

June 21, 2026 / Twelfth 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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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 20

4:00 pm Anthony Zicaro by The Zicaro Family

SUNDAY, June 21 Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

8:30 am Thomas Paflitzko
by Joi Paflitzko and
Simeon & Jeffrey Gutierrez &
Juan Valentin by Milka Gutierrez

11:00 am Nella & Alfred Pettenati
by Leslie Pettenati

MONDAY, June 22 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

7:00 pm Robert Bienkowski by Fahy Family

TUESDAY, June 23 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

12:00 pm Timothy Galeano by Maria Rogers

THURSDAY, June 25 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

12:00 pm Saint Michael Arcangel by Maria Rogers

FRIDAY, June 26 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

9:00 am Hilda Galindez by The Melchiorre Family

SATURDAY, June 27

4:00 pm Irene & Albert Anderson
by Irene & Mauro Azzolini

SUNDAY, June 28

8:30 am Michael Lanza by Phil & Tracy Tumminello

11:00 am Maria Beatriz Rosa Rivera
by Rivera & Stewart Families

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Brian Olney Junior, Lenny Rapisardi,
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 Zanello,
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzàlez,
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno, Irene Chee

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

Announcements for this Week

Adult/Teen Bible Study

Father Reichlen and our summer
seminarian, Dan O'Brien, are excited to
co-lead an 8-part Adult/Teen Bible Study,
"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
by Jeff Cavins.

Sessions will be held on
Sundays at 1:00pm & Thursdays at 7:00pm
beginning **Sunday, July 5.**

The cost of the workbook is
\$30 per person.

Please sign up by **Monday, June 22**, so
that workbooks can be ordered on time. To
register, visit the **Welcoming Desk**
after Mass or call the **Parish Office.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
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June 20, 2026 — June 26, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
June 20, 2026 — June 26, 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.



“Deliver Us” Week 4: Terror on Every Side

In this first summer series, we are exploring the many ways God delivers us. We have been looking at the first reading each week through the lens of the Exodus story and discovering how God’s promises are ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We have seen that God delivers us from idols through forgiveness. We have remembered how he provided manna for his people and continues to nourish us on our journey. Last week, we reflected on how God often lifts us up through others, just as he carried Israel on eagle’s wings.

Fear is one of the most powerful forces in our lives. It keeps us silent when we should speak. It causes us to avoid difficult conversations. It feeds anxiety and worry. It can even keep us from following God’s will.

The phrase **“Terror on Every Side,”** comes from the prophet **Jeremiah (20:10)**, who faced rejection and opposition because he faithfully proclaimed God’s word. His experience reminds us that following God does not guarantee an easy life. In fact, throughout the Bible, those who do God’s will often encounter misunderstanding, criticism, and even hostility. Jesus prepares his disciples for this reality in the Gospel (**Matthew 10:26-33**). Three times he tells them, “Do not be afraid.” He knows that fear can tempt us to compromise, to remain silent, or to retreat from our mission; but Jesus gives his disciples reasons for confidence. The truth will ultimately prevail. God knows and cares for them in intimate detail. Even the hairs of their heads are counted. They are worth more than many sparrows.

The greatest reason not to fear is that God has already acted to save us in Christ. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has conquered sin and death. Whatever opposition we face, we do not face it alone. The God who delivered Israel from slavery and raised Jesus from the dead is the same God who walks beside us today. Perhaps the greatest prisons are not made of stone or iron. They are the prisons of fear, resentment, avoidance, and anxiety. Many of us know there is a conversation we need to have, a relationship we need to address, a responsibility we have been putting off, or an attitude of constant complaining that has taken root within us. Fear often keeps us stuck.

This week, ask the Lord to deliver you from fear. Then take one concrete step. Face a person you have been avoiding. Go to a place you have been reluctant to enter. Confront a negative or complaining spirit within yourself. Do something you know God is calling you to do. Courage does not mean the absence of fear. It means trusting that God’s promises are greater than our fears. **“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father” (Matthew 10:32)**. Because we belong to Christ, we do not have to live in fear. His assurances are stronger than our anxieties, and his deliverance is greater than the terror on every side.

With blessings, **Fr. Reichlen**

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Community Day

Saturday, August 1 • Noon- 3 pm
Middle Smithfield Elementary School • 5180 Milford Rd
 Rain date: Sunday August 2

Touch-a-Truck • Volunteer Fair • Food
 See some of the coolest trucks around at the Touch-a-Truck.

Visit the **Volunteer Fair** to find out about the best community organizations in our area and see what your volunteering neighbors are up too. Maybe sign up to help out!

Enjoy **food** from Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company, Al's On The Go, & MG Empanadas.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?
Get a table at the fair!

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