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**SAINT JOHN BOSCO  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mass Cards/Mail/Messages/Documents/Facility**

**Keys** are available only during open Office Hours.

**Mon.-Thurs.:** 9 am to 12 noon; 1 to 4:30 pm;

**Eve.:** 6:30 to 8:00 pm by appt.,

**Fri.:** 9 am to 12 noon; 1 to 4:30 pm

**Fri Eve.:** Closed.

**Sat./Sun.:** Closed.

**SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**SUNDAY Sat. Eve. Vigil Masses:**

4:00 pm (*English*); 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

**Sun. Morning Masses:** 8 am & 11 am

**MONDAY Rosary** before morning Mass

**Holy Mass:** 8:45 am

**Miraculous Medal Novena** after morning Mass

**TUES. TO FRI. Holy Mass:** 8:45 am

**SATURDAY Confession:** 3-3:30 pm (except Holy  
Saturday) **Rosary:** before 4 pm Vigil Mass

On the SJB Website, you can find a template document in Microsoft Word format for creating a booklet for a Roman Catholic Funeral Mass at Saint John Bosco Church. You'll need to go in & change the details. Customizing your template is fast & easy. This is a traditional type of program distributed at the Funeral Mass. Try our program template for minimal effort & work yet producing a professional booklet. The important thing is to have one made so it can serve as a guide for everyone.

**ARRANGING BAPTISM**

**BAPTISM** First (*Spanish*) and Last (*English*) Sundays each month. Call Parish Office to arrange. Before date is confirmed, parents must have/obtain:

- **Registration in SJB Parish:** Family from another parish must obtain written permission from "home" parish for Baptism at SJB.
- **Certificate of Eligibility to Serve as Sponsor:** Each Catholic Sponsor (1 required; 2 preferred) must obtain Certificate of Eligibility from "home" parish. Parishes generally do not issue certificates to persons not already registered nor to persons who left the parish more than 6 months previously.
- **Letter from Pastor for Christian Witness:** One baptized non-Catholic may serve as a Christian Witness and must present Letter of Good Standing from current Christian pastor. A Catholic not eligible to Sponsor may not be Christian Witness.

**ARRANGING MARRIAGE**

**Wedding Planning** begins with engaged couple's meeting a parish priest here at least six (6) months before desired wedding date. Please do not make financial commitments before confirming church date/time. If a member of the couple was previously married, a Declaration of Nullity (*Annulment*) of the prior marriage may be necessary. Please contact parish priest for detailed information.

**Marriage Convalidation** Couples in a civil or non-Catholic religious union without our Church's explicit permission are not in a valid Catholic marriage. They cannot receive other sacraments or serve as Catholic Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. This situation often is easily remedied by "*convalidation*", a simple ceremony popularly called "getting a marriage blessed". Call Parish Office to arrange.

**Are you getting married at Saint John Bosco?**

Will you need an easy-to-follow wedding program template? You can find these templates on the SJB Website! The wedding program templates have a basic ceremony structure in them as well as details about you, your groom & your bridal party. You'll just need to go in & change the details to reflect your special day. Use them as a guide & add your own spin to make your day truly personal. The templates for half fold are easy to use for simple wedding programs.



[www.heedthecall.org](http://www.heedthecall.org)

### Resurrection? Prove It to Me.

"Jesus raised from the dead? Sure. Right. And I have a bridge I'd like to sell you."

That's how Thomas might have responded if he had lived in the year 2000. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." He'd seen dead people before. And Jesus was dead. He sounds like sophisticated rationalists of the Twentieth Century. "It isn't plausible," they would contend. "It didn't happen."

But what if it did happen?

Thomas was convinced when Jesus appeared to him, reached out his hands to Thomas, and said, "Put your finger here."

Thomas dropped to his knees. "My Lord and my God!"

It was self-hypnosis, you counter. The disciples wanted to believe that their Lord was not dead, so they just invented it out of whole cloth.

Really? Let's look at some of the evidence.

Jesus' body was missing. If the Jews could have found it, they could have stilled the preaching of Jesus' resurrection that filled Jerusalem. But they could not.

The body wasn't stolen. The Romans had no motive. The Jews had no motive. You say, the disciples stole it. There is the matter of the Roman guards, and the disciples' initial disbelief when the women brought them the news early that Easter morning. This brings me to my third point.

If the disciples had stolen the body, you wouldn't expect them to risk their lives. People don't die for what they know is not true. But the disciples put their lives on the line, and nearly all were eventually martyred for their faith. They certainly believed it.

