are not allowed.
- * Please keep it simple - excess items may be removed.
- * Consult our office for specific memorial rules and regulations in the cemetery.

For more information, please call the Catholic Cemeteries of Southern Maryland at 301-475-5005 for more information.

St. John's / Sisters of Charity (SCN) Spring 2024 Mission Opportunity 17 – 24 March 2024

Thank you for your generosity to the annual St. John's/SCN Mission Program collection in September! All monies collected build homes for the needy or perform repair work, both within and outside the U.S. The next mission opportunity is 17 – 24 March 2024 to Nazareth, Kentucky, to complete home repair/improvement activities. Seven adult volunteers, 18-years of age or older are needed.

Completed applications and the \$200 payment are due 20 January 2024. Please contact Alicia Murphy for more information at:

alicia.m.murphy.3@gmail.com or 240-298-7089

Fiat!

Please join us for “Stories of Grace” every Tuesday Night at 7pm - 8:30pm At St. John’s Monsignor Harris Center

That Man Is You (2 Samuel 12:7)

The Battle Over the Bride
Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM
Msgr. Harris Center



St. John's Men's Ministry Group (SJMGM) *Fortes in Fide* exists to serve the spiritual needs of men, single and married.
Saturdays @ 6:45am St. Jude’s Rm

Green Team

It’s time to start wrapping Christmas gifts, so reduce waste by using cloth Christmas bags that can be reused each year.

Give green Christmas gifts like reusable straws and Yeti or Hydro Flask cups that keeps drinks cold or hot for seven hours.

"Grieving with Great Hope" 5-week, small group workshop to help people grieving the loss of a loved one. See our website:

<https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/bereavement-ministry>. Contact: Jennifer Bicknell–
jbicknell@saintalloysiuschurch.org

Bereavement Workshop Dates:
Sundays, 3-5pm, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4

“Grieving with Great Hope” is presented by Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate founded by John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy. Both have been through their own valley of grief, and in this workshop, will offer personal and professional insight on what can help as you journey through yours.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 1-3, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD and Oct 11-13, 2024 in COLLEGE PARK, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at

St. Aloysius Christmas Dinner St. Aloysius Church will host a community Christmas dinner for those in need on Christmas Day. Dinner will be from 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall located at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650. All are welcome! Please help spread the word and celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! If you would like to volunteer either in preparation or during the event itself, please sign up for a volunteer position by scanning the QR code.



Bulletin Requests

Contact the parish office with any bulletin inserts or announcements **10 days prior to that bulletin date.**

Please include any images to add in your email. ***Please note, we have a limited amount of space.** We do not have room for full page flyers or documents.

Email announcements and inserts to: smiths@sjhollywood.org

