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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members, by forming leaders and by creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St John.

Masses - Open to the Public

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am Tuesday and Thursday - 12:00 noon Saturday - 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Spanish Mass) Sunday - 8:30 am and 11:00 am

There will be a Live Stream on Saturdays of the 4:00 pm (replayed on Sunday at 8:30 am) and 6:30 pm Spanish Masses and on Sundays of the 11:00 am Mass available on our Facebook Page and Church website.

Confessional Schedule -Saturday - 9:00 - 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration -

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office -

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm The Staff is on limited hours and will respond as soon as they possibly can.

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Word, Worship and Prayer



SATURDAY, January 11 Vigil

4:00 pm Jean Steele by Stacy Goetz

6:30 pm People of Parish

SUNDAY, January 12 Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:30 am John Bonito by LaVacca Family 11:00 am Joseph J. & Donald Joseph Hopper by Joan Hopper (wife & mother)

MONDAY, January 13 Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20 9:00 am Patricia Ann Kolakowski by John & Vala Cox

TUESDAY, January 14 Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

12:00 pm Robert Wayne Williams

by Patricia & Stewart Frazier

WEDNESDAY, January 15 Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

10:00 am Susie Reichlen by Fanny Aubin

THURSDAY, January 16 Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

12:00 pm John Crowe by John & Alberta

FRIDAY, January 17 Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

9:00 am Nancy Ribando by Carol Lippold

SATURDAY, January 18 Vigil

4:00 pm Corso Antonio by Marianne Cannell

6:30 pm People of Parish

SUNDAY, January 19

8:30 am Henry Ianelli by Leslie Pettenati

11:00 am Deacon Eduardo Sencion

by The Sencion Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Beloved Deceased of the Alday-Azcueta Family
By the Alday Family

January 11, 2025 — January 17, 2025

TABERNACLE CANDLE

For the empathy to be embraced throughout the world.
by The Church of St John
January 11, 2025 — January 17, 2025

Candles are available for your special intentions. They may be acquired in the Parish Office. These candles are available for honoring the memory of your deceased loved ones along with praying for recovery from an illness, celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We have a card that can be given out when the candle is reserved.



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

Theresa Becker, Arlene Coughlin, Kathleen Marie O'Malley Hoffman, Louis Lynch, Adele Moynihan, Susan Ortolani, Hada Mirna Pardo, Laura Russotto, Kate Ulichry, the Pardo-Rodas-Andino-Casula Family

FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Violette Alma Agnant, Kathryn Capobianco

To add to this list, please email: stjohnbultn@gmail.com



All are Welcome! And all means ALL!

We extend a special welcome to all visitors and members of our community who are joining us today. For those who are in church for the first time in a while, we embrace you for who you are. You are welcome here! You are why we're here.

Our parish exists to make disciples or followers of Jesus Christ, and our mission is simply to "Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples." We earnestly want you to join us on the journey, bringing God into our lives on a daily basis, and inviting others so that they too can share in the joy of having a close and personal relationship with God.

For those who serve our country and community

At the close of our weekend Masses, our community will all kneel and pray three Hail Marys for those individuals both living and deceased.





"Unexpected" Week 2: Faith in the midst of pain

Certain days and times leave an incredible imprint on our lives. For my parents' generation it was the death of President Kennedy. For many people it was 9/11 - I remember being in a class at the University of Scranton watching the second tower go down on TV. In the life of my family, I remember in detail the events of March 5, 1992 – the day of my brother Aaron's accident and his death in the hospital at 3 am the following morning. I can report in detail what happened and the emotions during those hours.

How can we make sense of these unexpected events? I heard recently of a book recommendation for women by Lysa Terkeurst, <u>It's Not Supposed to Be This Way</u>. She states in the book that we live between two "gardens" – the paradise lost of the Garden of Eden, and the hoped paradise of heaven where the promise is: **He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away (Revelation 21:4).** In between those two paradises, we often experience pain, shame, death, and disappointment. We have a longing that only God can fulfill.