The Church mushroomed in size in Jerusalem, the very place he was crucified. Followers of Jesus in the city of Jerusalem grew from a few dozen to thousands upon thousands soon after Jesus' resurrection. They believed it was true.

Contemporary documents refer to the event. Thallus the Samaritan, Suetonius, Tacitus, Pliny contain references to Jesus. Jewish historian Josephus writes about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. They knew something had happened.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is actually more plausible than any other explanation. That's why we Christians make such a big deal about Easter. That's why we celebrate.

Jesus' resurrection means that death is not the end. That though my body may lie moldering in the ground, Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead, gives me eternal life. Ultimately, we Christians believe, our bodies, too, will be raised from the dead.

And since Jesus is not dead, people can encounter Him today. You can know Him through the Holy Eucharist. The gift of Himself given to the Church. Through the Eucharist a personal relationship is established.

If you're not sure, and can't really say you've met this risen Jesus, this Easter Sunday why don't you slip into a church to seek Him. And perhaps in the midst of our celebration, you'll find Him for yourself.

Happy Easter

Fr. Kramer,  
Fr. Hunt,  
Fr. Ronan (guest celebrant this weekend)  
and the Staff of St. John Bosco Church



**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

4/22 MON. 8:45 AM Doris E. Walsh  
 4/23 TUES. 8:45 AM Michael Rizzo  
 4/24 WED. 8:45 AM Angeline Quercetti  
 4/25 THURS. 8:45 AM Francis Fitzpatrick  
 4/26 FRI. 8:45 AM Ronald Matthews

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**

4:00 PM Rev. Gary Kull  
 7:00 PM Pro Populo (*For the People*)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019**

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert Heckman & Family  
 11:00 AM The Kent Family (LIVING)



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

**Mon.:** after 8:45 am Mass to 7 pm.

**Tues. to Fri.:** 8 am to 7 pm.

**Sat. & Sun.** Closed. *The chapel is closed on weekends for security reasons. Please*

*do not try to enter the Church outside of these hours.*

**PRAYER INTENTION CANDLES** (6) burn all week alongside Blessed Sacrament when Chapel is open.

This week the candles represent these intentions:

**How We List:** Just send your name with intention & offering to **ADORATION CANDLE** c/o Parish Center. Please name **one** Person, Couple (*engaged or married*), Family, Group per request. Candles are available for living or dec'd. **Offering:** \$ 15.

**St. Vincent de Paul.** Call Parish SVdP Tel. 215-882-2707 to: request assistance, volunteer, or donate. **Food Pantry** at SJB is in need of the following items: coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned fruit, juices, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, corn and green beans, laundry detergent, liquid dish soap and personal grooming items such as shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.

Lord and Holy Protector, when Abraham and Sarah left their own land and departed from their own people, you kept them safe all through their journey. Protect our children, our husbands and wives, our mothers and fathers and our friends and loved ones who serve our country in times of war and conflict. Walk by their side and calm any fear; Be their companion and guide their thoughts; Encircle them with your light and keep them from harm; And when their service is ended, lead them safely home again. For you, O God, are our shelter in every storm and our refuge in times of danger. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please keep the following military in your prayers:

**Hector Guillermo Torres Carbo** – Army – E3  
**Maya Medrano**—Airforce—Military Police - E-3  
**Tyler Palmentera**—Navy— E5  
**Noe Argenis Reyes** – Maines – Air Traffic Controller – E3

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED WHOSE FUNERAL MASSES WERE CELEBRATED IN OUR PARISH-**



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND INFIRM**

Joseph Allard  
 Patricia Ambrose  
 Joseph Campbell  
 Ginny Ceneviva  
 Dee Conner  
 Robert Conrad  
 Marianne R. Costello  
 Linda Cunningham  
 Louise D'Agostino  
 Ellen Dardis  
 Gloria Donneys  
 Lois Dudley  
 Florence Flavell  
 Charlie Gaffney  
 William Gaida  
 Marie Gonzalez  
 Donna Graeber  
 Frances Harkins  
 Anna Hessler  
 Lilly Ibbotson  
 Bryce Ingraham  
 Jayden Ingraham

Tim Keebler  
 James Kirkpatrick  
 Larry Le Coney  
 Lucas McCrear  
 Nichole Miller  
 Henry Mulrone  
 Francis Nulty  
 Ryan Palm  
 Rev. Francis J. Pileggi  
 Michael Rizzo  
 Anna Rose  
 Rolene Rose  
 Meg Rost  
 Catherine Sarsfield  
 Gail Shultz  
 Sun Soon  
 Felicia Soto  
 Linda Nye Tooles  
 Ronald Tull  
 Frank Waltrich  
 Marie Weniger  
 Lorraine Wine

**During this Extraordinary Year of Mission, Saint John Bosco is honoring St. Paul in a special way.**

St. Paul – Ambassador for Christ. One of the most beautiful things ever written about love in the bible comes from Saint Paul. Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, It is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, its truth, its hope, its power to endure.

