

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## Visitation

**Chapel of the Blessed Mother**  
Spend time in prayer and reflection  
from 6:00 AM till 8:00 PM  
Monday through Saturday

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## February 19, 2012— Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation should begin before the child is born. All expecting parents and parents of newborn children are asked to enroll themselves in our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Baptism preparation is our Pre-Jordan class (2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room). Baptisms are usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:00 PM. Please contact the Rectory office for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday  
Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM  
All Year: 8:00 AM  
Sunday  
7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM  
Weekdays  
Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM  
Holy Days  
Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM  
(Also see Church bulletin)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
Other times by appointment

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Fridays: 3:00 PM in the Chapel

### BLUE ARMY DEVOTION

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The R.C.I.A. is a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. For information contact Sister Mary Ellen Diehl, at mediehl@stjohnpa.org

### PREP-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

K-8: Sunday 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM  
K-8: Monday 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: from after Mass until 6:50 PM

Dear Friends,

Today we hear the familiar and moving story of the healing of the paralytic. The account is moving and significant on many levels. The story begins with notice that Jesus' reputation has been growing. He is now back in Capernaum and many people gather to see Him, so much so, that they can not fit into the house where He is. Four men carry a paralytic to see Jesus. They can not approach and enter the house in the normal course because the house is so crowded so they seek an alternative entrance. Here they improvise and take the roof off the house so that they can lower their friend down to the level where Jesus is located. Jesus sees this and responds to their action. Saint Mark specifically tells us that Jesus sees "their faith." He notices not just the faith of the paralytic but also of the four men carrying him. Now he speaks "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus, moved by the faith of these men, responds with compassion for the paralyzed friend and offers mercy and forgiveness.

The scribes are incredulous at the words of Jesus as they say "Who but God alone can forgive sins?" The evangelist tells us that Jesus knew exactly what they were thinking so He says "Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'" Here we see the question of Jesus' authority come to the fore once again. You may remember a few weeks ago in Chapter 1 of Mark the notice was given that the people were 'amazed' and 'astonished' at Jesus' authority. We have seen that authority manifest in Jesus' teaching, His healings, in expelling demons, and over nature. Now we see Jesus' authority to forgive. Indeed, the scribes are right that this is an authority properly divine. How can Jesus say this? Does He have the authority He claims? Perhaps these were the questions in the mind of these scribes. Yet Jesus' authority is not one only of words but of deed. Saint Mark then tells us He says to the paralytic "Rise, pick up your mat and go home!" And indeed that is just what the man does.

Imagine the joy of the man and his four companions. Here the paralytic who was bound by a physical impairment was now restored to health. Here the man who had to rely on others just to be mobile was now empowered to move himself. Here the man who bound to a stretcher was now loosed. Here the man who was dependent for everything is now free. The faith of the these men in Jesus is profound. If they can only get their friend to Jesus then he will be helped.

The Gospel passage reminds us of God's immense love and concern for the needy; in this case the paralytic who needs healing. In our lives we are regularly in need of healing. The First Reading for today's Mass comes from the Prophet Isaiah. Here the Lord promises to do something new in the life of Israel. He says "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" In other parts of the Scriptures the salvific events of the past are significant and memory of these events is often encouraged to keep focus on the Lord's presence. Yet here this is not the case. The promised forgiveness of sins is greater than the past events even as great as they are in themselves. The Lord promises "It is I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more." Jesus fulfills this hope of Israel. This is symbolized in His cure of the paralytic – "Your sins are forgiven" – and accomplished through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

Lent begins this upcoming week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Many times the seasons of Lent is considered a "retreat" period for the Church. The traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three ways to "keep" the season and to "go to the desert" with Jesus in preparation for our annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery during the Holy Triduum. The parish is providing many opportunities during the season – see below for more information. May our Lenten observances bring us to a deeper awareness of the reality of God's love and the immensity of His mercy.

