

November 9, 2025 / The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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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.

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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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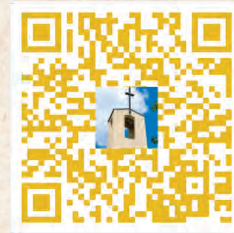
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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 8

4:00 pm Dennis Francis by Kathleen & Frank Eick
6:30 pm People of Parish

SUNDAY, November 9 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

8:30 am Nancy Ann Bialkowski
by Cheryl & Joe Scibetta
11:00 am Nella & Alfred Pettenati by Leslie Pettenati

MONDAY, November 10 Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

9:00 am Robert Bernethy Jr. by Vollmer Family

TUESDAY, November 11 Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10

12:00 pm Michael W. Dwyer by Janet Broda

WEDNESDAY, November 12 Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

9:00 am Nopphadon Jeinthanakanond
by Sunee & Mommas Earley

THURSDAY, November 13 Wis 7:22b—8:1;

Lk 17:20-25

12:00 pm James W. Moran Jr by John & Vala Cox

FRIDAY, November 14 Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

9:00 am Anna Susie Reichlen
by Cathy & Peter Sterling

SATURDAY, November 15

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

SUNDAY, November 16

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

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Consuelo Accomasso, Michael Alotta,
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Brian Martinez, Sal Pomara, Arthur Poor,
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Rob Truex, Elizabeth Valentine, Niko Franz

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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

Pilgrims of Hope – Stewardship Campaign

Over the next couple of weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming stewardship campaign "Pilgrims of Hope" at Church of St. John. This effort is very important as we move forward with our vision and mission of Church of St. John to Love God, Love People, Make Disciples.

We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our vision of empowering leaders and developing ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family and fellow parishioners reflecting on the work we do.

Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on **November 22 & 23**. If you have any questions regarding the "Pilgrims of Hope" stewardship campaign feel free to contact us at stjohnchurchmain@gmail.com

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace & Unity Around The World
by The Church of St. John
November 8, 2025 — November 14, 2025

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls' of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
November 8, 2025 — November 14, 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 5: Hope in the Resurrection

This week, the Church invites us to reflect not simply on a historic building, but on the deepest foundation of Christian hope: the Resurrection of Jesus and our share in his Risen Life. The St. John Lateran Basilica, known as the “Mother and Head” of all churches in the West, stands as a symbol of faith’s endurance and victory over fear and death. St. John Lateran is the Cathedral Church where the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) presides. For early Christians, the dedication of such a church marked a new chapter – public witness, freedom to worship, and unity in Christ.

Yet Jesus, upon entering the temple in Jerusalem, directs our attention beyond any structure of stone. When he drives out the merchants and foretells the Temple’s destruction and his own Resurrection: “**Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:19),**” he reveals that our ultimate hope is not in buildings, but in the living Presence of God. The true Temple is Christ himself; and through Baptism and the Eucharist, we too are made temples of the Holy Spirit. This reality challenges us to focus less on externals and more on our relationship with the Risen Lord.

Hope in the Resurrection is at the heart of our journey as Christians. Christ’s Resurrection is not a myth; it is the cornerstone of faith. **If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain**, St. Paul proclaims (1 Corinthians 15:17). Because Jesus lives, hope is not wishful thinking but an unshakable promise that death will never have the final word. The Resurrection is God’s answer to suffering, loss, and even the end of life itself. Those who believe in him are invited to a new way of living – a life marked by courage, freedom, and joy.

The Lateran Basilica’s feast reminds us that the Church is built not of marble, but of living stones – each believer who contributes to the community’s faith and witness. Our lives, shaped by the hope of Christ’s Resurrection, become signs for those who struggle or feel lost. When we forgive, encourage, or serve others out of faith, we make the risen Christ present in the world. In a culture often marked by cynicism or despair, the resurrection calls us to be people of unwavering hope.

This week, consider how resurrection hope can reshape fear, habits, relationships, and even our experience of suffering. Every Mass is an encounter with the Risen Christ; each Eucharist is a pledge that the living Jesus is with us and will fulfill every promise He has made. As we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us renew our own dedication: to be people who worship without fear, who share hope with others, and who carry the confidence of resurrection into all the world. We do not place our faith in buildings or people alone, but in the Lord who is Risen, who is among us, and who promises that one day, we too will rise.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. How does the St. John Lateran Basilica remind me that the Church is both a visible structure and a living body united in Christ?
2. In what ways does my life reflect hope in the Resurrection, especially in times of loss, discouragement, or suffering?
3. The St. John Lateran Basilica is a symbol of unity under the successor of Peter. How does hope in the Resurrection call me to work for unity and peace within the Church?
4. When I enter a church building, do I see it as a reminder of the heavenly home we are called to share through Christ's Resurrection?
5. Where in your life do you most need resurrection hope right now?

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