

### 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 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



### Pastor

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt  
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### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ryan J. Braam  
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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

### School

#### **Principal**

Susan McDonough

#### **Vice Principal**

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.

### Director of Religious

#### Education

Rich Olon  
rolon@sjchollywood.org

#### **Sunday Classes**

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

The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

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



**St. Genevieve de Paris,**  
**Pray for us!**

**Dec 29: St. Thomas à Becket** (1118-1170). The conversion of this worldly chancellor into a holy Archbishop of Canterbury is extraordinary. He was assassinated in his own cathedral and became the shining model for all clerics who challenge worldly political power. King Henry the VIII quickly destroyed his shrine in 1538 for fear that it would inspire other upstarts/traitors!

**Dec 30: Bd. Margherita Colonna** (1280). Her relics are at St. Cecilia's in Trastevere; I hope to pray there someday. She was such a holy Franciscan nun who worked so many miracles while she suffered 7 years with cancer.

## Saints Alive!

**Dec 31: Pope St. Silvestro I** (335). 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!

**Jan 3: St. Genevieve 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, except the relic I just got!

**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.

## *“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...”**

Skyler Maddox & Jack Davis

**“A time to heal...”**

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

Denise Abell, John Abell, William Abell, Jr.,  
Chuck Anderson, Bob Andrews, Matthew  
Ashton, Maya Ashton, Judy Faye Bakewell, Dr.  
Melvin Bane, Jackie Barnes, Chris Battle,  
Beverly Bowles, Rose Brady, Claire Broadhead,  
Margaret Bush, Frances Butler, Patricia Burns,  
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, Jane Farrell, Cherri Fearn,  
Pauline Fitzgerald, Terry Fitzpatrick, Brian  
Galpin, Joseph Gardiner, Tyler Gardiner,

CPT Timothy E. Sartori, USA;  
Lt Evan A. Scott, USN;  
Sgt Sean B. Scott, USA;  
LCDR Christopher S. Servello, USN;  
LT Jeffery T. Servello, USN;  
2ndLT Matthew Francis Smith, USA;  
AEC Stephen Sterns, USN;  
CDR Christopher Stearns, USN;  
SSgt JanCarlo Torres, USAF;  
Staff Sgt Jason W. Walker, USA;  
AIC Jack Whinnery, USAF;

### **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.

## 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 12/29	TUES 12/30	WED 12/31	THURS 1/1	FRI 1/2	SAT 1/3	SUN 1/4
7am Mass	7am Mass	7am Mass	7am Mass	7am Mass	6:30am Adoration	6:30am Rosary
7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	9am Mass	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7am Mass
<b>NO MEETING</b> Apologetics Class with Deacon Ken!		5pm Mass	11:30am Mass		8am Mass	8am-11am Pancake Breakfast
<div>Jan. 1st - Holy Day of Obligation -The Solemnity of Mary (Mass times are highlighted in dark blue.)</div>						
					5pm Mass	9am Mass
						11:30am Mass
						4pm Bingo
<div>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 12/22 THROUGH 1/1 Merry Christmas!</div>						

### 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, January 3**

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

#### **Sunday, January 4**

Confessions will be heard during all Masses!





Daily Readings		Mass Intentions
1 Jn Lk	2:3-11 2:22-35	<b>MONDAY, December 29</b> 7:00am Mary Catherine Clarke+
1 Jn Lk	2:12-17 2:36-40	<b>TUESDAY, December 30</b> 7:00am Robert Haus (L)
1 Jn Jn	2:18-21 1:1-18	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 31</b> 7:00am Mary Catherine Clarke+ 5:00pm Eleanor Ripple+
Nm Gal Lk	6:22-27 4:4-7 2:16-21	<b>THURSDAY, January 1</b> 7:00am Priests of ADW 9:00am St. John's Parishioners 11:30am Katie Hitch+
1 Jn Jn	2:22-28 1:19-28	<b>FRIDAY, January 2</b> 7:00am Rev. Raymond Wadas+
1 Jn Jn	2:29-3:6 1:29-34	<b>SATURDAY, January 3</b> 8:00am Eleanor Ripple+ 5:00pm Albert Ismail+
Is Eph Mt	60:1-6 3:2-3, 5-6 2:1-12	<b>SUNDAY, January 4</b> 7:00am St. John's Parishioners 9:00am Leroy Bruce Mrozowski+ 11:30am Kelsey Kelly (L)

## Spiritual Adoption Program




We will start our Spiritual Adoption on Jan. 23 and conclude on Oct. 26. Each day, say this prayer for your adopted unborn baby.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Fiat! Daughters of St. John Francis Regis is asking you to spiritually adopt an unborn baby! Every day babies are killed by abortion, and they have so little protection within our society which is motivated more by fear than by love. The Spiritual Adoption is an opportunity for God to use your prayers to save the life of one of His beloved children. Give the baby that you will be praying for a name. God knows an actual baby who most needs your prayers, and one day you will meet him or her in Heaven. Place the prayer in a prominent place and commit to praying daily for your baby, and their parents, for the next 9 months.

Register here - <https://saint-mikes.org/spiritualadoptions>

## MONDAY

### Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

### 12/29/25 – NO MEETING

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

**Upcoming Topics:**


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

1/12/26 The Catholic Church and Happiness

1/19/26 NO MEETING

**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**  
 Parish Office Phone Number: **301-373-2281**  
 Jackie Cannon/Secretary:  
**cannonj@sjchollywood.org**  
 Deigh Young/Office Manager  
**youngd@sjchollywood.org**

*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.



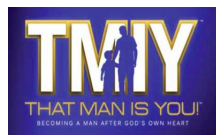
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**Fiat! Women's Bible Study**  
Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in  
The Monsignor Harris Center  
This season's topic:  
"Love Unveiled"  
For more information,  
please contact [tavarez5@att.net](mailto:tavarez5@att.net)



**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)



**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,  
[Derseep@hotmail.com](mailto:Derseep@hotmail.com)  
Proverbs 27:17

**Green Team Tips** Go on a miscellaneous spending  
diet. You might be amazed by what we buy yet do not  
need. It is not a bargain if you don't need it. Don't buy  
items from displays next to the store cash registers, al-  
most all very high profit for the store. Add up your sav-  
ings for a week.



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

## Caring for our Common Home

January 9-11, 2026  
Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House  
Faulkner, Maryland



A guided weekend retreat led by Dr. Rob McDowell

Spend a weekend reconnecting with God, with nature,  
and with your own sense of purpose in caring for the  
world around you. Through guided prayer, discussion,  
and personal reflection, we'll explore how  
to live more sustainably and mindfully,  
deepening our connection to creation and  
integrating ecological responsibility into  
our spiritual practices. Retreat fee: \$255



### 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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