God bless,

Monsignor Prior

### **Prayer Reflections and Family Faith Sharing**

A Prayer Suggestion while reading the Sunday Gospel for the First Week of Lent. Mark 1:12-14. Jesus is tempted 3 times in the desert. "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." **Reflect:** *How are you like Jesus when He was in the desert and tempted by the devil? Write it down, share it.*

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

Millions of Catholics participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl and join in the Lenten Activities. Your family donations help the poor around the world. **Mark your calendar:** Poor Persons Supper will be Wednesday, March 14th. Watch the bulletin **for more information!**



Catholic Relief Services  
Operation Rice Bowl

### **Stations of the Cross**

Come and join us in prayer on Friday evenings during the Lenten Season for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in Church. The Rosary will be prayed after the Stations.



### **Adult Faith Formation**

**A Biblical Walk through the Mass**, Thursday mornings 10:00– 11:30 AM on March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th then again Saturday mornings 10:30– 12:00 Noon, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. **The Passion According to Saint John**, Tuesday evenings on February 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. **Check the parish website [stjohnpa.org](http://stjohnpa.org) for more information!**

### **Confessions**

#### **St. John the Evangelist**

Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

#### **Lenten Parish Penance Services**

All begin at 7:30 PM

Monday, April 2, 2012—Saint John the Evangelist

Tuesday, April 3, 2012—Saint Ignatius, Yardley

Wednesday, April 4, 2012—Our Lady of Grace, Pennel

### **Gifts for Mass**



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If you are having an intention said for a Sunday Mass, and are attending that Mass, please let one of the ushers know upon your arrival at church so that you may bring the gifts up to the altar.

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**WHAT'S 'OLD' & WHAT'S 'NEW'?****The New Translation of Eucharist Prayer III**

(The first third of Eucharistic Prayer III was included in last week's bulletin.)

*In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying: **Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me.** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.*

**Hosts for Celiac Disease**

For anyone who suffers from Celiac Disease there are hosts that are made by a Monastery with permission from Rome. If needed, please notify Monsignor Prior or Monsignor Ricci in the sacristy before Mass.

**Prayer Request**

Please pray for Ron Baker who is in need of a kidney transplant. The family is hoping and praying that someone with Type "O" blood will come forward as a donor. If anyone is able to help, please contact Ron's wife, Patti Baker, 215.369.9477. Thank You!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Charles Andrews, Betty Ann, Edita Asuncion, Rachel Bartuski, Anthony Bonanno, John Brady, Mary C., Casey Cahill, Alice Carlin, Mary Ciboldi, Emilie Coburn, James Comfort, Luis Cordero, Nina Marie D'Alessandro, Thomas Deckert, Patricia Devaney, Arlene DiGirolamo, Maragrita Dimas, Jason Fazio, Kristine Edith Ford, Charles Gasper, Christine Goulet, David Haeussler, Mary Hirsch, Frank Hoenisch, Peg Howe, Steve Inciardi, Louise Kane, Mrs. Kennedy, Frances Kotnarowski, Catherine Kozak, Diane Ledes, Ann M., Annette Macecevic, Cathy Mannino, Tony Martelli, Cassidy Grace McVan, Riley Inez McVan, Carol Miller, Carolyn Muller, Lisa Nagle, Vic Napolitano, Mary Carmella Neumann, Erin Marie Nowack, Dierdre Parikh, Kim Pepper, Laura Pilgren, Bob Powell, Baby Ryan, Martina Sculley, Catherine Sprowls, Rita Stine, Kathryn and Antonio Taddei, Samuel J. Valeri, Derrick Warren, Anne Welsh, Ryan White, Kathleen Whitesell, and the residents of Manor Care and Arden Court.

