

# St. John Francis Regis

December 31, 2023

The Most Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

## 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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#### Sunday Classes

Grades K-12  
10:15am-11:15am

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."***



**St. Geneviève de Paris**  
**Pray for us!**

**Dec 31: Pope St. Silvestro I** (335). I hope to be praying at his relics again this year on the very day he is commemorated worldwide. He is renowned as a pope who was so close to a corrupt government but kept his hands free from all graft and corruption. Always remember our favorite pals: JOHN FRANCIS REGIS (1640) AND CATHERINE LABOURÉ (1876) who both died on New Year's Eve -- just before Midnight!  
**Jan 1: St. Joseph Tomasi** (1649-1713). Theatine Scholar of Greek philosophy, Hebrew language, and Catholic liturgical music!  
**Jan 2: St. Basil and St. Gregory** were best buds, born the same year (329) and in the same town in Cappadocia. They were college roommates in Athens and both became brilliant scholarly bishops. Good guys both!

# Saints Alive!

**Jan 3: St. Geneviève de Paris** (422-500). This patron saint of Paris stood up to Attila the Hun. The Panthéon was built as her relic shrine, but her relics were destroyed in the French Revolution.  
**Jan 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seaton** (1774-1821) is even celebrated by the Italians today because she was moved to convert to Catholicism because of the piety and intellectual charity of her friends in Livorno. But remember, **Bd. Angela da Foligno** (1248-1309) today as well! I love women mystics.  
**Jan 5: St. John Neumann** (1811-1860). He is the first saint I ever venerated in Doylestown PA, while visiting my aunt and uncle. I knelt at the altar rail, fought back tears, kissed the relic, took a holy card and started fantasizing about priesthood from that day. (I was a sophomore in High School.) But read about **Bd. John Andrew Houben** (1821-1893) as well – a Dutch missionary to Dublin Ireland. God bless both countries now!  
**January 6: St. Andrew Corsini** (1302-1373) was a dissipated and vicious

young Florentine noble who was converted by the reproaches of his tough-as-nails mom. This Avignon-trained Carmelite was a specialist in reconciling warring factions. His relic shrine is in Florence to this day. **St Charles of Sezze** (1613-1670) a humble Franciscan friar with breathtaking insight as a spiritual director. I hope to pray at his tomb in Trastevere. **St. André Bessette** (1845-1937) it's hard to believe that our hardy group of pilgrims was praying at his tomb this time last year. He spent 3 years in Rhode Island, but returned to Canada to become a Holy Cross Brother. He spread a devotion to St. Joseph wherever he went and was known for the miraculous healings that followed in his wake.

## *“To everything there is a season...”*

**“A time to be born...”**

**“A time to die, a time to mourn...”**

**“A time to embrace, a time to love...”**

Joseph Parisi & Olivia Mesmer

**“A time to heal...”**

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

**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.



Jordyn Rose O'Connor, Jalen Penaflor, John & Ethel Pilkerton, Todd Raffo, Robin Poe, Frances Powers, Todd Raffo, Hannah Rainer, Maria Robey, Hal Richards, Judy Roa, Darleen Russell, Suzanne Saurel, Shirley Johnson Sellner, Charlotte Silva, Rosemary Smith, Dave Stefanic, Danny Sweeney, Nancy Szewczyk, Lawrence Tippett, Gwennette Thomas, Taylor Theriot, William J. Trainor Sr, Alice Viverette, James Wallace, Ronnie Ward, Johnny Wathen, Laura Wible, David Wilson, Eleanor Wood, Jill Wood, Damian Worrell, Luzina Yorkshire

WO2 James M. Adkins USA;  
 Ray Alvey, USMC;  
 SFC Kyle Bennett, USA;  
 LTJG David Berlin, USN;  
 CPL Matthew Burgan, USMC;  
 PFC James Kelly Butler, USA;  
 2ndLT. John F. Callaghan II, USMC  
 SrA Gregory M. Casanova, USAF;  
 Christopher Scott Childers, USA;  
 SPC Michael J. Choffy, USA;  
 LTJG Ryan Dishman, USN;  
 Sgt. Jack Dugan, USMC;  
 CDR Michael David Emerson, USCG.



