

Saint John Francis Regis Parish



December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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"*

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:30am

Confessions: Saturday: 4-4:45pm & after the 5:00pm Mass

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/
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Our bulletin is also posted on our website: stjohnsparishhollywood.org

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt—schmidtr@sjchollywood.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Deacon Ammon Ripple

IN-RESIDENCE (Retired)

Rev. Eamon Dignan

WEEKEND LITURGIES

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm;

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:30am

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday—Thursday: 7:00am & 8:00am

Friday: 7:00am & 8:15am Saturday: 8:00am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Holy Day 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

Saturday 4-4:45pm & after the 5:00pm Mass

ADORATION

CONFESSIONS

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration

PRAYER

Monday-Friday from 6:00-7:00am

and Saturday from 6:30-7:30am

ROSARY

Monday- Friday 7:30am;

before the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, and

before the 7:00am Mass on Sunday.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Individual directed guidance is offered by our

Priests and Deacon.

PARISH STAFF

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP

Rich Olon—rolon@sjchollywood.org

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PARISH FINANCE

Nancy Bowling—bowlingn@sjchollywood.org

PARISH SECRETARY

Pat Hayden—haydenp@sjchollywood.org

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—8:00am to 4:00pm

PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL

Susan McDonough

Parish School: Grades PK-8 - Before & After Care

43900 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Phone: 301-373-2142 • FAX: 301-373-4500

Website: sjshollywood.org

Email: office@sjshollywood.org

Sunday classes, grades K-6 and 8-12,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

from 10:15am to 11:15am,

Tuesday classes, grades 5-8 from 7:00-8:15pm.

The program starts in
September and ends in May.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

MARRIAGES—Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

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.



PARISH WORSHIP



Get **plugged in** and read scriptures with the whole church! Here are some useful mobile apps.

Vatican
News



Laudate



Youth
DoCat



The Pope



Daily Readings

Gn 3/Eph 1/Lk 1

Is 40/Mt 18

Is 40/Mt 11

Jgs 13/Lk 1

Is 48/Mt 11

Sir 48/Mt 17

Is 35/Jas 5/Mt 11

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00AM Linda Bean+
8:00AM Thomas Hayden+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00AM Ramona Hayden+
8:00AM Sonny Greenwell+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00AM Jenks Mattingly+
8:00AM Angie Rozzi+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00AM Annie Lathroum+
8:00AM Leo Lathroum+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00AM Vivian Ruiz
8:15AM St. Lucy+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00AM John Louis Norris+
5:00PM Joseph C. Gelabert+
R. M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00AM St. John's Parish
9:00AM Mike Wathen+
11:30AM Joseph Kelly+

+deceased

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven... "A time to be born..."

Olivia Rae Padgett

Maris Faustina Abigail Anderson

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

"and a time to embrace, a time to love..."

"A time to heal..."

Jordyn Rose O'Connor, Jalen Penaflor, Barbara Pilkerton,
John & Ethel Pilkerton, Robin Poe, Frances Powers,
Hannah Rainer, Maria Robey, Hal Richards, James Russell,
Suzanne Saurel, Shirley Johnson Sellner, Charlotte Silva,
Rosemary Smith, Patricia Somerville, Samaya Stone,
Linda Swarey, Danny Sweeney, Nancy Szewczyk, Gwennette
Thomas, William J. Trainor Sr, Alice Viverette, James Wallace,
Ronnie Ward, Johnny Wathen, Kenny Watts, Laura Wible,
Eleanor Wood, Jill Wood, Damian Worrelland
and Luzina Yorkshire

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

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;

LT John Taylor, USN; Cpl Taylor Theriot, USMC;

SSgt JanCarlo Torres, USAF;

Staff Sgt Jason W. Walker, USA;

A1C Jack Whinnery, USAF; PVT Bradley William, USA.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Saints Alive! Fr. Ray's favorite Saints this week...

Dec 9: St. Juan Diego (1474 – 1548). I ache at the Indian burial ground where no one thought to mark his grave; Juan Diego was humble to the last. Is it any wonder that our Lady chose him to be the singular vessel of her message to the Americas? I've prayed at his grave site three times.

Dec 11: St. Damasus I (384) as pope, he saw the end of public worship of pagan gods in Rome as he promoted Christianity as the accepted religion of the empire. But his enduring legacy is his love for venerating saints – he opened the catacombs and placed plaques everywhere to their honor. But wait! How about **St. Daniel the Stylite? (409-493)** He is the second most famous pillar-hermit; even barbarian kings would go and kneel before this ascetic who chose to be exposed to the elements as his penitential practice to mortify the flesh for 43 years. He died at the age of 84.

Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531) appeared on the steep hill of Tepeyac, a few miles north-west of Mexico City. The Queen of heaven placed the flowers in Juan Diego's rough cloak with "her own precious little hands," I've made the pilgrimage to Tepeyac three times.

