

## 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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12:30pm - 1pm

# St. John Francis Regis

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Pastor

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt  
schmidtr@sjchollywood.org

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ryan J. Braam  
braamr@sjchollywood.org

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Deacon Ken Scheiber

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Joseph Stanalonis  
Dylan Young  
Christian Davis

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Gabriel Ichniowski - FOCUS Missionaries

Website: [saintjohnsparishhollywood.org](http://saintjohnsparishhollywood.org)

### School

#### Principal

Susan McDonough

#### Vice Principal

Jonathan DeMauro

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### Director of Religious

#### Education

Rich Olon  
rolon@sjchollywood.org

#### Sunday Classes

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

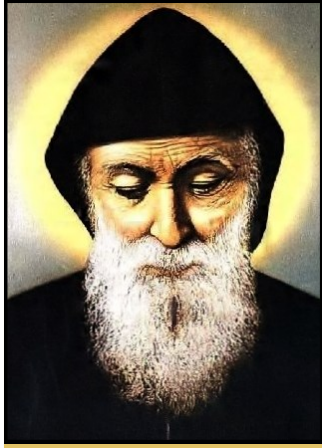
The program starts in  
September and ends in May.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/](http://www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/) X @sjchollywood

### 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. Sharbel  
Makhlof,  
Pray for us!**

**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.



**Dec 23: St. Margaret d'Youville** (1701-1771) an unhappily married frontier woman (her husband was a fur trader who illegally sold booze to the Native Americans). She seems caught on fire for the faith when her husband died. She became a religious sister of a new congregation: "les soeurs grises".

**Dec 24: St. Sharbel Makhlof** (1828-1898). From the highest snowy mountains of Lebanon near the great cedars, this poor shepherd became a mystical Maronite monk and sang Mass in the Aramaic language of Jesus. Great healings and miracles still abound to this day.

**Dec 25: St. Peter Nolasco** (1256+) ransomed a great number of Christian slaves from the hands of the Muslim captors. He founded the Mercedarian Order (merced is the Spanish word for ransom)

## Saints Alive!

for this sole purpose. St. Raymund was his associate in all decisions.

**Dec 26: St. Stephen Martyr** (34+) was a Hellenist Jewish deacon of the earliest church in Jerusalem (his name Stephanos in Greek means crown) was stoned to death for his bold proclamation of the gospel. His tomb was rediscovered in 415 and the church has celebrated this feast on this day from these ancient times.

**Dec 27: St. John the Evangelist** (c. 100). How this one was transformed from a boanerges (Son of Thunder) to a 'beloved disciple' is one of the mysteries of the faith. The focus in all Johannine literature is agape (love).

**Dec 28: Holy Innocents.** But wait! We have remembered the children of Bethlehem on this date since the 5th century, "as rosebuds in a whirling storm." (Prudentius) .

What about **St. Gaspar del Bufalo** (1786 -1837)? I love this dude – and I go to the shrine to venerate his relics whenever I go to the Trevi fountain in the daytime at S.Maria in Trivio. He was nicknamed a "spiritual earthquake" and "hammer of

sectarians". His preaching brought about large-scale and dramatic emotional conversions in Rome. He is also called the "greatest apostle of devotion to the precious blood of Jesus and founded an order of missionary priests for this purpose.

**Dec 29: St. Thomas à Becket** (1118-1170). The conversion of this worldly chancellor into a holy Archbishop of Canterbury is extraordinary. He was assassinated in his own cathedral and became the shining model for all clerics who challenge worldly political power. King Henry the VIII quickly destroyed his shrine in 1538 for fear that it would inspire other upstarts/traitors!

### *"To everything there is a season..."*

**"A time to be born..."**

**"A time to die, a time to mourn..."**

**"A time to embrace, a time to love..."**

Jorge Secada-Llovio & Blanca Arlyn Marquez Carrillo

**"A time to heal..."**

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

**"A time of peace and a time of war..."**

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;  
1stLT. John F. Callaghan II, USMC  
SrA Gregory M. Casanova, USAF;  
Christopher Scott Childers, USA;  
SPC Michael J. Choffy, USA;  
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 25 - Christmas
- ◆ January 1 - Solemnity of Mary
- ◆ January 5 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 2 - St. John's Revitalization Fund
- ◆ February 12 - St. John's Charitable Society
- ◆ More Coming Soon!

### St. John's Confession Schedule

#### Saturday, December 28

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

#### Sunday, December 29

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](mailto: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

TO SIGN UP, TEXT

**SJFLOCK**  
to 84576

SIGN UP ONLINE AT:

[stjohnfrancisregisparish.flocknote.com](http://stjohnfrancisregisparish.flocknote.com)

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## ST. JOHN'S EVENTS



#### December 23-January 1

Rectory Office Closed  
Christmas Break

#### December 24

Christmas Eve Masses  
4pm, 6pm, & Midnight

#### December 25

Christmas Day  
Masses: 7am and 11:30am

#### January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation

#### January 6

St. John's School Resumes

#### January 24

March for Life  
Washington D.C.