**Please mark your calendars – the Saint John Bosco Fall Festival will be held 9/17-9/21!**

Watch this bulletin for all the latest details about this exciting event.

**Bulletin Deadlines**

Please submit items for **Bulletin** Sun. issue dates (*left*) by **12 noon** on submission dates (*right*):

- ◆ May 12..... Mon., April 22
- ◆ May 19..... Mon., April 29
- ◆ May 26..... Mon., May 6

Please send info./questions to **Bulletin Editor** at Parish Ctr. Email [Bulletined@saintjohnbosco.org](mailto:Bulletined@saintjohnbosco.org).

Are you hungry? **How would you like to have a gourmet dinner at the exclusive Saint John Bosco Rectory?** If you are the lucky winner of this Fund Raiser, you would win dinner for six adults at the SJB Rectory with Father Kramer! A delicious Italian meal will be prepared. Just imagine how much fun it will be for you and your guests to be seated in the festive rectory dining room and be treated like royalty! It's sure to be a spectacular evening! The dinner date will be determined by the Winner and our Pastor, Father Kramer. (An evening in December would be preferred.) The Winner will be announced after the morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day. These are exciting times for Saint John Bosco Parish. We are confident we can count on your support. Tickets are \$5 each/ 6 for \$20.00. Take several chances to sample some of Hatboro's finest cuisine! Watch this bulletin for additional information about this momentous Fund Raiser!



Saint John Bosco's first annual **Golf Outing** will kick off the Spring Season by bringing the Bosco Community together for a mid-day round of 18 Holes on

**Monday, April 29th at Limekiln Golf Club, starting at 10 AM.** Play will be a scramble/shotgun format and golfers of all levels and abilities are welcome. Set up your own foursome or we will pair you up. Cost is \$60.00. Paid lunch will follow. Please complete the form and return with your check made payable to Saint John Bosco. Registration and payment can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Questions? Contact Dave 215-704-7838 or John 215-669-8159.

Yes, I will attend the Golf Outing on April 29th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

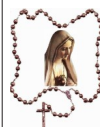
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Saint John Bosco presents a **FREE FAMILY MOVIE EVENT** on **Friday, 5/3** at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please join us for a showing of the outstanding feature film on Ignatius of Loyola. **This modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, the founder of the Jesuits, often called "The Saint of Second Chances" is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle; driven to near suicide by his inner demons; finding himself imprisoned, accused of being an illuminati and finally finding his life in the hands of the Inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

Please bring your own beverage and snack.

Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. Thanks for volunteering and giving SJB the most precious thing you will ever own – your time and talent. Your actions are priceless. Many thanks to all of our Bosco Volunteers for all of your hard work. Let us pray: Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Free Blood Pressure Screening at Saint John Bosco 5/18 and 5/19 before and after Mass in the Usher's Room. No appointment necessary! Keep the Beat. Protect your life. Take charge of your health & have your blood pressure taken!



Addictions touch many people's lives. We all know someone who is affected by addiction of some kind. On the 2nd Friday of each month all are invited to gather in the Adoration Chapel at 9:15 am (after morning Mass) for Rosary.

Come to pray for a loved one, yourself, or even a stranger who is living in the grasp of an addiction. Come together to support those in recovery and to pray for those struggling with addictions.

**When we come together, great things can happen.  
When we come together to pray the Rosary, even greater things can happen.**

The Rosary has the power to impact the lives of our loved ones, our communities and our nation. Prayer can change everything! Please join us.

We welcome Catholics with Celiac Disease to the Table of the Lord. Low-gluten Communion hosts are available at all weekend liturgies to those suffering from Celiac Sprue disease. The hosts made by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, MO, contain 0.01% wheat gluten, are accepted by the USCCB and are recommended by the journal Gluten-Free Living as "perfectly safe" for sufferers of Celiac Sprue disease. The Church believes that it is impossible to consecrate anything except wheat bread and grape wine. From the time that the Lord Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples "Do this in memory of me," the Roman Catholic Church has tried faithfully to fulfill Christ's command by taking unleavened bread made from water and wheat flour and wine made from grapes for use at the celebration of the Eucharist.

