

July 12, 2026 / Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

Live stream available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Or by appointment

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Pastor

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Deacon Max Francois

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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 11

4:00 pm Louis & Rosemary Knaub by Kaitlin Pecha

SUNDAY, July 12 Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

8:30 am Anthony Melchiorre
by The Melchiorre Family

11:00 am Jan Zyskowski by Mariusz Zyskowski and
Linda Broda by Janet Broda

MONDAY, July 13 Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

7:00 pm Blessings for the Zmuda Family
by Gabriella Zmuda and Alina Byra
by The Dewera Family

TUESDAY, July 14 Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

12:00 pm Karen O'Malley by Brian O'Malley
and Fr. Greg and Fr. Dave by Janet Broda

THURSDAY, July 16 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

12:00 pm Rene Sigler by The Sigler Family

FRIDAY, July 17 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

9:00 am Enerdo Rafael & Moraima Nunez
by Marybel Nunez

SATURDAY, July 18

4:00 pm Carol Memminger by The Crane Family

SUNDAY, July 19

8:30 am Yvonne Accomasso
by The Stephenson family

11:00 am Donald Hopper by Mother Joan Hopper

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

James Goetz, Dana McCarthy, Joe Clampet,
Marilyn Brizzi, Grellita Sipalay,
Karter Reid-Tullis, CJ and Chey, Lisa Felipe,
Susan Skidmore, Kevin Overbey,
Johawn Sebastian Rodriguez, Erin Padilla,
Chris Pace

For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Elizabeth White, Anthony Zanella,
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzalez,
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno, Irene Chee,
Brian Olney Junior, Grellita L. Sipalay

*To add to this list, please email:
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Announcements for this Week

Please Pray for Fr. Reichlen

As Fr. Reichlen prepares to begin his new assignment at **Our Lady Queen of Peace**, we ask you to keep him in your prayers. We are grateful for his faithful service to our parish and wish him many blessings as he begins this new chapter in his ministry. May God continue to guide and strengthen him on his journey

Praise & Worship Evening

Join us for an **Evening of Praise & Worship** on **Friday, July 18, from 5:30–7:30 PM** at **Church of St. John**. Come as you are and spend an evening in prayer, music, and worship.
All are welcome!

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
by The Church of St. John
July 11, 2026 — July 17, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Fr Greg Reichlen
by The Columbiettes
July 11, 2026 — July 17, 2026

You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.

**"Rome" Week 1: Let's Go to Rome!**

Dear friends of St. John's,

As I write this, it is hard to believe that this is my final weekend serving as your pastor. It has been a tremendous privilege to walk with you through moments of joy and sorrow, baptisms and funerals, First Communions and Confirmations, weddings, parish events, and countless Sundays gathered around the altar of the Lord. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives. I leave with gratitude for what God has done in our parish and with confidence that he will continue his good work through your new pastor and through each of you.

This weekend we also begin a new summer preaching series called "Rome," a journey through St. Paul's magnificent Letter to the Romans. While many people dream of traveling to Rome to see the ancient city, the Colosseum, or St. Peter's Basilica, Paul's letter invites us on a far more important journey — the journey into the heart of the Gospel itself. Romans has been called the greatest letter ever written because it explains with remarkable clarity who we are, what Christ has done for us, and how we are called to live as his disciples.

Our starting point is especially fitting. In this Sunday's Gospel (**Matthew 13:1-23**), Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed is the Word of God, generously scattered upon every kind of soil. The difference is not in the seed but in the condition of the heart that receives it. Some hearts are distracted; some are shallow; some become crowded with worries and the pursuit of wealth; but the receptive heart bears fruit beyond imagination.

That image beautifully captures my prayer for St. John's. Over these past years, God has faithfully sown his Word among us. Through worship, Scripture, the Sacraments, Small Groups, service, and friendships, he has planted seeds that continue to grow. Some of that fruit we have already seen; much more is still to come. As one pastor departs and another arrives, the Sower has not changed. Jesus Christ remains the Lord of his Church, and he never stops planting his grace in the lives of his people.

As we study Romans together over the coming weeks, my hope is that you will allow God's Word to sink even deeper into your heart. Paul reminds us that every one of us stands in need of God's grace, that we are made right with him not by our own efforts but through faith in Jesus Christ, and that the Holy Spirit is transforming us into new people day by day. These timeless truths have changed countless lives throughout history, and they continue to change lives today.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your pastor. Please keep me in your prayers as I will continue to keep all of you in mine. May the Lord make each of our hearts good soil, so that his Word may take root, grow abundantly, and bear fruit that will last.

With love and blessings,
Fr. Reichlen

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Help us plan the new Wooddale Park

Complete the Survey

Middle Smithfield Township is gathering community input on potential amenities for a new park at 792 Dancing Ridge Road. The 7 minute survey responses will guide the design. Complete the survey, and be entered to win one of three \$50 gift certificates!

Follow the QR Code or link to complete the survey. tinyurl.com/wooddalepark

A Message to the Future: Middle Smithfield Township Time Capsule

What items, photos, stories, or messages should be preserved for future generations?

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