**Saint of the Week****St. Polycarp, February 23**

Imagine being able to sit at the feet of the apostles and walking where Jesus walked. To hear their stories of life with Jesus from their own lips. St. Polycarp was able to do this as a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist. But being part of the second generation of Church leaders had challenges that the first generation could not teach about. What did you do when those eyewitnesses were gone? How do you carry on the correct teachings of Jesus? How do you answer new questions that never came up before? With the apostles gone, heresies sprang up pretending to be true teaching, persecution was strong, and controversies arose over how to celebrate liturgy that Jesus never laid down rules for. St. Polycarp was most instrumental in the beginning of the early church teachings and liturgy. At 86 years old Polycarp was taken to be persecuted. When he was tied up to be burned at the stake, Polycarp prayed, *"Lord God Almighty, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have received knowledge of You, God of angels and powers, of the whole creation and of the whole race of the righteous who live in Your sight, I bless You, for having made me worthy of this day and hour, I bless You, because I may have a part, along with the martyrs, in the chalice of Your Christ, to resurrection in eternal life, resurrection both of soul and body in the incorruptibility of the Holy Spirit. May I be received today, as a rich and acceptable sacrifice, among those who are in Your presence, as You have prepared and foretold and fulfilled, God who is faithful and true. For this and for all benefits I praise You, I bless you, I glorify You, through the eternal and heavenly High Priest, Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, through whom be to you with Him and the Holy Spirit glory, now and for all the ages to come. Amen."* His body would not burn so the soldiers stabbed him to death.

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**Mass Intentions for the Week****Sunday, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Stanley Popowich requested by his family  
9:30 AM Florence, John and Jack Oberc requested by the Bittner Family  
11:30 AM All Parishioners

**Monday, February 20: Weekday**

8:00 AM Lawrence J. Higgins requested by Donna and Jim Higgins

**Tuesday, February 21: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM Mary Miller requested by the Rizzuto Family

**Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM Agnes Harrigan requested by the Meyer Family  
9:00 AM L. Thomas Campbell requested by his wife, Lois  
4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes  
7:00 PM John F. Higgins requested by Donna and Jim Higgins

**Thursday, February 23: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 AM Mary Scarano requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Boyle

**Friday, February 24: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Mary and Alexander Schertler requested by Elizabeth Norton

**Saturday, February 25: Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Patrick Rice requested by his niece, Maureen Kirlin

**Sunday, February 26: First Sunday of Lent**

5:30 PM (Vigil) All Parishioners  
7:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by the Meyer Family  
9:30 AM John F. Tietbohl requested by Sue Gaydula  
11:30 AM Matthew Graves requested by Joan, Kathy and Jenna

## Organization of the Week

### 31 Club

The 31 Club was established to increase awareness for the need of prayers for all priests and religious. We need to have daily reminders of the need for prayers for our pastoral leaders. We offer prayers in the daily missals in church. By the reminders in the missals, we encourage private prayers from all our parishioners. We also offer monthly Masses for the intentions of our priests and religious. Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves to the prayer cards in the missals and in the vestibule of the church. *Marie DiDonato.*



### WE REMEMBER

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers the men and women in our armed forces serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other troubled areas throughout the world:

**Parishioners:** Capt. Ann Kozlowski, LT Col. Brian E. Kasprzyk, SPC Daniel Rivera

**Non-Parishioners:** Capt. Joseph M. Alexander, Capt. Philip Lukens, Second Lieutenant Steven Biggs, Airman 1st Class Christian Blaydon, SPC Matthew Walkup

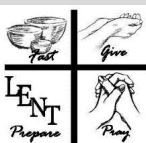
Also remember in your prayers the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation:

**Parishioner:** SFC William J. Maher, III

**Non-Parishioners:** PFC Christopher Warren Lotter, PFC Nathaniel DeTampel

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered to children, ages 5 to 9 years old, during our Sunday, 11:30 Masses, except for holiday weekends. All children are welcome.



### Fast and Abstinence And Other Acts of Penance for Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. In addition, the Church encourages participation at Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist daily, frequent celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. Also please participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

### Eighth Grade Support

St. John's 8th grade class has several events planned to mark their passage from SJE to high school.... Please support our 8th graders by participating in their raffle. Tickets are \$5 and 1st prize is \$250! Purchase chances outside Mass on weekends or call Trish Farrell at 215.295.2311.