Daily Readings		Mass Intentions
Mal Lk	3:1-4, 23-24 1:57-66	<b>MONDAY, December 23</b> 7:00am Michelle Braam+
2 Sam Lk	7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 1:67-79	<b>TUESDAY, December 24</b> 4:00pm Paul and Salley Pellegrino+ 6:00pm Joe and Dorothy Clark+
Is Heb Jn	52:7-10 1:1-6 1:1-18	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 25</b> 12:00am St. John's Parishioners 7:00am Dorothy Ann Davidson+ and Janice Perkins+ 11:30am Terry and Michael Sweeney+
Acts Mt	6:8-10, 7:54-59 10:17-22	<b>THURSDAY, December 26</b> 7:00am Robin McGolrick+
1 Jn Jn	1:1-4 20:1a, 2-8	<b>FRIDAY, December 27</b> 7:00am Mike Wathen+
1 Jn Mt	1:5—2:2 2:13-18	<b>SATURDAY, December 28</b> 8:00am Charles Murphy+ 5:00pm Robert Garner Family+
Sir Col Lk	3:2-6, 12-14 3:12-21 2:41-52	<b>SUNDAY, December 29</b> 7:00am St. John's Parishioners 9:00am Rev. James Holloway+ 11:30am Joey McCaffrey (L) and Addison Prophet (L)

**St. John's  
Christmas Mass Schedule:**

**Tues, December 24**  
4:00pm  
6:00pm

**Wed, December 25**  
12:00am Midnight  
7:00am  
11:30am

**Wed, January 1**  
**HOLY DAY OF**  
**OBLIGATION:**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother**  
**of God**  
12/31: 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
1/1: 7:00am and 9:00am

**TUESDAY**  
**Apologetics with Deacon Ken Scheiber**

**Apologetics Will Resume on January 7!**

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

1/7 Racism and Catholic Teaching

1/14 The Right to Life

1/21 Obedience and Rebellion

**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*



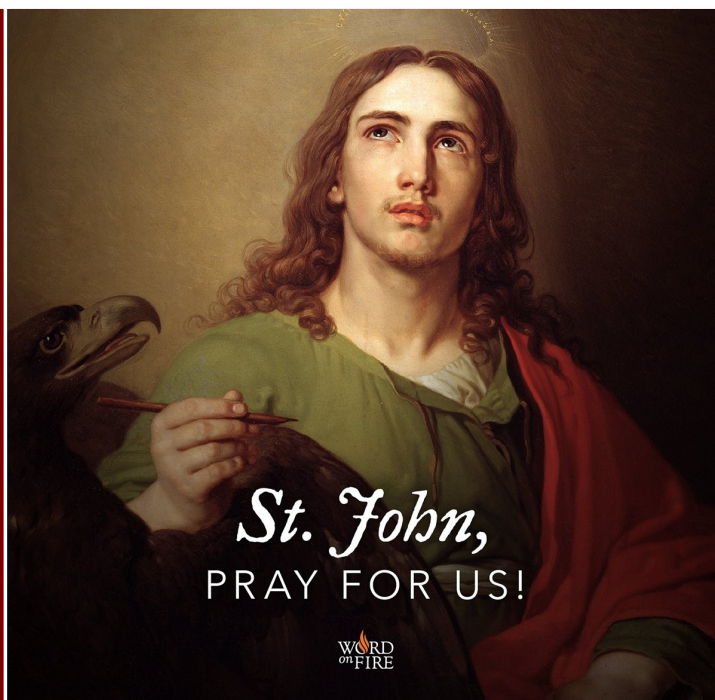
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm  
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**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.



*St. John,*  
PRAY FOR US!

WORD  
on FIRE

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 14-16, 2025 in Jessup, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at [applications@moments4marriage.org](mailto:applications@moments4marriage.org) or 301-500-0871.

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Many thanks to the parishioners of St. John's and St. John's Charitable Society for the tremendous support of the Food Pantry at St. Aloysius Church.

From October 2023 through September 2024, the Southern Maryland community has provided over 16,000 pounds of food. The donations provided the food pantry with the ability to serve 791 families (2,084 individuals).

Your donations also contributed to Senior community residents by making monthly food deliveries to those in need of assistance. Again, thank you for all for the blessings of your donations to those in need in our community.

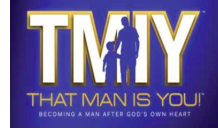
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
Please join us as we adorn our Church for Christmas!

Help is needed on the following dates:  
SET UP (PHASE 1) – SUN., 15 DEC 2024 (Begin at 2:00 PM)  
SET UP (PHASE 2) – TUE., 24 DEC 2024 (Begin at 8:00 AM after Rosary)  
BREAKDOWN – SUN., 12 JAN 2025 (Begin after 11:30 AM Mass)

For more info, contact Keri Davis, Art & Environment Ministry Lead  
240.299.5330 / [Keri22Davis@gmail.com](mailto:Keri22Davis@gmail.com)



**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](mailto: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](mailto:Derseep@hotmail.com)  
Proverbs 27:17

**Green Team Tips** The SJ Household Green Team wishes you and yours a peaceful and joyous Christmas, rejoice as the Christ Child is born to us.

“The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.”  
-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

“O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity.”  
-St. Anthony of Padua



**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](mailto:warm@sjchollywood.org) or use the QR code:



**Sign up for FaithDirect Today!**

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- 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:

**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](mailto:mattuzdavinis@sjchollywood.org)