St. John Bosco Parish is dedicated to working with families and family members with gluten intolerance. We have developed the following procedure to provide as much protection as possible for those with Celiac disease.

St. John Bosco has purchased a pyx specifically for the low-gluten hosts. The pyx and the low-gluten hosts are kept in the Vault in the Sacristy. When you arrive for Mass, go first to the Sacristy. Let the Sacristan know that you will need a low-gluten host. The Sacristan will make sure that the pyx and the low-gluten host is placed on the credence table. The pyx will be brought to the altar when it is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The low-gluten hosts are consecrated at the same time as the regular hosts. When you reach the Presider during the Communion Procession, whisper to him that you will need to receive a low-gluten host. "After Communion, remain in church as long as you can to thank Our Lord and ask of Him the grace of not dying in mortal sin."

~Saint John Bosco

**Weekly Happenings From the Office of Faith Formation**

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope Saint John Paul II

If any families in Family or Traditional PREP have an outstanding balance, then the family will not be able to register for PREP for the upcoming year. Registration for the 2019-2020 PREP year is open. The late fee of \$100 is in effect. Registration is on the website. No Registrations will be taken on Tuesdays after 3 pm.

Confirmation paperwork can be found on the website. The registration and fee for any child looking to receive his or her Confirmation in the fall of 2019 was due on February 10, 2019. The fee for Confirmation is now \$125. This needs to be paid by May 1, 2019, for any child making his or her Confirmation in the fall.

Level 2 PREP children are collecting children's socks. There is box in the back of the church under the table. The Level 2 children are learning how to give back to the community and to children who do not have the basic needs.

On April 24, 2019 at 5:30 all children planning on making their First Holy Communion in May must attend this practice. This practice will conclude with Confession at 7 pm. The children will be required to meet in the church at 5:30 pm.

On April 27, 2019 all children planning on making their First Holy Communion in May are required to attend the First Holy Communion Retreat. The children are to report at 9:30 in the Parish Center Café. Parent Pick-up will be in the Café at 12 pm.

On April 28, 2019, all Confirmation students are required to come to Mass and sit in their Confirmation seats. After Mass, the Children will have a short class in the church on the Divine Mercy Sunday. Class will only be a half hour.

Family PREP Packets are on the website under the Family PREP tab. These packets are due by May 12 by the 11 am Mass. Please make sure your child puts his or her name on the packet.

If you are interested in helping in PREP as a catechist, please contact Fr. Kramer or the Director. There are certain requirements that must be filled. We still need help for the year.

Calling all young adults (30+) of the parish: Walking in Faith is a group of young adults 30 and up looking to share and discuss their faith with others. Please call the Faith Formation Office for more information. We have great discussions and there is always some fun. Bring a friend. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/YAwalkinginfaith](http://www.facebook.com/YAwalkinginfaith)

May we all have a blessed and joyous week.

Tess Shore,  
Faith Formation Director

Update  
your  
Information



Update your information. Have you moved, changed an email address, added a family member, no longer have a land line or changed phone numbers? Call the Parish Office to submit your changes.

**Mass Intentions:** What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone? An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "Mirae caritatis" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints."

In his encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," our beloved late Holy Father, Pope Saint John Paul II, taught, "In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ." (No. 43).

Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass. These fruits are both extensively and intensively finite, since each of us is finite. Therefore, the more a Mass is offered, the more benefit is conferred.

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

The following are the Masses that are left without an intention for 2019. If you like to make an intention(s) for a living or deceased loved one or friend, please come to the parish office. All the Masses are 8:45a.m. unless noted otherwise. Please Note there is no limit of the Mass intentions.

Sept 2, Sept 4, Sept 5, Sept 9, Sept 13, Sept 16, Sept 18, Sept 19, Sept 20, Sept 22 (8:00a.m), Sept 27, Oct 10, Oct 14, Oct 17, Oct 18, Oct 21, Oct 23, Oct 25, Oct 27 (8:00a.m & 11:00a.m) Nov 1, Nov 3 (8:00a.m), Nov 7, Nov 11, Nov 18, Nov 19, Nov 21, Nov 22, Nov 25, Nov 26, Nov 27, Nov 29 Dec 4, Dec 5, Dec 6, Dec 9, Dec 11, Dec 12, Dec 15 (8:00a.m), Dec 16, Dec 17, Dec 25 (8:00a.m) Dec 30, Dec 31 (8:45a.m)



Our goal is to provide prayer support for the men and women of the Saint John Bosco community who are serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. If you have a family member or close friend serving on active duty who could use our community's prayer support for their health, well-being and safe return, call the Parish Office, 215-672-7280 or email [sjbadultfaith@saintjohnbosco.org](mailto:sjbadultfaith@saintjohnbosco.org).

