

November 16, 2025 / Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Church of St. John

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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, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 AM  
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM  
Saturday – 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)  
Sunday – 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**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*

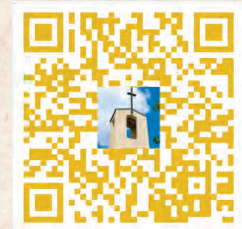
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*Permanent Deacon*

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# Word, Worship and Prayer

## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, November 15**

4:00 pm Fr. Greg by Cathy & Peter Sterling  
6:30 pm Jose Claro Canales by Reina Hernandez

### **SUNDAY, November 16** Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

8:30 am Zbiginiew "Ziggy" Paryzki  
& Jerzy "George" Chyzy by Paryzki Family  
11:00 am Anna Kraus by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arzberger

### **MONDAY, November 17** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

9:00 am Amari Francois  
by Deacon Max & Violette Francois

### **TUESDAY, November 18** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 12:00 pm Doris Marchetti by Deirdre Roberts

### **WEDNESDAY, November 19** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

9:00 am Maria Blon by Janet Broda

### **THURSDAY, November 20** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44 12:00 pm Deacon Eduardo Sencion by Sencion Family

### **FRIDAY, November 21** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

9:00 am Virginia Khan by Nejar & Arlene & Family

### **SATURDAY, November 22**

4:00 pm MaryAnn Mascitti by Leslie Pettenati  
6:30 pm The Granados Family by Amanda & Family

### **SUNDAY, November 23**

8:30 am Andrew Alday by Alday Family  
11:00 am Elizabeth Martir Sencion by Sencion Family

## For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Consuelo Accomasso, Michael Alotta,  
Marius Bondoc, Jessica Lopez,  
Brian Martinez, Sal Pomara, Arthur Poor,  
Walter Sanders, Elizabeth Valentine,  
Niko Franz, Andrew Thomas

## For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Kathryn Capobianco,  
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Juana Quinones, Wendell Lissimore Senior,  
Jose Neil Sipalay, Florito Sipalay Sr.,  
Juanita Valentin, Elizabeth White,  
Anthony Zanella, Anthony DeRobertis

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

This week you will receive a letter from Father Reichlen introducing our "Pilgrims of Hope" stewardship campaign. We are proud to be part of the Church of St. John community. On **Commitment Weekend, November 22 & 23**, we invite you to participate in this important campaign and respond to God's great gift of love. Please read the letter and prayerfully consider how you and your family can support Church of St. John by financially strengthening our ministries, mission, and future.

**We ask all parishioners to complete a Commitment Card, included in the mailing. You may:**

- Mail it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope.
- Bring it to Mass next Sunday and place it in the collection basket.
- Or visit [www.churchofstjohn.com/waystogive](http://www.churchofstjohn.com/waystogive) to update your commitment.

The back of the card includes space for prayer intentions, which will be prayed for collectively in the coming weeks. Our goal is 100% participation. Thank you for your generosity and support of Church of St. John!

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace & Unity Around The World  
by The Church of St. John

November 15, 2025 — November 21, 2025

## TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls' of the Faithful Departed  
by The Church of St. John

November 15, 2025 — November 21, 2025

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.





### “Pilgrims of Hope” Week 6: Hope in Uncertain Times

All around us, uncertainty seems to have become the norm, whether in our country, communities, or even our own lives. At times, everything familiar can feel shaken. In his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul addresses a church worried about the future, confused about God’s timing, and distracted by rumors of coming disaster. He urges the community to remain steadfast: **“You yourselves know how you ought to imitate us ... we were not idle ... but worked night and day ... so that we might give you an example” (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9).** His advice is simple yet radical: in times of uncertainty, keep working for the kingdom, living faithfully, and putting faith into action.

This is not the hope of denial or waiting for better circumstances. Rather, it is a call to perseverance. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks candidly of the real hardships his followers will face conflict, persecution, and crisis. Yet his words conclude with a promise: **“By your perseverance you will secure your lives” (Luke 21:19).** Hope is less about avoiding difficulty and more about moving forward with conviction, trusting that God is present and at work no matter the outcome.

Paul’s warning against idleness speaks to the temptation that comes up when the future feels unknown: to wait passively, worry, or focus on other people’s business. True Christian hope is found not in idleness, but in doing our part to love, and serve, no matter how uncertain things seem. When fear, anxiety, or confusion take hold, hope leads us to take the next faithful step, no matter how small, believing that God is the one who provides direction and security.

The Eucharist, described as the *“source and summit of the Christian life,” (CCC 1324)* anchors our hope even when daily routines are disrupted or gatherings are difficult. In Jesus, we see a God who is faithful; he walks with us through uncertainty – strengthening us in our trials and reminding us that our work is never wasted when it is done in love. The Church has faced countless seasons with many challenges, yet the witness of saints, martyrs, and everyday believers confirms that hope endures when it is rooted in Christ.

This week, our parish is called to live hope actively, reaching out to those in need while partnering with our local partners, and persevering in prayer and service. Each act done for love of Christ becomes a testimony: the world may be uncertain, but our Lord is faithful. Together, we are challenged to embrace the present moment with courage, to avoid the trap of idleness, and to keep our eyes fixed on the God who promises never to abandon us.

#### Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. How do you typically respond to uncertainty or fear? Does it draw you closer to God or distract you from him?
2. What is the difference between hope and wishful thinking during difficult times?
3. Why do you think Paul warns against idleness during times of uncertainty?
4. How does participating in the Mass and parish life anchor your hope, especially when things feel unstable?
5. What concrete step can you take this week to “work for the kingdom” and be a sign of hope for others?



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