

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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Closed for Lunch
12:30pm - 1pm

St. John Francis Regis

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ryan J. Braam
braamr@sjchollywood.org

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Deacon Ken Scheiber

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Deacon Jessiah Rojas
Joseph Stanalonis
Dylan Young
Peter Trossbach
Nicholas Labaza
Austin Russell
Gabe Ichniowski
Logan Dill
James Parker

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Vice Principal

Jonathan DeMauro

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Director of Religious

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Sunday Classes

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

The program starts in
September and ends in May.

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!**

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 sœurs grises”.

Dec 24: St. Sharbel Makhlof (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...”

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

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 Tippet, 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

WO2 James M. Adkins USA;
Ray Alvey, USMC;
SFC Kyle Bennett, USA;
LTJG David Berlin, USN;
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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.**

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.



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)	7:30am Rosary		8am Mass	9am Mass
		4pm Mass	11:30am Mass		5pm Mass	10:15am-11:30am Christmas Cookies & Carols
		6pm Mass				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!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

at St. John's

DECEMBER 24

4PM, 6PM

DECEMBER 25

MIDNIGHT,
7AM, & 11:30AM



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Daily Readings

Mass Intentions

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

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 Happi-
ness

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

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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

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 or call 202.526.3799.

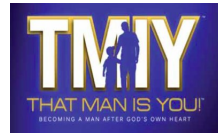


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Fiat! Women's Bible Study
Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in
The Monsignor Harris Center
This season's topic:
"Love Unveiled"
For more information,
please contact tavarez5@att.net



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



St. John's Men's Ministry Group (SJMG) *Fortes 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,
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Proverbs 27:17

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.



**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](https://campmaria.org) or
visit <https://campmaria.org>

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

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CATHOLIC GIFTS & BOOK STORE

Christmas

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 10AM -5PM
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 10AM-6PM
SATURDAY: 10AM-4PM
SPECIAL HOURS BLACK FRIDAY: 10AM-9PM

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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