Please provide their name, rank and which branch of the service they are in so that he or she can be included in a weekly prayer list in our bulletin.



Remain in My Love is a 3 year Archdiocesan initiative for the renewal of marriage and family life. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hoping that this new program will reach out to couples after their marriage as a continuation of the conversation that marriage prep started. We firmly believe that healthy marriages strengthen the family; family strengthens the church; strengthen the Church and then you can change the world. Each month check out the special message posted in this space to help you keep your marriage growing in love and joy, with opportunities for enrichment, fellowship, support and spiritual formation. The concept of "memory" in Scripture means to "make present", rather than to fondly look back on something. As a married couple, memories of times you were most in love can make those moments present to us again, and help us to cope with difficult times. It's important to note that not all romantic memories are candlelight and roses. They are times when you are most aware of the goodness of the other's masculinity or femininity. Use this list to remind you of your own love history. Jot down as many memories as come to mind, share them with your spouse and then pull this sheet out when you need to "make present" these moments again. Times I felt: Secure or at ease with you. So impressed with how you looked. So proud of you. So proud to be seen with you. All fluttery in my stomach thinking about you. Excited, like we could conquer the world together. Specific instances: Our first date. A time we laughed out loud together. An act of kindness you did for me that made me feel special. The moment I realized you were the person I wanted to marry. A moment that stands out from our wedding day. Something crazy we did as newlyweds. For more insights on how to increase joy in your marriage, go to [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com).



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**Please join us for The Stations of Light at Saint John Bosco!**

This Devotion Is Also Called Via Lucis, Latin for "The Way Of Light." What happened after the Resurrection? What became of the disciples? What became of Mary Magdalene? What happened between the time of the Resurrection & the Ascension? The Stations of Light pick up where the Stations of the Cross leave off. Journey with Christ from Easter Sunday through the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Started by Pope St. John Paul II, this incredibly moving devotion will be prayed on **Thursday, 5/16 at 6:45 pm in Church.** Let us walk together as children of the light!



SJB Spring Craft and Plant Sale will be held after all the Masses on 5/4 and 5/5 under the tent out front of Church.

We will be featuring hand-made items and may even have a surprise or two. Stop by and see what you can find. This is a great opportunity to shop for the perfect Mother's Day gift, or to simply discover that unique treasure. Please save the date and plan to attend.



Be a part of the SJB Diaper Drive! June 1st and June 2nd have been designated for the collection of diapers (all sizes). Please bring a box & place in the Ushers Room. The diapers will be collected and distributed to those less fortunate through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you from the BOTTOM of our hearts for helping babies in need.



Mothers are the foundation of the family. They make sacrifices to put a smile on our face at any given moment. We will recite the Rosary on Friday, 5/17 after morning Mass in the Adoration Chapel with meditations for Mothers. These meditations are meant to help all Moms to grow in devotion to Jesus, the Blessed Mother, your family and all the children of the world. Our Lady asks everyone to pray the Rosary every day to combat the evils of this world.

Come, pray the Rosary with us on 5/17.



### St. John Bosco Senior Club Lancaster Trip

Ovation – An AMT Pops Orchestra Experience is a musical masterpiece — a symphonic celebration sure to bring audiences to their feet! From Classical to Pop, the AMT cast and orchestra lead audiences on an unforgettable musical journey, all live on stage! Featuring classic tributes to a myriad of music legends like Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, and Ella Fitzgerald, coupled with modern pop greats such as Michael Bubl  and Adele, Ovation promises a joy-filled experience for every generation!

#### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- Leave St. John Bosco parking lot at 11:00 AM
- Bird-in-Hand Restaurant at 1:00 PM—2:30 PM
- American Music Theatre at 2:40 PM—4:45 PM
- Arrive back at St. John Bosco parking lot approximately 7:00 PM
- \$80/ person
- Please contact Dave at 215-704-7838 if interested.

**Craft Like Crazy** is a group that gets together on Thursday mornings to craft, create, chat, teach and learn, share and get inspired. **All are invited to join us from 9:30-11:30 in the Parish Center.** No experience necessary. There is something about crafting with your friends that is not only fun, but very fulfilling.