## Parish Organizations

**ADORATION SOCIETY:** Maria DiDonato, Deacon Jim Hartmann 215.321.2472

**AID FOR FRIENDS:** Mary Africa, 215.428.9581

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Monsignor Prior, 215.295.4102

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE:** Cathy & Joe McLean, 215.736.1549

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Barbara Hagerty, 215.493.2173

**BLESSED COUNTERS:** Christine Porta-Heaton, 215.295.4102

**CYO ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Stephen Bontempo, 215.428.2880

**DISASTRA ADVOCATE:** Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017

**EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Chuck Meyrick, 215.321.3346

**FAITH IN ACTION CAREGIVERS:** Terry DiGiovanna, 215.295.8295; Ginny McNeil, 215.295.2117

**GIRL SCOUTS:** Bridget Melanson, 215.321.1561

**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:** Amanda Conmy 215.736.8468

**HOSPITALITY/BAKERY BASKET:** Ann Damron, 215.736.3527

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7515:** Grand Knight, Albert M. DiGregorio, Jr. 855.753.7515

**LECTORS:** Jim Higgins, 215.860.1240

**MEN'S FAITH SHARE:** Vince Bodnar, 215.321.5155

**MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** Lucy Fronheiser, 267.573.9499

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Monsignor Joseph G. Prior

**PRAYER NETWORK:** Lisa Petrino, 215.295.6468

**RENEW:** Tom Burke, 215.337.8162

**RESPECT LIFE:** Ed Barry, 215.295.4335

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:** Diane Coyle, 215.493.8472

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Jim Karkosak, 215.493.3463

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Joseph Grayeske, 267.391.7693  
youthministries@stjohnpa.org

### Ministry of Hospitality: Ushers/Greeters

We would like to continue to make our parish a source and model of hospitality. If you are interested in being part of the Ministry of Hospitality please contact Jim Karkosak at 215.493.3463, or Sister Mary Ellen Diehl at 215.295.4102. Women as well as men are welcome!

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### February 26th: First Sunday of Lent

Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading, reflecting and praying the readings with family and friends.

Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15



### Visiting the Sick

If you have a family member who is sick, in the hospital, at home or in a Nursing Home and they would like a short friendly visit by one of our members, please call the Rectory at 215.295.4102.

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# St. John the Evangelist School



## *SJES Team Receives Accolades 2012 National Future City Competition*



The team from Grade 7 & 8 Advanced Math entered the National Future City Competition on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. St. John was one of 42 teams from three states competing.

Our SJES students won the award for the "Best Use of Technology in Transportation" from the Intelligent Transportation Society of Pennsylvania. Our team was named one of the top four models in the competition, and was invited to display the model at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition of the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering held at Citizens Bank Park on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Food and tours of the Phillies stadium were enjoyed by all!

Our student speakers were **Diana Carl**, **Michael Petrino**, and **Bridget O'Reilly**. Our computer expert was **Marissa Abel**. The Future City Competition involves a year of preparation to complete the computer model, an essay on green energy, the physical model, and the student speeches. The team's engineer mentor was **Mr. John Rinkus** and faculty moderator was **Mrs. Alicia Rinkus**.

Congratulations to our students and their advisors!

### *CYO LATEST and GREATEST*

#### *Sr. High Youth Group Volleyball League*

First open Gym, February 27th at St. John the Evangelist!

#### *Stuebenville 2012*

June 22nd-25th. It is open to all 8th-12th graders. Perhaps you have heard of it, or perhaps not. But it is an incredibly fun weekend full of speakers, music, adoration, Mass, honesty, fun, and a road trip!! I promise you, if you are a teen or know a teen, you want to go on this retreat at least once. You will definitely will want to go back.....

