



Saint John The Apostle
Roman Catholic Church

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR
KINDNESS
AND GRANT US YOUR
SALVATION

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 14, 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: 7-13

What would your reaction be if someone said to you: “You have been elected!”? I imagine you would have a few questions. What office have I been elected to hold? Who elected me? When was the election? I am not talking about an election in a democratic process, where the majority of votes win...but a divine election! The decision maker is God. We have been chosen by God? What is the office? St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians tells us that we were chosen “before the foundation of the world”. The office is ambassador for Christ – that is a witness.

When you hold an office, there is always a responsibility. We are to live a holy and faith-filled life. Just like the disciples in today’s gospel, we do not need possessions to fulfill the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the real possession! His word and power are always with us.

The love of Jesus Christ overwhelms us in so many ways. St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians (2:20) illustrates how the love of Jesus not only overwhelmed, but transformed him. “I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.” Faith is the impact of the love of God in his heart.

At the end of each Mass, we are sent forth on mission to witness to the world – our world – our family, neighborhood, workplace, school, church etc. Consider the forms of the dismissal: Go forth, the Mass is ended, or Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord or Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, or Go in peace.

Learn how to witness – look at the apostles! The apostles watched Jesus – watch Jesus at work in your life and those around you! The apostles listened to Jesus – Jesus wants to teach us in prayer, in Sacred Scripture, through the examples of the lives of the saints and in so many other ways! Expect the power of Jesus to work wonders in your life! Say “yes” to the love of Jesus, just like the disciples did in today’s gospel. Jesus is asking each one of us: “Do you want to be a witness for me? What is your answer?”





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
July 07, 2024

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| Tithing | \$ 8,386.00 |
| Weekly Online Giving | \$ 2,690.00 |
| Total | \$11,076.00 |

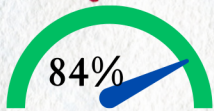
Thank you for your constant generosity

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.



ANNUAL²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

So far we have collected,
\$56,438.00 or 84% of our
\$66,472 goal.



St John the Apostle



FALL FOOD TRUCK FEST

Sept 22, 2024

1-5pm



Family Fun

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 13, 2024

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

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

7:00 am Peter Draza

8:30 am Louis Primamore

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

7:00 am Rev. William Halbing

8:30 am Margaret Burczynski 7th Ann.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

7:00 am Myra Volpe

8:30 am Amy and Sam Chicola

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

7:00 am Robert G. Mullady Sr.

8:30 am John Langan

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

7:00 am Intentions of Skovran family

8:30 am Maureen & Owen Burke

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

8:30 am Judy Primamore

Susan York

Michael Caporaso

Maryann Campanella

Joseph Wojtowicz

Michael Obester

5:30 pm Bernacki & Cotton families

SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024

8:00 am Chester Lystash 16th Anniv.

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm Edward DelRosso

ADORATION CANDLES - 2 SETS

Michael Gabriel Obester

BREAD AND WINE

Michael Gabriel Obester

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, 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/