A simple “AMEN” is a powerful declaration of faith! When distributing Communion, the Priest or Communion Minister says, “The Body of Christ.” Our response of “AMEN” to this statement is very important. It is a statement of faith—“Yes, I believe” that these elements that look like bread and wine are actually fully and completely transformed (transubstantiated) into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. So when you receive Communion, take the time to say “AMEN.” It is our pledge of faith.

#### We are hosting a unique SJB Photo Scavenger Hunt....with a twist.

A picture of an icon will be posted the 2nd Friday of every month (for 6 months) on the Bosco Facebook page. Tell us where in our church this work of art, statue, painting or sculpture can be found. Submit your answer on the Bosco FB page. It’s a simple yet fun way to get to know our church with this educational challenge. A winner will be chosen at random from the pool of entries who answered correctly. The winner will receive Festival Bosco Bucks. Good luck to all the participants.



### Finding Support after the Death of a Loved One

Do you feel the need of comfort and support caused by the loss of a family member or friend? If so, join our support group.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP  
SAINT JOHN BOSCO ROOM  
(back entrance of Parish Center)  
Sundays, 12:15 – 1:30 pm  
SPRING SUPPORT GROUP – 2019

- April 28 (1) Understanding your feelings and life changes during the grief process
- May 5 (2) Strategies to help with Stress and Loneliness
- May 19 (3) Our Feelings of Denial, Bargaining, and Guilt
- June 2 (4) Coping with Anger & Depression  
Helping Children through Grief
- June 9 (5) Spiritual Elements of Grief & Healing  
The Values of Memories

To register please call: Bernice (215) 443-8439

### We have an amazing opportunity right here at Saint John Bosco in being able to go into our Saint Theresa Adoration Chapel Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 7 PM to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We as Catholics believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and He is there waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. Shouldn’t it be the other way around? Shouldn’t we be waiting for an opportunity to spend time with Him? There are times when no one is present in our chapel when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Will you sign up as a scheduled adorer for just one hour a week so Our Lord is never alone? Lent is a wonderful time to begin a deeper relationship with our Lord. The spiritual master St. Alphonsus Liguori says: “Let it be known that by means of a quarter-hour of prayer in front of the host you will perhaps gain more than by all other spiritual exercise throughout the whole day.” Imagine then what an hour will do. You may wonder what am I supposed to do when I visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Do I need to say special prayers? The answer is you are there simply to spend time with Jesus. Some people have certain prayers they like to say silently, others like to pray a rosary, some like to read from the Bible and mediate on what they just read, or you may just want to sit in silence with your friend, Jesus, and open your mind and heart to wherever He is leading you. To sign up to be a Scheduled Adorer for one hour a week or if you just would like to know more about this wonderful opportunity please contact the Adoration Parish Coordinators:

Mary Cole fromdublin3@gmail.com or Peachy Viviano 215-674-9713.



We would like to pray for those couples in our Parish Family celebrating a wedding anniversary. Send us your Anniversary. Please include the names of the spouses, wedding date and number of years. Please email to [sjbadultfaith@saintjohnbosco.org](mailto:sjbadultfaith@saintjohnbosco.org) or complete the form and drop in the collection basket. Names will be listed in the Sunday bulletin by month during 2019. Saint Louis and Zelig Martin pray for us.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years married \_\_\_\_\_

"I will crochet while at home, I can crochet while I roam. I will crochet in the car. I can crochet near or far. I will crochet here or there. I can crochet ANYWHERE." **Help us with our Granny Square Challenge.** Volunteers are needed to crochet Granny Squares! The yarn and the directions will be provided. Please return completed squares no later than 7/31. The granny squares will be assembled into a beautiful afghan which will be chanced off at the Family Fall Festival in September. If you can help, please call Janet 215-718-7841.

**St. John Bosco Senior Club Meeting**

Wednesday, May 8 at Noon in the Cafeteria  
Refreshments will be served!

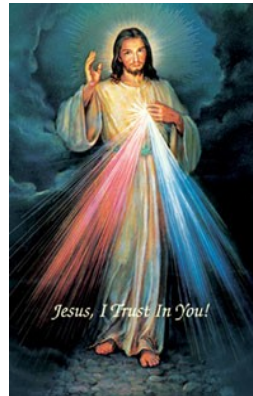


Where are you going on vacation this season? Join the Church Bulletin Contest! Bring back the Parish Bulletin from the church in the area that you are visiting. When you get home, drop the bulletin at the Parish Center no later than 9/15. Please note your name, phone number & email address on the bulletin! A prize will be awarded in September to the family who has the bulletin from the farthest point!  
Happy Travels!