#### *Planning Items*

World Youth Day 2013 is a great event that will be held in Rio De Janiero with Pope Benedict and over 1,000,000 young Catholics from around the world. I am looking to gauge interest for this event this spring. Email me at [youth-ministries@stjohnpa.org](mailto:youth-ministries@stjohnpa.org) if you are interested.

#### *Box Tops For Education*



Box Tops for Education benefits our school in many ways. It's **FREE**, and so easy to participate. Just cut the box top from the box/container and drop them in the "yellow" box in the vestibule of the church on your way in or out of Mass. Our school librarian, Mrs. Ewing, manages the program for St. John the Evangelist School. Please refer to your list of products that have a "box top" coupon on them. You won't believe the products you are already using that have these "tops". For more information please call our school at 215.295.0629.



## *9th Annual Jimmy V Tournament Events, February 23-26, 2012*

*February 23rd –26th*

*St. John the Evangelist Parish Center*

**Thursday Night:** Opening Night, Pep Rally and Skills Competition

**Friday Night:** Dedication Ceremony; past families of honorees speak; Games

**Saturday:** Games and speech by Peg Howe, our honoree

**Sunday:** Games; Special Olympic games; HS alumni game  
*Throughout the weekend there will also be silent auction items to be bid on and our "B.E.A.T. Cancer" Education Initiative will have an information table and support.*

This event is sponsored by the Philadelphia Friends of V, a local chapter that is made up of parents, coaches, players and friends of St. John's CYO basketball program which supports the National V Foundation for Cancer Research. The highlight of the event is Saturday night when we recognize an individual or family from the community who has been affected by this dreaded disease. This year's event is dedicated in loving support of Peg Howe, a long-time volunteer of the Jimmy V events. Peg is a native of Lower Makefield and has been a member of the parish since 1990. Mother to Kylie, now a sophomore at PHS she has served the parish by volunteering on St. John's CYO track team and also co-chairing on the Enrichment Committee at St. John's school while her daughter was a student. Peg was diagnosed in the winter of 2011 with uterine cancer after a pap smear came back positive. She underwent surgery in May followed by six months of chemotherapy. She holds a doctorate in family and consumer sciences from Iowa State University and works as a high school family and consumer science teacher at Freehold Township High School in New Jersey. She returned to work in November 2011 and is still under a doctor's care and maintenance program at the University of Pennsylvania. She urges women to be diligent in getting annual checkups and in seeking out the best care for treatment if there is a problem. "Do not stop at one doctor; go out and seek the best."

**We still need items to add to our General Raffle and Silent Auction! No donation is too big or too small – and our Jimmy V Alumni Team will even drive over to pick items up!** If there are any questions or to donate items, please contact Karen Kelbaugh at [karenk@phillyfriendsofv.org](mailto:karenk@phillyfriendsofv.org) or 215.321.7063. Visit our website [www.phillyfriendsofv.org](http://www.phillyfriendsofv.org) for more information, schedules, and volunteer opportunities. The continued success of this parish event needs you. Thank you!

#### *Knights Of Columbus College Scholarship*

If you are a 3rd or 4th degree Knight and have a son or daughter attending college in the Fall of 2012, they may be eligible to receive a scholarship. Please Contact the Knights at 855.SJE.7515 for an application.

## **Human Concerns**

### **Social Concerns Committee**

Thank you for the items donated, so far, for our Code Blue mission. Outstanding needs are socks, sweats (any size) and dry breakfast food. Please prayerfully consider these needs? Nights can be very cold! All donations may be placed in the marked basket in St Gianna's Room.

Our Prison Ministry is in need of Bibles and calendars. Many women prisoners are searching to heal. Donations may guide another toward God. Please place items in the donation basket.

Save the Date! Our Rice Bowl Supper will be held on Wednesday, 3/14/12. We hope to see you there. "...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." Luke 15:7

### **Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities**

"We must recognize and appreciate the contributions that persons with disabilities can make to the Church's spiritual life and encourage them to do the Lord's work in the world according to their God-given talents and capacity." (U.S Catholic Bishops) If you know of anyone seeking inclusion in the life of the Church, please contact Kathy at 215.736.8017.

