



Saint John The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

MY GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR POWER IS MADE
PERFECT IN WEAKNESS

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 7, 2024

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm

Sunday — 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.— Friday — 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday — 8:30am

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Spotlight on the Gospel

Mk. 6: 1–6a

In today's 2nd reading, we hear Jesus tell St. Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power reaches perfection in weakness." St. Paul says "...for when I am weak, then I am strong." This seems almost like a paradox. I have never seen or heard in the corporate world, in politics or sports profess the need to be weak, to become strong. We know what St.

Paul is taking about...he means that when he is weak, it is then that he turns to Jesus Christ for help...that he opens himself to Jesus and allows the power of Jesus to strengthen him. St. Paul is saying that if we never experience weakness, perhaps we would never reach out to God for help.

Recall that the people most receptive to Jesus when he walked this earth were those with some "weakness", spiritual, physical, emotional, psychological, financial or some combination of these... Perhaps the greatest concern is with spiritual weakness – which can have eternal consequences ...maybe we have a difficult time concentrating on our prayers, too many distractions or maybe we can't "find the time" to pray...or maybe we can't win the battle with temptation...or we don't see the urgency to frequently partake of the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Confession .

God has a way of getting our attention...that is, to turn in his direction – through life's experiences – through his providence. We know that often "failure" in life is necessary for "success". How many great inventions were the product of many previous failures? More important in the spiritual life, we know that perseverance is a key quality of prayer combined with childlike trust in our loving God.

The "weakness" of the people in today's gospel was their preconceptions about Jesus – which prevented them from receiving the power (that St. Paul refers too) – no mighty deeds could be worked there. We can not form judgments about people but also about God – how he should operate, what he should do – and in doing so we do not acknowledge our weakness or our dependency on God. Through Mary, God has chosen to give the graces that are sufficient for us. Let's echo the words of Saint Pope John Paul II to Mary: "I am all yours and all that is mine is yours."





Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.

Regional Bishop for Union County

June 29, 2024

St. Peter & St. Paul

My dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis announced a Holy Year in 2025 to commemorate the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325 AD), which gave us the Creed recited at the Sunday Eucharist. The theme of this jubilee is “pilgrims of hope” as the Holy Father is calling all Catholics to renewal in the hope that only Christ can give and naming St. Paul as the guide for this special year. This is a moment of grace and blessing for the Church, inviting Catholics to repentance, reconciliation and renewal in order to “grow to the full stature of Christ” (Eph. 3:14b).

Join me on a pilgrimage to Italy for this special Jubilee Year from **September 30-October 10, 2025**, beginning in Tuscany at Montecatini and ending in the Eternal City of Rome, with visits to Florence, Siena, Assisi, Subiaco and Monte Cassino. In Rome, we will visit the papal basilicas to walk through the Holy Doors to pray for the grace of a plenary indulgence. There is something uniquely spiritual about this Jubilee Pilgrimage, which focuses on those sacred places that deepen our faith as we walk in the footsteps of the apostles Peter and Paul.

This pilgrimage is organized by Unitours who have provided a complete itinerary (attached). Join me in what promises to be a uniquely spiritual experience “filled with every grace and blessing from above” (2 Cor. 9:8). This exclusive opportunity to make a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year is based on the **first 45 people who sign up**. Registrations are taken on a **first come basis**. If you are interested, please make your deposit on the dedicated website by **September 23, 2024** to reserve your place on this pilgrimage, as airline seats and the hotels rooms during the Holy Year are at a premium. When the pilgrimage is full (45 pilgrims), we will create a waiting list in case there are any that need to cancel, thereby opening up a spot.

