

Mass Times

Sunday
7am, 9am, 11:30am

Saturday
8am, 5pm Vigil

Monday-Friday
7am

Holy Days of Obligation
7am, 9am, 7pm

Confessions

Saturday 4pm-6pm,
and during Sunday Masses

*Also by appointment

Adoration

Monday-Friday
6am-7am

Saturday
6:30am-7:30am

Rosary

Monday-Friday
7:30am

Saturday
4:30pm

Sunday
6:30am

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Closed for Lunch
12:30pm - 1pm

St. John Francis Regis

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



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Deacon Ken Scheiber

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Vice Principal

Jonathan DeMauro

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Director of Religious

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Sunday Classes

Grades K-12
10:15am-11:15am

The program starts in
September and ends in May.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sjhollywood/ X @sjhollywood

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John Francis Regis Parish is to foster a family of faith,
built on **yesterday's** foundation, so that **today's** spirituality, service, and education
will continue to grow into **tomorrow's** Catholic community.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."



**St. Nicholas,
Pray for us!**

December 2: Bd. Jan van Ruysbroeck (1293-1381). Rhineland mystic whose books in the Brabant-Flemish dialect are extraordinary. He would spend hours in the forest where no human distraction came between his ear and the voice of God.

December 3: St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552). Venerate his relic at St. Mary's Ryken - come to think of it, I might swipe it for the 7:00am Mass here at St. John's and have it returned before classes begin at SMR. I like to imagine him at the age of 46 on the deserted island of Shang-chwan, 100 miles southwest of Hong Kong, dying alone with such zeal in his heart.

Saints Alive!

December 4: St. John Damascene (657-749) left his home in Damascus and became a monk of such brilliance - he took 5 centuries of Christian literature in Mar Saba and synthesized it into a remarkable work of theological depth.

Bd Adolf Kolping (1813-1865) would have been known by my great-grandfather in the factories of the Ruhrgebiet in Germany, as thousands on impoverished Catholics fled the failing farms for the promise and hope of industrial life; Adolf ministered to them all.

December 5: St. Nick Stenson (1638-1686) went from Danish Lutheran doctor of anatomy to Catholic bishop of Munster. His relic shrine is at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Florence/ What a conversion story!

December 6: St. Nicholas (270-343). I invite you to visit the Christian ruins of Myra in Turkey or the shrine relic in Bari in Italy to get a sense of the real St. Nick.

Bd Peter Pascual (1227-1300) was a bishop imprisoned in Granada for having preached to the Muslims. He was the 6th of his family to be recognized by the Church as canonized martyrs.

December 7: St. Ambrose (340-397) the man, the legend! Imagine bringing St Augustine to the baptismal font - and you get the radiant grace of this bishop. I have fervently prayed at his relic's shrine four times already.

“To everything there is a season...”

“A time to be born...”
Connor Ferguson

“A time to die, a time to mourn...”

“A time to embrace, a time to love...”

“A time to heal...”

“A time of peace and a time of war...”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.



Jordyn Rose O'Connor, Catherine Oden, Bill Parron, Jalen Penaflor, John & Ethel Pilkerton, Todd Raffo, Robin Poe, Frances Powers, Hannah Rainer, Maria Robey, Hal Richards, Suzanne Saurel, Shirley Johnson Sellner, Charlotte Silva, Rosemary Smith, Dave Stefanic, Danny Sweeney, Nancy Szewczyk, Lawrence Tippet, Gwennette Thomas, Taylor Theriot, William J. Trainor Sr, Alice Viverette, James Wallace, Ronnie Ward, Johnny Wathen, Laura Wible, Eleanor Wood, Jill Wood, Damian Worrell, Luzina Yorkshire, George Thompson

WO2 James M. Adkins USA;
Ray Alvey, USMC;
SFC Kyle Bennett, USA;
LTJG David Berlin, USN;
CPL Matthew Burgan, USMC;
PFC James Kelly Butler, USA;
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SrA Gregory M. Casanova, USAF;
Christopher Scott Childers, USA;
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LTJG Ryan Dishman, USN;
Sgt. Jack Dugan, USMC;
CDR Michael David Emerson, USCG.



**We are praying for our
military families at
home, and abroad.**

Parish Sacramental Life

BAPTISMS

The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with one of the priests and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

MARRIAGES

Couples seeking to be married in the Church are required to contact the parish office and make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

Please contact the rectory for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory when a parishioner would like to receive the sacraments and is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital.

O.C.I.A

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments are invited to contact the rectory at any time.

Upcoming Second Collections:

(Please make all checks payable to St. John's)

- ◆ December 8 - Retirement Fund for Religious
- ◆ December 15 - Christmas Flowers
- ◆ January 5 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 2 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 12 - St. John's Charitable Society

St. John's Confession Schedule

Saturday, December 7

Confessions will be offered from 4-4:45pm and during the 5pm Mass!

Sunday, December 8

Confessions will be offered at all Masses!



ST. JOHN'S CHARITABLE SOCIETY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saint John's Charitable Society

To learn more about SJCS, contact us at 240-298-7645 or email us at:

sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org

You can help build hope in your local community!