The Annual Archdiocesan Celebration honoring the gifts of persons with disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila. Archbishop Chaput, O.F.M.Cap, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following Mass. Parish participation is encouraged for all aspects of the Mass and reception. RSVP 215.587.3530 email jlavende@adphila.org or visit www.archphila.org. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Mark 9:7

### **FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR LENT**

Do you wonder why and what we say and do during the Liturgy? If so, the five-part Biblical Walk Through the Mass study is for you! You will go deep into the Scriptural roots of the Mass. Sessions are on Thursday mornings and repeated on Saturday mornings. The Passion According to John, presented by Monsignor Prior, will explore this centerpiece of the Good Friday liturgy. Prepare for the Paschal Triduum by looking more deeply into the suffering and triumph that reveals our Lord's love for each of us. Five Tuesday evenings during Lent. For information call Marie Schwartz at 215.736.2452 or visit The Faith Explorer at stjohnpa.info.

### **Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass**

St John the Evangelist Council 7515, will remember their deceased brother knights at a Memorial Mass on Sunday, March 11, at 11:30 AM. Family members of deceased knights are requested to contact Len Kuchera at 215.295.3037 to confirm current mailing address and phone number. Additional information will be sent in February to these family members.

### **Spirit Filled Yoga**

Continues February 17th and March 2nd. For further information on the class visit www.stjohnpa.info to register or call Marie Schwartz at 215.736.2452.

### **Sign up for St. Johns 2012 Track**

Register online at [Wagdogs.com](http://Wagdogs.com). Sign up for a free Wagdogs account and then click "register for a league". Look for the link to St. John the Evangelist and follow the steps to register your child in the proper age and gender group. For more details go to stjohnpa.org or call John Perdoch at 215.321.2330.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Stand up for the Church**

#### **Contact your Representatives Now**

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops have once again rejected the position put forth by the Administration. Please visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference website at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) to learn how to contact your federal Representative and Senators. Write them, call them, visit them -- and help them understand the deep resistance of Pennsylvania Catholics to this dangerous ruling. Please also visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to learn more about the latest stance of the Bishops and the attack on religious conscience. We all need to work to reverse the Administration's decision. This ruling interferes with the very edicts of the Church and separation of Church and State. Your action on this issue matters -- not just today but for many years to come; and in ways that will shape the ability of the Church to witness the Gospel publicly through her ministries well into the future. Our Church depends on you to sustain it for future generations.

### **URGENT: Contact your Legislators**

#### **In Support of School Choice**

We need to channel our energy into this effort so that Pennsylvania's education system will be more just and equitable. Visit [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) and ask your legislators to support school Choice.

### **Villa Victoria Academy Information Session**

Villa Victoria Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls located in Ewing, NJ will host an Information Session for anyone interested in applying for grades Pre-K through 6 for 2012-2013 on Thursday, March 1 beginning at 9:00 AM. Visit [www.villavictoria.org](http://www.villavictoria.org) or call 609.882.1700, ext. 19 for more information.

### **Pilgrimage to Rome June 25 — July 2, 2012**

The archdiocese of Philadelphia is sponsoring a trip on the occasion of the Conferral of the Pallium on Archbishop Chaput. Major sites such as Rome and Assisi and Mass with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's square are included. For more information contact Maria Michalik, at 800.727.1999, or by email [mmichalik@ctscentral.net](mailto:mmichalik@ctscentral.net).

### **Weekly Mass with Archbishop Chaput**

Archbishop Chaput is hearing confession and celebrating Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul each Sunday. All are welcome to attend! Confessions are heard at 5:30 PM followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. The Cathedral is located at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway; Philadelphia, PA 19103. Archbishop Chaput's homilies from all Masses celebrated at the Cathedral can be downloaded as an mp3 file at [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org). Archbishop Chaput's official Facebook page: [facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput](http://facebook.com/ArchbishopChaput).