**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)**

- ◆ 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
- ◆ March 3rd - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ March 10th - Church in the Developing World
- ◆ March 17th - Easter Flowers
- ◆ March 28th - Holy Thursday Char. Society



*Father Ray, Father Braam & the Parish Office Staff wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year!*

*Please join us for*

**Mass at 9am**



**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** - Individual spiritual guidance is offered by our Priests and Deacons.

Please contact the parish office for more information or to make an appointment.

301-373-2281

**REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS** - Parishioners are able to request that the priest offers the Mass for a particular intentions.

Mass Intentions are for: \*a person who is deceased\* a living person who is sick or suffering\* on the occasion of a person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasions \*in thanksgiving\* for a prayer intention (as long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching) Please call the office for more information at

301-373-2281. Mass cards are also available.

\*a donation of \$10 per Mass intention is appreciated.\*

***Call to make your 2024 Mass Intentions!***



## ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



January 1

**Mass at 9am**

No Exposition or 7am Mass

*Happy New Year!*

January 7

**K of C Pancake Breakfast**

**8am to 11am**

**Monsignor Harris Center**

January 10

**SJS Buffalo Wild Wings**

**Fundraiser**

**11am - 12pm**

January 15

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Parish Office Closed**

January 21

**K of C Donut Social**

**9am - 11am**

January 27

**K of C Oyster Scald**

**9am - 4pm**



**Daily Readings**

Nm	6:22-27
Gal	4:4-7
1 Jn	2:22-28
Jn	1:19-28
1 Jn	2:29, 3:6
Jn	1:29-34
1 Jn	3:7-10
Jn	1:35-42
1 Jn	3:11-21
Jn	1:43-51
1 Jn	5:5-13
Mk	1:7-11
Is	60:1-6
Eph	3:2-3a
Mt	2:1-12

**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, January 1**

9:00am St. John's Parishioners

**TUESDAY, January 2**

7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L)

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

7:00am James Florip (L)

**THURSDAY, January 4**

7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini (L)

**FRIDAY, January 5**

7:00am Howard Meyer+

**SATURDAY January 6**

8:00am Ann Huseman+

5:00pm Kalel Tavarez+

**SUNDAY, January 7**

7:00am St. John's Parishioners

9:00am Therese Fahmy Ashy+

11:30am Kathy Martin+

+ Deceased (L) Living

**Pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus.**

Join Fr. Harry Stokes and Fr. Ray Schmidt as they lead us in the Footsteps of St. Paul.

We will tour many holy sites in Greece and then set sail on a 4-day cruise to visit several Greek islands and the Blessed Virgin's home in Ephesus.

September 27 – October 7, 2024. \$4,811.00.

For more information contact Margaret at [stjoepa@comcast.net](mailto:stjoepa@comcast.net), or to register, visit <https://sq408nio.paperform.co>

**Monday**

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

**Apologetics will be back January 8, 2024**

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](mailto:receptionist@sjhollywood.org)

Sue Smith/Office Mgr.: [smiths@sjhollywood.org](mailto:smiths@sjhollywood.org)

Jackie Cannon/Secretary:

[cannonj@sjhollywood.org](mailto: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](mailto:Keri22Davis@gmail.com)



## **EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS**

**St. John’s Catholic School Fundraiser.** A delicious way to help our school! Wednesday, January 10th, 2024. 11am to 12pm. (All day & evening!)

Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of your total bill to St. John’s Catholic School.  
46370 Lexington Village Way  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

**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.



**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 McGlenn at (240)298-7645  
Walt Gardiner at (703)304-6264



## **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](mailto: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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Saint John’s Charitable Society

To learn more about SJCS, contact us at 240-298-7645 or email us at:

[sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org](mailto:sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org).

*You can help build hope in your local community!*

**Green Team**

Introducing the new “Buy Nothing” Household Green Team Facebook page. In accordance with Pope Francis’ Laudato Si to protect the environment and reduce waste, the Household Green Team is beginning this site where you can post gently used items available for free. You can also post when you are seeking an item. Parishioners will help each other and the earth. Maria (Martirano) Fernandes will moderate the page found by searching “Buy Nothing Page (Household Green Team of St. John’s)” on Facebook or scan the QR code.



**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God’s love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience 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 [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-500-0871.



**Keep in touch with us via email and text!**

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone.

TO SIGN UP, TEXT: **SJFLOCK** to 8457

**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@sjchollywood.org](mailto:smiths@sjchollywood.org)