It's **WHO AM I TIME** at Saint John Bosco. **WHO AM I facts are posted on the Bosco Facebook Page every Wednesday!**

Details and characteristics about a different Saint will be posted each week! You must figure out who the Saint is from the clues given. Each week we will choose a random correct answer. The winner will receive a Progressive 50/50 ticket! The grand prize will be drawn on 9/21 - the last night of the Fall Festival! Be sure to like us on Facebook! We hope that everyone will join in on the fun.

Congratulations to the week 5 winner in our WHO AM I contest – Maryann Wilkowski.



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus all will come to share His joy. Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday following Easter. Saint John Bosco Parish

annually celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday with a special program. Come, Sing and Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us in the Adoration Chapel on Sunday, 4/28 after the 8am Mass. All Are Invited to Attend! **Come and learn about your Easter Gift.**



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is celebrating an Extraordinary Year of Mission.

A blessed statue of Saint Paul is traveling to the homes of our Parishioners for a week-long visit. The statue of Saint Paul will be traveling for one year from household to household. You are invited to bring the Statue to your home. This is a unique opportunity for you to have special prayer time. Each day you are asked to say the simple devotion which will be provided. Traveling devotions help keep prayer and spirituality close to home for many. Usually the statue is transferred over the weekend at church. If you would like to host the Statue of Saint Paul in your home, please fill out the form below.

You will be contacted with detailed information. Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the rotation coordinator at 215-669-8159.

**Yes, I would like to host the Statue of Saint Paul.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## R - C - I - A

What comes to mind when you hear the letters R-C-I-A? Many know these letters to mean the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the usual way for non-Catholic adults to become full members of the Church, the Body of Christ. What surprises many Catholics, however, is that RCIA involves the whole parish. Long before the saying “it takes a village to raise a child” became popular, Christians knew and still know it takes the Holy Spirit and a parish to form new members. We are blessed to have adults inquiring and preparing to become full members of the Body of Christ, a very good sign of a lively parish. Yet this now challenges each of us as members of Saint John Bosco. How do we, both new and lifelong members, stay alive and continue maturing as disciples of Jesus?

1. In your daily prayers, always include a prayer for Saint John Bosco Parish that we may do what Jesus has entrusted to us through the Grace of the Holy Spirit to do the will of God our Father.
2. If you know a family member or friend who has expressed some desire to become a Catholic Christian, bring her or him to an RCIA gathering. We meet each Sunday after the 8:00am Mass in the Parish Center. In the early part of RCIA, there are no commitments. Come and see what and Who RCIA is all about.
3. Consider a role in RCIA. We need parishioners to serve as catechists, to help with hospitality and (somewhat urgently) to serve as sponsors. If you do not feel comfortable being a catechist or sponsor, we certainly welcome and need your presence as a witness to life of the Holy Spirit acting in all our lives. Your quiet and gentle presence is a powerful testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have questions, kindly call (267) 803-0774 [Faith Formation office], or send an email [rcia@saintjohnbosco.org](mailto:rcia@saintjohnbosco.org) or come to the Parish Center after the 8:00am Mass on a Sunday. Over the years, parishioners have mentioned that participating in RCIA contributed significantly in growing as mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Travel with us to Lancaster County for an original holiday show:

**The 2019 Christmas Show: JOY TO THE WORLD at the American Music Theater on Thursday, 11/7/19.**



**Travel Plans:** Depart SJB at noon, 3pm show at AMT, Return to SJB at 7:30 pm! The ringing of church bells in a quaint town square set the scene for Joy to the World, AMT’s newest holiday spectacular. Evoking the revered holiday nostalgia of hometowns all across the US, the stage will transform into a small-town winter carnival brimming with family & friends. Featuring scenes filled with entertaining elves, dramatic dancing, sensational singing & grand moments galore. \$65.00 (non-refundable) per person, includes show and bus. (please bring your own snack) Deluxe Motor Coach transportation via Starr Tours! Enjoy the spirit of the season with a wonderful holiday matinee performance.

Yes, I will attend the trip to AMT on 11/7 for the Christmas Show- Joy to the World

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The completed form along with your check made payable to St. John Bosco can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. This lovely devotional ceremony is a favorite tradition at Saint John Bosco. The May Crowning gives us an opportunity to honor Mary. Please join us for this wonderful Catholic tradition as we crown Mary on Monday, 5/13 immediately following the 8:45am Mass. Procession begins in church and ends at the statue of Our Lady outside the Parish Center. We will say a few prayers and sing Immaculate Mary. There will be a container at the statue if anyone would like to bring flowers for Our Lady. All are invited to join us in this celebration.

