

## 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  
6am-7am  
  
Saturday  
6:30am-7:30am

## Rosary

Monday-Friday  
7:30am  
  
Saturday  
4:30pm  
  
Sunday  
6:30am

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Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm  
Closed for Lunch  
12:30pm - 1pm

# St. John Francis Regis

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Pastor

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt  
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### Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Ken Scheiber

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Austin Russell  
Gabe Ichniowski  
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Susan McDonough

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Jonathan DeMauro

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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. Margaret  
d'Youville,  
Pray for us!**

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.



**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 seemed 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.

**Dec 25: St. Peter Nolasco**

(1256+) ransomed a great number of Christian slaves from the hands of the

# Saints Alive!

Muslim captors. He founded the Mercedarian Order (merced is the Spanish word for ransom) for this sole purpose. St. Raymund was his associate in all decisions.

**Dec 26: St. Stephen Martyr** (34+)

was a Hellenist Jewish deacon of the earliest church in Jerusalem (his name Stephanos in Greek means crown) was stoned to death for his bold proclamation of the gospel. His tomb was rediscovered in 415 and the church has celebrated this feast on this day from these ancient times.

**Dec 27: St. John the Evangelist** (c.

100) How this one was transformed from a boanerges (Son of Thunder) to a 'beloved disciple' is one of the mysteries of the faith. The focus in all Johannine literature is agape (love).

**Dec 28: Holy Innocents.** But wait! We have remembered the children of

Bethlehem on this date since the 5th century, "as rosebuds in a whirling storm." (Prudentius). What about **St. Gaspar del Bufalo** (1786-1837)? I love this dude – and I go to the shrine to venerate his relics whenever I go to the Trevi fountain in the daytime at S.Maria in Trivio. He was nicknamed a "spiritual earthquake" and "hammer of sectarians". His preaching brought about large-scale and dramatic emotional conversions in Rome. He is also called the "greatest apostle of devotion to the precious blood of Jesus" and founded an order of missionary priests for this purpose.

## "To everything there is a season..."

**"A time to be born..."**

**"A time to die, a time to mourn..."**

Robert Whitley

**"A time to embrace, a time to love..."**

Skylar Maddox & Jack Davis

**"A time to heal..."**

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

**"A time of peace and a time of war..."**

WO2 James M. Adkins USA; Ray Alvey, USMC; SFC Kyle Bennett, USA; LTJG David Berlin, USN; CPL Matthew Burgan, USMC; CDR Joseph Burns, USN; PFC James Kelly Butler, USA; 1stLT. 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.

## O.C.I.A

(Order 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.

# Weekly CALENDAR

**MON  
12/22**

**TUES  
12/23**

**WED  
12/24**

**THURS  
12/25**

**FRI  
12/26**

**SAT  
12/27**

**SUN  
12/28**

7am Mass

7am Mass

7am Mass

Midnight Mass

7am Mass

6:30am  
Adoration

6:30am  
Rosary

7:30am Rosary

7:30am Rosary

7:30am Rosary

7am Mass

7:30am Rosary

7:30am Rosary

7am Mass

7:00pm  
Apologetics  
Class with  
Deacon Ken!

8am Set Up  
Christmas  
(Phase 2)

4pm Mass

6pm Mass

7:30am Rosary

11:30am Mass

8am Mass

5pm Mass

9am Mass

10:15am-  
11:30am  
Christmas  
Cookies & Carols

11:30am  
Mass

 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 12/22 THROUGH 1/1  Merry Christmas!

## Upcoming Second Collections: (Please make all checks payable to St. John's)

- January 4 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- February 1 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- March 1 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- March 8 - Church in the Developing World

## St. John's Upcoming Weekend Confession Schedule

### Saturday, December 27

Confessions will be heard from 4:00-4:45pm and throughout the 5pm Mass!

### Sunday, December 28

Confessions will be heard during all Masses!



Daily Readings		Mass Intentions
1 Sm	1:24-28	<u>MONDAY, December 22</u> 7:00am Gianna Semanchick(L)
Lk	1:26-46	
Mal	3:1-4, 23-24	<u>TUESDAY, December 23</u> 7:00am Brian Lococo+
Lk	1:57-66	
2 Sm	7:1-5,8-12,14, 16	<u>WEDNESDAY, December 24</u> 7:00am Dr. Butch Morgan+ 4:00pm St. John's Parishioners 6:00pm Eleanor Ripple+
Lk	1:67-79	
Is	52:7-10	<u>THURSDAY, December 25</u> 12:00am Jackie Abell+ 7:00am Robin McGolrick+ 11:30am Mitchel & Agnes Somerville & Family Members+
Heb	1:1-6	
Jn	1:1-18	
Acts	6:8-10	<u>FRIDAY, December 26</u> 7:00am Dr. Garner Morgan+
Mt	10:17-22	
1 Jn	1:1-4	<u>SATURDAY, December 27</u> 8:00am Anne Marie Mango(L) 5:00pm St. John's Parishioners
Jn	20:1a, 2-8	
Sir	3:2-6, 12-14	<u>SUNDAY, December 28</u> 7:00am Charles Murphy+ 9:00am Eleanor Ripple+ 11:30am Betty & Bill Sharpe+
Col	3:12-21	
Mt	2:13-15, 19-23	

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE at St. John's

DECEMBER 24

4PM, 6PM

DECEMBER 25

MIDNIGHT,  
7AM, & 11:30AM



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## MONDAY

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

**12/22/25 – Our Duties to Immigrants**

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

Upcoming Topics:

12/29/25 NO MEETING

1/5/26 Why don't your intentions make something right?