Be assured of my prayers for you and my continued pastoral concern and solicitude for each and every member of your family.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., D.D.
Regional Bishop for Union County

UNITOURS Holy Year Pilgrimage:

September 30 - October 10, 2025

INCLUDED:

- Transatlantic airfare included in the price is from Newark to Rome on United Airlines 40 and from Rome back to Newark on United Airlines 41, which includes international taxes of \$115 plus current fuel surcharges of \$340. These taxes and fuel surcharges are those currently published and are subject to change.
- Double occupancy room; single supplement also available for those who wish.
- Transfers on arrival and departure, auxiliary costs, including hotel portage of one suitcase per person throughout, entrance fees to sites visited per itinerary with sightseeing in a private, air conditioned, modern motorcoach equipped with WIFI when available.
- Buffet breakfasts where available and continental breakfasts elsewhere and table d'hôte dinner daily except as noted in itinerary.
- The services of an experienced Unitour manager are included throughout the pilgrimage as the Unitour Tour Manager meets the group at the airport, rides the buses, sleeps in the same hotels and is available to handle any requests, issues or challenges that may arise.
- Wireless headsets for each pilgrim to assure they can clearly hear the guides lectures at the various sites.
- A \$50 early booking discount to anyone who books during the first 30 days of this promotion.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Daily lunches as we will be out and about so pilgrims can shop and/or visit other sites.
- Beverages at dinner. Optional Travel Insurance will be offered to the pilgrims; for details go to
- www.Unitours.comTravelInsurance
- Tips to tour guides, driver and dining room staff of \$112 are not included. The charges for tips are typically added to the pilgrim's final invoice.

REGISTRATION:

- Make your deposit of \$500 by September 23, 2024 to reserve your place on this Jubilee Pilgrimage; balance of payment due by June 25, 2025 (95 days prior to departure). Payment plans are available through Unitours. Visit the dedicated website for this unique Jubilee Pilgrimage for both
- registration and further details: <https://bit.ly/LorenzoItaly>
- For questions, contact David O'Brien at Unitours: 888-289-7815, david@unitours.com
- Upgrades to Business Class or Land-only options available. Call Unitours at: 800-777-7432 All pilgrims must have a valid government issued passport with an expiration date at least 6-months from the date of departure. Online renewal available at:
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew-online.html>

Supporting Our Parish

Online Giving

Stewardship of Treasure June 23, 2024

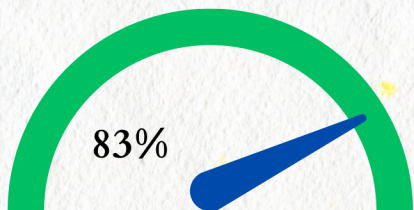
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| Tithing | \$ 7,541.00 |
| Weekly Online Giving | \$ 2,086.50 |
| Total | \$ 9,627.50 |

Thank you for your constant generosity

Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. John's and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith. Our online platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer.



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL



So far we have collected,
\$55,538.00 or 83% of our
\$66,472 goal.



FALL FOOD TRUCK FEST

Sept 22, 2024

1-5pm



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." — Pope John Paul II

Sign up to be an Adorer today
Email: Adoration@sjanj.net
<http://www.sjanj.net/pea/>
Call the Rectory (908) 486-6363

PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

8:00 am Emilia Grabska

10:00 am Marguerite & Richard Canavan

12:00 pm Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

7:00 am Janet Ausente

8:30 am William T. Lyons

TUESDAY, JULY 09, 2024

7:00 am Intentions of Jon Schnur

8:30 am Guiseppe Salsa

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

7:00 am Dylia Castera

8:30 am Charles Faria

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

7:00 am John Cahill

8:30 am Albert Lazaro Sr.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

7:00 am Intention of Brother Leo Young

8:30 am Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

8:30 am Donna & Joe DiFede

Stephen Mizejwski, Jr.

Louis Primamore

Mafalda Gioioso

Catherine Valenta

5:30 pm Charles & Nellie Gulden

SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am John Cahill

12:00 pm Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz

TABERNACLE CANDLES

William Lionetti

SANCTUARY

Helen Bast

ALTAR CANDLES

Albert Lazaro, Sr.

ADORATION CANDLES - 1 SET

Jeffrey Ford

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspersn, Francis Kuczynski, Emma Makowski, John McGuire, Leonarda Merlo, Karen Miller, Thomas Moore, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory go to our website, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

MARRIAGE

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will be a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one to be held at St. John the Apostle. The group will provide a Christ-centered experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group contact: Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, and those who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Learn more on our website:

www.sjanj.net/religious-education/