St. Aloysius Christmas Dinner

St. Aloysius Church will be hosting a free community Christmas dinner on **Christmas Day 2024 from 1pm to 4pm in the church hall located at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650**. All are welcome! Please help spread the word and celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone

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ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



December 1

Pancake Breakfast WITH SANTA!
8am-11am

December 6

Parish Christmas Party
6pm-9pm

December 9

Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 13

Riverside Brass Concert
MHC Gym
7pm

December 17

Advent Lessons and Carols
6pm

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses
4pm, 6pm, & Midnight

Daily Readings		Mass Intentions
Is	2:1-5	MONDAY, December 2 7:00am Earl Gatley+
Mt	8:5-11	
Is	11:1-10	TUESDAY, December 3 7:00am Bernard J. Murphy+
Lk	10:21-24	
Is	25:6-10a	WEDNESDAY, December 4 7:00am Alice Reichel+
Mt	15:29-37	
Is	26:1-6	THURSDAY, December 5 9:00am Ryan Cannon (L)
Mt	7:21, 24-27	
Is	29:17-24	FRIDAY, December 6 7:00am Nicholas and Anthony Pacini (L)
Mt	9:27-31	
Is	30:19-21, 23-26	SATURDAY, December 7 8:00am Anne Galgano (L)
Mt	9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	5:00pm Dottie Moorefield+ and Dorothy Raley+
Bar	5:1-9	SUNDAY, December 8 7:00am St. John's Parishioners
Phil	1:4-6, 8-11	9:00am Danny Marinari+
Lk	3:1-6	11:30am Betty and Bill Sharpe+

+ Deceased (L) Living

St. John's 2024 Angel Giving Tree

This is a great way to share your blessings with others in the community by providing gifts and much needed items. You may use the QR code to link directly to our Sign Up Genius page to participate:



For questions, please email: sjcs givingtree@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber

12/3 Catholic Missions in Korea

7 pm - St. Jude Room - Msgr. Harris Center

12/10 Our Duties to Immigrants

12/17 Is There No Salvation Outside of the Church?

1/7 Racism and Catholic Teaching

HOUSE BLESSINGS - If you would like your home blessed, please call our parish office at 301-373-2281 to make an appointment with Father Ray or Father Braam.

God Bless this Home and All Who Enter



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
Closed daily for Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:00pm
 Parish Office Phone Number: 301-373-2281
 Jackie Cannon/Secretary: cannonj@sjhollywood.org
 Matt Uzdavinis/Office Manager: mattuzdavinis@sjhollywood.org

We are here for you!

CATHOLIC CEMETERY needs your help to maintain the beauty and dignity of the sacred ground by following the cemetery regulations:

- * Fresh flowers are welcome all year.
- * Artificial flowers allowed only from November 15 until March 15.
- * Flowers of any type will be removed by the cemetery grounds keeper when they become unsightly or the particular season/holiday is over.
- * Other decorations such as glass containers, candles, lights, metal staffs, benches or chairs, etc. are prohibited and subject to immediate removal.
- * Individual planting of trees, shrubs, flowers etc. are not allowed.
- * Please keep it simple - excess items may be removed.
- * Consult our office for specific memorial rules and regulations in the cemetery.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Christmas Eve 2024 Masses at St. John's will be held at 4pm and 6pm this year. Christmas Day Masses will resume as normal beginning with Midnight Mass!
Please adjust your Christmas Eve plans accordingly!

Join "Formed"! Free to St. John's Parishioners.

FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone!

Go to formed.org, click "Sign up as a Parishioner," enter either our zip code (20636) or St John Francis Regis, enter your name and email address, and then start enjoying the free Catholic movies, books, podcasts and talks, bible studies, and much more content.

St. John's Annual Parish Christmas Party

Please join us for our annual parish Christmas party!

When: December 6, 2024
Where: Monsignor Harris Gym
Time: 6pm-9pm

Also, NOTE: Santa will be visiting our parish for the pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 1! This is a great opportunity for pictures and for kids to meet St. Nick!



REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS - Parishioners are able to request that the priest offers the Mass for a particular intention.

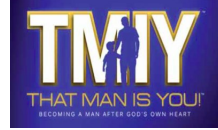
Mass Intentions are for: *a person who is deceased* a living person who is sick or suffering* on the occasion of a person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasions *in thanksgiving* for a prayer intention (as long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching) Please call the office for more information at 301-373-2281. Mass cards are also available. *a donation of \$10 per Mass intention is appreciated.*

Call us for your 2025 Mass Intentions! January through March 2025 are already booked!

***If more than one intention is requested, please email: cannonj@sjchollywood.org**



Fiat! In conjunction with Paradisus Dei will start Season One Masterpiece of Creation, a bible study designed for women. For more info: tavarez5@att.net



That Man Is You (2 Samuel 12:7)

Saturdays @ 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM
Monsignor Harris Center



St. John's Men's Ministry Group (SJMGM) Fortes in Fide exists to serve the spiritual needs of men, single & married. Saturdays @ 6:45am St. Jude's Rm

Contact: Dan Seep, 757-291-0262,
Derseep@hotmail.com
Proverbs 27:17

Green Team Tips Plan your meals to include lots of different colors in your fruit and vegetables. Shop at least once a week to add those fresh fruits and fresh vegetables. Plan at least one meatless supper each week.

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Looking for a convenient way to donate to St. John's?

- Ways to give: Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD116>
- Text :ENROLL" to (301) 579-7955
- Call Customer Service at (866) 507-8757
- Scan the QR Code:



2024-2025 WARM St. John's Participation

- WARM is a winter sheltering program sustained by the faith community of St. Mary's County
- Volunteers needed:
 - When: 31 Dec 2024 to 5 Jan 2025
 - Where: Camp Maria
 - Contact Mary McGlenn at (240)298-7645
 - View volunteer slots in Signup Genius under warm@sjchollywood.org or use the QR code:



“The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.”

– St. John Paul II

Bulletin Requests

Contact the parish office with any bulletin inserts or announcements **10 days prior to that bulletin date.**

Please include any images to add in your email. ***Please note, we have a limited amount of space.** We do not have room for full page flyers or documents.

Email announcements and inserts to: mattuzdavinis@sjchollywood.org