1/12/26 The Catholic Church and Happiness

**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*



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

**Closed daily for Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:00pm**

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*We are here for you!*

**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.

For more information or assistance, please call Catholic Cemeteries of Southern Maryland directly at **301-475-5005**.

### Online Giving

Faith Direct has migrated to ParishSOFT Giving.

- Visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-116>
- Text-to-give number: **301-579-7955**
- Call Customer Service at **(866) 507-8757**



### Take the Next Step!

**Thank you to everyone who has participated so far in Take the Next Step! If you never received information in the mail about the program, please make sure that you are a registered parishioner. Also, if you've moved recently, please make sure we have your current address at the church office. You can contact us at 301-373-2281, Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm, and we're closed between 12:30pm and 1:00pm for lunch.**

**Father Ray and Father Braam want to thank all St. John's families for your support!**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

**~ JOIN US AS WE ADORN THE CHURCH ~**

**Help is needed on the following dates:**

**SET UP CHRISTMAS (PHASE 1) – SUN, 21 DEC 2025 (Begin at 2:00 PM)**

**SET UP CHRISTMAS (PHASE 2) – WED., 24 DEC 2025 (Begin at 8:00 AM after Rosary)**

**BREAKDOWN CHRISTMAS – SAT., 17 JAN 2026 (Begin after 8:30 AM Mass)**

For more info, contact Keri Davis, Art & Environment Ministry Lead

240.299.5330 / [Keri22Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Keri22Davis@gmail.com)

SPRING 2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

***Called to Love: Theology of The Body***

**JANUARY 21 - APRIL 22 | WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM**



This course will explore John Paul II's *Man and Woman He Created Them* to discover how Christ reveals the spousal meaning of the body—from the original experiences of solitude, unity, and nakedness to their fulfillment in the resurrection. It will also show how marriage and virginity both reflect Christ's total self-gift on the Cross, the source of divine love that transforms human relationships and grounds the Church's teaching on the unity of love and life.

Class will be offered both in person and online simultaneously. The course fee is \$150.

For more details, email [information@johnpaulii.edu](mailto:information@johnpaulii.edu) or call 202.526.3799.



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**Fiat! Women's Bible Study**  
Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in  
The Monsignor Harris Center  
This season's topic:  
"Love Unveiled"  
For more information,  
please contact [tavarez5@att.net](mailto:tavarez5@att.net)



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

Contact: Dan Seep, 757-291-0262,  
[Derseep@hotmail.com](mailto:Derseep@hotmail.com)  
Proverbs 27:17



**WARM at Camp Maria in Partnership with SoMD Catholic Community**

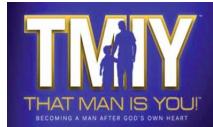
28 Dec 2025 – 4 Jan 2026

Through the rotational support of the SoMD faith communities, the WARM Program provides overnight shelter for ~15 homeless guests during the winter months from Nov to Mar.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
**Monitoring**  
**Meal Prep & Serving**  
**Supplies or Cash Donations**  
**Site Setup & Breakdown**

To learn more or to volunteer, [click here](#) or visit <https://campmaria.org>

For questions or help, contact: Mary McGlinn at (240)298-7645 or [warm@sjchollywood.org](mailto:warm@sjchollywood.org)



**That Man Is You (2 Samuel 12:7)**  
Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM  
Monsignor Harris Center  
For more information,  
please contact  
[TMIY@sjchollywood.org](mailto:TMIY@sjchollywood.org)

**Green Team Tips** The Green Team wishes you and yours a peaceful and joyous Christmas, slow down and reflect, a child is born to us.

GIVE YOUR LOVED ONES THE  
GIFT OF FAITH AND HOPE

**HEAVENLY PRESENTS**  
CATHOLIC GIFTS & BOOK STORE

*Christmas*

- ADVENT SUPPLIES • BOOKS
- FRAMED ART • ROSARIES
- CHILDREN'S SECTION

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 10 AM -5PM  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 10AM-6PM  
SATURDAY: 10AM-4PM

SPECIAL HOURS BLACK FRIDAY: 10AM-9PM

22697 WASHINGTON STREET  
(IN LEONARDTOWN SQUARE)  
LEONARDTOWN, MD  
PH: (301)475-9770

**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: [youngd@sjchollywood.org](mailto:youngd@sjchollywood.org)



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