Dec 13: St. Odilia (7th century). She was born blind and was ordered to be put to death by her father. But Odilia's mother convinced him to allow Odilia to be raised by nuns. She was baptized at 12 years old. As the priest blessed her with chrism, her blindness was cured. A legend about this miracle is that the priest then said to her, "Now you will see me in the kingdom of heaven."

Dec 14: St. John of the Cross (1542-1591). Mass at his tomb in Segovia will always be one of the highlights of my life. Anyone who experiences the contemplative life -- fired by desire for

God alone -- is easily transfixed by John's religious poetry, especially the mysterious *Dark Night*. But wait! 'Gotta add **St Venantius Fortunatus (535-605)** cured of his partial blindness in Ravenna as he prayed before a statue of St. Martin de Tours, this classical poet went on a grand pilgrimage to Tours and never went back to Italy. His hymns are the finest examples of Christian poetry. He became the bishop of Poitiers—but died within a year from overexertion -- working among the sons of Clovis and the debased courtly life of ancient Gaul.



EDUCATION

THANKS FOR YOUR *GENEROUS* GIVING!

St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS) extends a huge thanks to St. John's parishioners who responded so generously to the special Thanksgiving Day collection. Your donations provide the blessings of hope, consolation, and strength to the vulnerable in our county as they persevere in difficult times. Specifically, your donations provide financial help to: Keep electricity and water on (or turn them back on), provide heating oil/gas and prevent eviction.

Since the start of the SJCS fiscal year in July, assistance has been provided to **93** families or individuals facing difficult times because of unemployment, sickness, disability, or unexpected set-backs.

Donations to help the struggling in our community can be made at anytime via the Poor Boxes and Faith Direct. A one-time donation to SJCS is also a meaningful way to honor someone's life or celebrate a special occasion.

SJCS welcomes new volunteers to assist with the Phone Ministry, Angel Tree, WARM, and other programs. If you are considering membership, contact us at sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org or (240)298-7645.

St. Mary Church, Newport - St. John Vianney Mass with Healing Prayers are held the first Thursday of each month, in honor of St. John Vianney. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00pm and will continue throughout Mass.; Mass begins at 6:30pm. Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call the parish office at [301-934-8825](tel:301-934-8825).



Fiat! Daughters of St. Regis has placed two prayer boxes, one is in the vestibule as you enter into our Church. The second box is located outside the Sacristy. Please write your prayer request on the notepaper provided and drop it in the slot. The notes will be collected weekly for the Fiat! Daughters to pray over. All request will be held in strict confidence.

Fiat! Daughters of St. John Francis Regis Women's Ministry meet on 1st Tuesday of the month. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcomed to join. We serve each other through prayer, reflection, sisterhood, and service. Please contact Mariam at 760-715-9902 or email us at fiatdosjfr@gmail.com to receive email or text reminders. You may also visit our website at fiatdosjfr.weebly.com. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

SERVICE



Christmas Angel Giving Tree

The St. John's Charitable Society will have the Christmas Angel Giving Tree setup in the foyer of the Msgr. Harris Center through December 15th. The tree will have white tags for children and green tags for the elderly.

Please return all **unwrapped gifts** with the tag attached to the Msgr. Harris Center no later than December 15th to facilitate logging, separating by family and distribution. Please do not send in used items. Gift cards with the tag attached should be placed in the locked wooden box in the foyer no later than December 15th. There will also be boxes in the foyer for donations of wrapping paper, bags, tags and bows. Some of the organizations that are supported by the Giving Tree are: CareNet, Veterans Home, and Meals on Wheels.

Help us turn what for some is a season of no hope, into one of

St. John's 13th Mission Help Build the St. John's Mary Mileto House in Belize
September 13-19, 2020

If you have not made your donation to build the house in Belize – the “St. John's Mary Mileto House”, you can still do so. Put your donation in a separate envelope and mark it Belize – St. John's Mary Mileto House – and place the envelope in the Saturday/Sunday collection. Remember, your check should be made out to: St. John's Church with the memo line stating Belize Mission. We still are in need of approximately \$3,000 to build the house in Belize with plumbing, electric, and aluminum shutters. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer for the mission 13-19 September 2020, contact Laverne Schaefer at 240-298-2235. Won't you please help us to help the less fortunate?





COMMUNITY



Please join your Knights of Columbus for a Happy Birthday to Jesus Parish Christmas Party
Saturday, December 14th following the 5:00pm Mass
in the Msgr. Harris Center

Bring the entire family for a night of fun and fellowship, especially for the little ones. Dinner is "Pot Luck" so bring a main dish and a side or dessert. We will provide drinks and rolls. Live Christmas music for everyone will be provided by Jim Bailey and his band. There will be activities and as surprise for the children, of course, Santa will stop by. Please come out and join us in the fun and celebration as we say "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to Jesus in 2019.