We can choose today to trust in God and let God's voice be the loudest voice, amidst the many contrary voices we hear. Unexpected events and changes can shake us to the core. Then over the months and years we learn to put on a mask and just pretend that life is fine, but inside we are filled with sadness and disappointment. The devil's number one goal is to pull us away from God, and one primary way the devil does so is through our emotional life especially when it leads us astray.

We believe in a God who understands the battles going on in our minds and hearts. None of us want to be led around impulsively by our feelings. I've heard of the analogy of a train, and the path of the train is our life. We are the conductors, and ideally the fuel of the locomotive is the truth and the facts of our lives. Our feelings are in the caboose. Our choice in faith is to not let the caboose run the engine; instead of letting our feelings run the "train" of our lives we want to put our faith and trust in what is true. We find the truth in God's Word. God's Word says that we are holy, children of our Heavenly Father, wonderfully made, lavishly loved, chosen, and part of a plan.

Unexpected events are opportunities to grow in faith. The goal of this series is to see the great role unexpected events play in our relationship with God. Sometimes disappointment is God's way of leading us home. We can't control or predict the result, but we can trust that we will be more than okay – we can be victorious because God is victorious! Paul says: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:55,57). While death hurts and breeds disappointments, we can thank and praise him anyway, because he has won the victory already! Lies that we tell ourselves and misconceptions can make a lot of noise, so by staying close to God and his Word, let his voice be louder!

Here's a song recommendation: "You Say" by Lauren Daigle.

Questions for Small Groups:

- 1. Where were you when you heard about the events that happened in New York on 9/11?
- 2. Have you experienced the death of someone special in your life? If so, do you remember where you were when you heard the news?
- 3. How do you respond initially to an unexpected disappointment or shocking event?
- 4. What is your reaction to the train illustration?
- 5. Do you have confidence in the Word of God? Why or why not?
- 6. How can you apply today's teaching to your life circumstances?

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

- Revenue

 Collections include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collections.

 - Faith Formation Fees include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
 Fundraising/Development includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- · Other Income includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income. Other income inconses remain or facinities, insurance remains, interest income, saice of assessis, function would grant specifically carmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
 Transfers Savings Account/Other includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been
- reported as operating income.

 Diocesan Special Collections are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

- Administration includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.

 Rectory expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).

 Liturgy includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- Faith Formation includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.

 Social Justice includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.

 Operation & Maintenance of Plant includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the

- parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.

 Fixed Expense includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- . Debt Service includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.

- Capital Outlays includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
 Designated Expenses/Transfers Out includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food partry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
 Catholic School Assessments paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- . Diocesan Special Collections Remittance are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a CASH BASIS based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be negative. If the parish reduced its unpaid obligations, this will be a positive number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

• This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represent the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

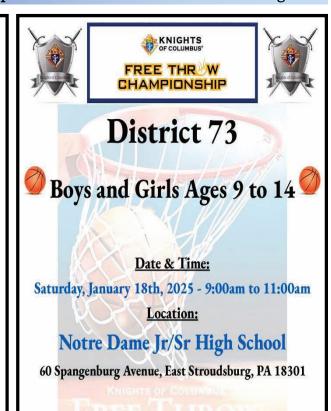
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

Parish Financial Report St. John - East Stroudsburg TREND ANALYSIS						
		Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue						
Collections		511,921	515,788	472,154	431,448	484,964
Faith Formation Fees		381	151	1,000	1,000	4,040
Fundraising/Development		3,104	980	25	7,625	13,868
Other Income		12,247	6,384	16,458	11,457	17,326
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan		25,000	-, -	4,800		
Transfers Savings Account/Other		-	1,532	98,804	5,000	200
Diocesan Special Collections		13.950	-,	10,295	8.009	14.275
Total Revenue		566,603	524,834	603,536	464,540	534,67
Expenses						
Administration		232,018	239,324	236,240	199,655	184,58
Rectory		14,813	12,464	10,996	10,114	115,36
Liturgy		25,477	17,495	23,481	34,802	28,58
Faith Formation		36,610	39,988	28,423	7,535	34,86
Social Justice				20,	-,	,
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		81,645	84,260	90.447	71.707	65.08
Fixed Expense		17,358	17,222	15,646	15,133	14,87
Debt Service		78,371	55,553	210,000	40,000	20,000
Capital Outlays		22,752	17,579	51,876		
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out		2,039	1,332	1,000	-	
Catholic School Assessment		70,992	65,472	75,432	73.272	77,98
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance		308	2,334	11,274	9,380	14,18
Total Expense		582,383	553,024	754,815	461,598	555,53
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis		(15,779)	(28,190)	(151,279)	2,942	(20,86
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**	(132)	791	(47)	6,570	10
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Pre-Registration & Further Details:

Please contact Dan Birnbaum at 973-222-7670

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am - Rosary

6:00 pm - Music Ministry Rehearsal

8:00 pm - Baptism Class with Deacon Max

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am - Rosary

4:00 - 7:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Columbiettes Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am - Rosary

5:30 pm - Music Ministry Rehearsal

6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting

7:00 pm - Youth Group Core Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am - Rosary

5:30 pm - Rosary in Spanish

5:30 pm - Focolare Word of Life Prayer Group (Zoom)

6:30 pm - Grief Support Group (Zoom)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am - Rosary

7:00 pm - OCIA Meeting

7:30 pm - AA Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 am - Confession

9:00 am - KofC Free Throw Championship (Basketball))

3:00 pm - OCIA Meeting

3:30 pm - Rosary

SUNDAY, JANAURY 19

Youth Group Pro-Life Lock-in

8:00 am - Rosary

10:30 am - Rosary

St John's Organizations



Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 7:30 pm. For information, please call Adele 570-269-1671. (In Person)

Focolare Word of Life Gathering -

1st Saturday at 9:30 am (In-Person) & 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm (Zoom). Prayer meeting based on the Gospels. For information, please call Carole Lippold 718-863-1105. (Zoom)

Grief Support Group - You are not alone. You can lean on the Church of St John for grief support, as we navigate together, after the loss of a loved one, through one of life's most painful and difficult challenges. Call the parish office or contact Leslie - Lesliepett@yahoo.com or 201-970-2947 for more information and to participate.

Knights of Columbus -

1st (7:30 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7:00 pm).

For more information, please contact: Daniel Birnbaum (Grand Knight) dan.a.birnbaum@gmail.com (973) 222-7670. Everyone is invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary for pro-life intentions.

"Mady's Kitchen" Free Community Dinner -January 26th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

4th Sunday of the month. Please join us in the Parish Hall Call: Laura - 570-588-1707

St. John's Columbiettes - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Women interested in becoming members, please contact via e-mail Analia Kolakowski- stjohnre28@gmail.com

St John's Seniors - Open to anyone 50 and older -

Senior Meeting is in the Church Hall, after the 12 noon Mass, on the first Tuesday of the Month.

Contact Laura Zaso - Secretary - 570-588-9358 or

Violette Francois - 570-269-6203.

Youth Ministry - (grades 7-12) All are welcome - Various fun activities throughout the year. Meeting are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm Contact Judy Thompson -570-807-8084

Partners in Mission

Bushkill Outreach (168 Lehman Park Rd, Bushkill, PA 18324) <u>570-588-0660</u> www.bushkilloutreach.org www.facebook.com/bushkilloutreach

Mady's Angels (601 Lower Lakeview Dr, E. Stroudsburg, PA 18302) <u>570-588-1707</u> www.madysangels.org www.facebook.com/Madys-Angels

Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos (PRC) (25B N. 8th Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360) <u>570-424-1113</u> www.pregnancytalk.org www.facebook.com/Pregnancytalkorg

SAFE Monroe (225 J. Wilson Drive, P.O. Box 645, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327) 570-421-4200 www.wrmonroe.org www.facebook.co/womensresourcesofmonroecounty

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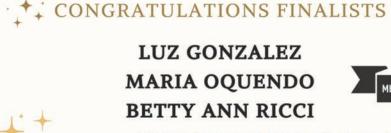
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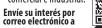
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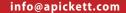
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