

# St. John Francis Regis

December 24, 2023

4rd 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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## Religious Education

### Director of Religious Education

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### Sunday Classes

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

The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

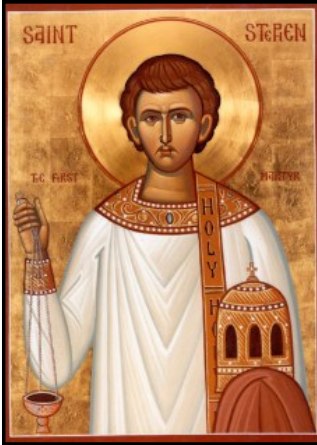
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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."*

# Saints Alive!



**St. Stephen Martyr**  
Pray for us!

**Dec 25: St. Peter Nolasco** (1256+) ransomed a great number of Christian slaves from the hands of the 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.

**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.

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

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

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

Catherine Mae Clarke  
Barbara Lee Stone

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

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

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

Jason & Jennifer Gatton, Mary Gelabert, Judy Goddard, Ben Gray, John B. Gray, Danny Greenwell, Jack Greenwell, Austin Greer, Fumiko N. Gregg, Sebastian Gutierrez, Patricia Guy, Jr., Logan Gwynn, Benjamin Harman, Dorothy Baber Harper, Andy Hazel, Karen Henry, Leon Hill, Abby Hoffman, Crystal Howard, Walter Johnson, Juanita Johnson, Albert Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Pamela Jones, Richie Jones, John Kilroy III, John "Bubby" Knott Jr., Nancy Lavoie, Ann Lacey, Robin Lawrence, Richard Law, Marie Lefebvre, Aiden Lindemann, Rose Marks, Michelle Mattingly, Maria McGuigan, Dorothy Miller, Natalie Miller, Pat Modlin, Doug Morgan, Ronnie Murphy, Jane Newberry, Debbie Norris

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.

## 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. 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



## Christmas Mass Schedule at St. John's

**December 24**  
5pm & 7pm

**December 25**  
Midnight  
7am & 11:30am

*Merry Christmas!*

**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



**December 24**

Christmas Mass Time  
5pm & 7pm

*O' Holy Night*

**December 25**

Christmas Day Mass Times  
Midnight Mass  
7am & 11:30am

*Merry Christmas!*

**January 1**

New Year's Day Mass  
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

**Daily Readings**

Is	9:1-6
Ti	2:11-14
Lk	2:1-14
Acts	6:8-10, 7:54-59
Mt	10:17-22
1 Jn	1:1-4
Jn	20:1a, 2-8
1 Jn	1:5 - 2:2
Mt	2:13-18
1 Jn	2:3-11
Lk	2:22-35
1 Jn	2:12-17
Lk	2:36-40
Sir	3:12-21
Col	3:12-21
Lk	2:22-40
Heb	11:8, 11-12, 17-19

**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, December 25**  
 12:00am James & Sharon Russell  
 7:00am Jackie Abell+  
 11:30am Agnes & Mitchel  
 Somerville+ & all  
 deceased family members

**TUESDAY, December 26**  
 7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini  
 (L)

**WEDNESDAY, December 27**  
 7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini  
 (L)

**THURSDAY, December 28**  
 7:00am Charles Murphy+

**FRIDAY, December 29**  
 7:00am Nicholas & Anthony Pacini  
 (L)

**SATURDAY December 30**  
 8:00am Jeanne Payne+  
 5:00pm Robert Garner+  
 Dorothy Raley+

**SUNDAY, December 31**  
 7:00am St. John's Parishioners  
 9:00am James & Jessica Magno (L)  
 11:30am Richley & Catherine  
 Norris+ Sr.+

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**The St. John's parish  
 office will be closed  
 December 22 through  
 January 1.**

**Our office will reopen  
 on January 2, normal  
 office hours.**

**Monday - Friday  
 9am - 4pm**

*Merry Christmas  
 and  
 Happy New Year!*

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**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

**St. John’s Catholic School** would like to express their thanks and gratitude for the parishioners support with the SJS fundraisers this year.

We are very grateful for you continued support for our school!

*Thank you!*

**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**

Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Don’t give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God by participating in 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. at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-500-0871.

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