We are always trying to live our faith, but we do not know or understand why our faith does what it does. We may stumble with our faith. We may just be going through the motions of our faith. Others may decide to walk away from our faith because they do not understand. This Bible Study will explain to us the essentials of our Catholic Faith. We hope you will join us. The Fall Bible Study will be starting on October 1, 2019. **The topic is Symbolon: Knowing the Faith.** The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to St. John Bosco. Drop payment in the collection basket or at the Parish Center - Attention Faith Formation Office. Payment is due 6/15/19. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office.

I would like to sign up for "Knowing the Faith" Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Evenings 6:30 to 8:00 PM (10/1-12/10, no class on 11/26)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday Mornings 9:30 to 11:00 AM (10/2-12/11, no class on 11/27)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The Married Couples Dinner Club will meet on 6/12/19. Our Dinner Club is a way to build relationships with other couples in our Parish family. It will be an evening of good food, meeting new friends and having a fun night out. We will gather at 6:30 pm at Santucci's in Warminster. Each person will order from the entree menu. Gluten Free food items will appear on the menu. Feel free to BYOB. Cost \$20.00/ per person. Return completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office no later than 6/3/19.

Questions? Call 215-669-8159.

Yes, we will attend the Married Couples Dinner Club.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be ordering a Gluten Free Menu Item.



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to see the Trenton Thunder versus Reading Fightin Phils in Trenton on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00. Tickets are \$9 per person. Please contact Stephen @ stevemcd97@gmail.com for tickets. My phone number for any questions is 215-682-9702. Ticket deadline is July 29<sup>th</sup>.

You are invited to attend to the Annual Men's Retreat! Join us for an uplifting evening experience! Come and be challenged in your spiritual, family, personal and professional life! Retreat Master: Father Linus Nangwele! Father Linus will lead us in discussions that will help each of us to deepen our faith in God. Discussions with Confession will be key parts of the evening. Father has a way of making a point that will stay with you. He will leave us with powerful reasons to have FAITH "forward all issues to heaven." His smile is infectious. For a change of pace, hearty appetizers will be served from 6:00-6:30pm during fellowship. BYO liquid refreshment. Bring a friend – Register early. Drop the completed form along with your payment in the collection basket. Questions? Contact 215-669-8159.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend the Men's Retreat from 6:00-9:00 on 4/26/19  
Please make check payable to St. John Bosco / \$20.00 per person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Is it OK to leave Mass after Communion?** No, it's really not. Because it's not just about us. It's not OK to leave Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma's early because it's not just about eating good food, seeing the relatives once a year & letting them see how big (or thin or old or pretty) you've become. It's about family, loving & being loved even if—especially if—you & they are not perfect. It's about tradition, hearing the old stories & the new ones & adding yours; it's about recalling the past while the present surrounds you & the future lurks nearby. It's not OK to leave until the dessert & coffee & maybe an after-dinner drink because it's not just about you; it's about all of you as a family. So you stay until it's over & you say goodbye with hugs & kisses & leave with a renewed understanding of what being part of this family means. The Mass & Thanksgiving dinner have much in common, but the Mass is so much more. It is our celebration of the paschal mystery, the life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. We gather as God's family, the church, holy & imperfect, to hear again the story of how God has loved us & pursued us throughout history to this very day. In praying for the whole church & its needs, for the whole world, for those who suffer & those who die, we learn that we are to be mindful of them & to serve them. As we offer our thanks & praise for all God has done for us & given us, we come to recognize God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ, who feeds & strengthens us in the form of bread & wine, the body & blood he gave for the life of the world. The Mass not only celebrates our faith, it teaches us what we believe & how we are to live. That is why we can't leave Mass after Communion. Because Communion is not just about us & our salvation. It's about the salvation of the world. In celebrating & receiving the Eucharist, "We proclaim your death, O Lord & profess your resurrection until you come again." Who are we professing our faith to? Not just to ourselves but to the world. We become part of the story of how much God loves all people & wants them to know God through Christ. If we leave Mass before the dismissal, we miss out on celebrating & being taught why we celebrate the Eucharist in the first place. We are fed & strengthened on the body & blood of Christ not only for ourselves but also for all those he gave his life for. We are dismissed from Mass not because it's over, but because we have work to do. We are to go to the world to proclaim Christ. And so we stay to the end of Mass to be blessed & commissioned: "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." (Taken from U.S. Catholic)