St. John's Bingo

Bingo starts at 6:00pm
 (Doors will open at 5:00pm)

Chicken Tenders Dinner, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be available.

Come, have fun, bring a friend! and hopefully win!!



St John's Fruit Sale

36th annual sale sponsored by St. John's School. Some extras have been ordered. Pick-up will be on Saturday, December 14th, 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, December 15th, 8:00am - 1:00pm. For additional information, please contact Mike Thompson @ or mikeandbarbarat@gmail.com or 301-373-8545. Thank you in advance for your support.



**THERE IS A PLAN
 AND A PURPOSE FOR YOU**



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

amazonsmile

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass 7-8:00pm Religious Ed	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 9-11:00am Gospel of Matthew Study	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:15am Mass 9:15-10:15am Adoration	6:30-7:30am Holy Hour 7:00am Men's Group 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Parish Advent Party	6:30am Rosary 7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:15-11:15am Friends of King David & Religious Ed 10:15-12:15 Bible Timeline 11:30am Mass 1:30pm RCIA 2-4:00pm AHG 6:00pm BINGO



ADMINISTRATIVE/STEWARDSHIP



Upcoming Second Collections

December 8.....Retirement for Religious
December 15.....Christmas Flowers
December 25.....Christmas

Sacrificial Giving

On occasion, especially holidays, the bulletin deadline is earlier than normal and needs to be submitted the week prior to that particular Sunday. When that happens, the Sacrificial Giving donations are not available to be placed in the bulletin.

Grieving with Great Hope - Guided by the Holy Spirit, "grieving with Great Hope" is a five week grief support workshop, presented in a DVD format, that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. If you are grieving the death of a family member or a friend, and trying to learn how to cope with you loss, you are encouraged to attend an upcoming workshop. Hosts will be Deacon Bill and Tina Slaughter, as well as, a closing ceremony celebrated with Fr. Michael Tietjen, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Mari in the Parish Rectory (301-884-3123) or Deacon Bill (240-249-6010).

HELP LOCAL HOMELESS

You still have a chance to be part of the St. John's WARM Team. We are again participating in WARM--an interfaith program that shelters the homeless of St. Mary's County in churches during the coldest months. St. John's will be a "helping church" when St. Andrews Episcopal Church hosts WARM participants **January 5-12, 2020**. St. John's Charitable Society is organizing our parish WARM team to help at St. Andrews.

We still need monitors. You can be an evening or overnight monitor for one 4-hour shift; one woman and one man is required for each of the 21 monitoring slots plus a smoke break monitor for each of the 7 evenings. Training is provided for monitors.

For more information, contact Lois at lojer@md.metrocast.net.

Saturday Mornings from 7 - 8:00AM

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS PARISH HOLLYWOOD, MD

Want to strengthen your faith in Christ?

Do you desire to be the man God intended?

If so, then we have something in common.
I hope to see you Saturday morning.

Daniel Seep (757) 291-0262
derseep@hotmail.com

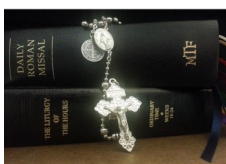
Southern Maryland
Catholic Men

43950 St. Johns Rd
Hollywood, MD 20636



We are very excited to welcome our Pilgrim Statue of Fatima to her new home at St. John's Church. We invite you also to say "YES" to Our Lady's invitation to visit your home in a very special way. Some of you may be familiar with similar programs. With that said we invite you to take the Statue of Our Lady home and place it in a prominent place in your home on a weekly basis. There will be a sign-up sheet with more information in the back of the church next to the St. Cecilia statue. If you have any questions, you can contact Deacon Ammon Ripple.

"Let us respond to Our Lady's call for Prayer and Reparation to restore peace in the world and holiness in family life."



Calling all young men and women joining the Military this winter or anytime this year St. John's Men's Group would like to present you with a Combat Rosary to protect you during your time in the military. Please provide your name, email, phone number, service (Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force or Coast Guard) you plan to enter and the approximate date you plan to enter Active Duty to Dan Seep at 757-291-0262 or email derseep@hotmail.com. Women, please contact Mariam at 760-715-9902 or email fiatdosjfr@gmail.com to receive a blessed rosary from FIAT! That's it, we will set up everything else.

Attention Men - Struggling with pornography? Your local Catholic brothers are here to help with a weekly Men's Recovery Group. This no-cost, laymen led group offers discrete support and accountability. Your name is not required for inquiry. Please call our automated phone line at 240-309-2556 or email saintjohnsrecovery@gmail.com for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



December 14 - Parish Advent Party



December 15 - Helping Hands



December 15 - Donut Social



Christmas Eve - 5:00pm, 7:00pm & Midnight

Christmas Day - 7:00am & 11:30am