



ST•JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us." 1 John 1:3

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CLERGY

Reverend Timothy F. O'Sullivan
Pastor

thepastor@stjohnpa.org

Weekend Assistants

Reverend Patrick Brady

Reverend Raju Pilla

Deacon James E. Hartmann

Deacon Robert P. Gellentien

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9 AM - 5 PM

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except by appointment

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PREP-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Monday 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

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 in March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room). Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Please contact the Parish office for more information



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:30 PM

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least 6 months before the wedding.

Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Fridays: 3:00 PM in the Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:50 PM

BLUE ARMY DEVOTION

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

VISITATION CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Spend time in prayer and reflection from 6:00 AM till 8:00 PM

Monday through Saturday

PARISH STAFF

Sister Marganne Drago, SSJ
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RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 the Parish Office at sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org.

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursdays: after 8:00 AM Mass
in the Chapel

On the web at www.stjohnpa.org



Dear Friends,

This coming Saturday, October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Ironically, the feast day does not have its origin in the just the sacramental that is such an important part of our Catholic faith life, but, rather, has its origin, in all things – a military battle: The Battle of Lepanto.

In the late 1560's the forces of the Ottoman Empire began to build up their military troops in Turkey. Their objective was to build up forces large enough and strong enough to conquer Europe. Their primary target was to conquer Rome and convert the newly built Saint Peter's Basilica into the largest Mosque in the Western Hemisphere. Once Europe was devastated by Rome falling to the Muslims, their additional plans included continuing to other European countries to conquer additional major cities of Europe and eradicate the Christian presence.

In 1571, the newly formed "Holy League" - a navy called together by Pope Pius V from among Christian nations to defend Christendom against the seemingly invincible Islamic Turkish Ottoman Empire, fought a decisive - thought by some historians to be one of THE most decisive battles of the last thousand years - in the suffocating conquest of Christian nations by the Muslim empire. But The Holy League Christian ships did not win the battle on their own. It would have been nearly impossible given the odds. Pope Pius V ordered that all of Christendom pray the rosary to stop the Islamic forces that day. All of the fighting troops of The Holy League knelt down on the deck of their ships, some of them exhausted and battle-worn from previous fighting, to pray the rosary before engaging the fresh forces of Islam. And, during that remarkable battle, something miraculous happened.

It was at dawn on October 7, 1571, The Holy League rowed down the west coast of Greece and turned east into the Gulf of Patras. When the morning mist cleared, the Christians, rowing directly against the wind, saw the squadrons of the larger Ottoman fleet arrayed like a crescent from shore to shore, bearing down on them under full sail.

As the fleets grew closer, the Christians could hear the gongs and cymbals, drums and cries of the Turks. The men of The Holy League quietly pulled at their oars, the soldiers stood on the decks in silent prayer. Priests holding large crucifixes marched up and down the decks exhorting the men to be brave and hearing final confessions. The Holy League feared the worst. A victory for the Muslim forces from the Ottoman Empire would mean an end to Europe as they knew it.

However, the wind shifted 180 degrees. The sails of The Holy League were filled with a Divine breath, driving them into battle. Now heading directly into the wind, the Turks were forced to strike their sails.

Don John of Austria, Commander of The Holy League forces, knelt on the prow of his ship *Real* and said a final prayer. Then he stood and gave the order for The Holy League's battle standard, a gift from Pius V, to be unfurled. Christians up and down the battle line cheered as they saw the giant blue banner bearing an image of our crucified Lord.

Many historical accounts of the Battle of Lepanto report that a thick fog arose, causing confusion among the Muslim fleet so that they mistakenly attacked their own ships. Many historical accounts also mention a vision of Our Lady holding the Rosary which appeared in the clouds at some point during the battle, seen by many of those who were fighting.

The fighting lasted for five hours. The sides were evenly matched and well led, but the Divine favored the Christians, and once the battle turned in their favor it became a defeat for the Ottoman forces. All but thirteen of the nearly 300 Turkish vessels were captured or sunk and over 30,000 Turks were slain. (*Not until the First World War would the world again witness such carnage in a single day's fighting.*) The Sultan could rebuild ships, but without these men, it would be years before he would be able to use them.

The news of the victory made its way back to Rome, but the Pope was already rejoicing. On the day of the battle, Pope Pius V looked out his window and up in the sky, the Blessed Mother favored him with a vision of the victory. Turning to his cardinals he said, "Let us fall on our knees in thanksgiving to God, for he has given our fleet a great victory."

After the Battle of Lepanto was declared a victory for The Holy League – and all of Christendom, Pope Pius V added a new feast day to the Roman Liturgical Calendar: October 7th would henceforth be the feast of Our Lady of Victory, in recognition of our Lady's intercession. (*Pope Pius' successor, Gregory XIII would eventually change the name to the feast of the Holy Rosary.*)

Through the intercession of Saint John the Evangelist, may we be living examples of the gospel that he has handed onto us!

Fr. O'Sullivan

Join with Father O'Sullivan on an
Extraordinary Pilgrimage to experience

The Splendor of Italy:

JUNE 27 to JULY 8, 2018

Highlights include the cities of Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice and more!

*First Class accommodations; most meals
and experienced tour guides will make it a trip of a lifetime!*

Detailed brochures are available in the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT



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Sunday, October 1

Bakery Basket after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses
PREP, 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM
Jr. CYO Retreat Team Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting Meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Monday, October 2

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM
YDisciple (Jr. and Sr. HS Girls), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Blessed Is She Women's Group, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Tuesday, October 3

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 AM to 6:50 PM
Little Flowers Girls Club, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
YDisciple (HS Boys), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Benediction, 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM
Blue Army Holy Hour, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4

Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM

Thursday, October 5

CRS in Action (ESL Class), 9:00 AM to 12 Noon
YDisciple (Fr. & So. HS Girls), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday, October 6

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Jr. CYO Youth Group, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Rosary, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 7

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following Mass
Confessions, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For All the Members of our Parish
9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Cardone Family,
requested by the Family
11:30 AM Veronica Rice, requested by her niece, Maureen
Kirlin

Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Alexander and Genevieve Matusieski, requested by
Karen Strzelec

Tuesday, October 3: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Chuck Meyrick, requested by the
Knights of Columbus #7515

Wednesday, October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Chuck Meyrick, requested by the
Knights of Columbus #7515

Thursday, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 AM Thomas Falatko, requested by his Family

**Friday, October 6: Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie
Rose Durocher**

8:00 AM Denise Brunner, requested by Tom Brunner and
Family

Saturday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Denis Brennan, requested by Maureen Kirlin
5:30 PM Carolyn Vetter, requested by the Ross Family

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For All Priests, requested by the 31 Club
9:30 AM For All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Colomba Tibolla, requested by her Family

God Bless Our Service Members

*Please keep in your thoughts and
prayers all service men and women,
along with their*

*family members, when so many are far
from home throughout the world.
We are forever grateful for all the
sacrifices that they and their families
have made.*



Parishioner: Lt. Timothy Abbracciamento
(son of John and Ana Abbracciamento)

Non-Parishioner:

Lt. Commander Matthew Piasecki
(nephew of Alan and Linda Marquis)

Next Sunday's Readings – October 8, 2017

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

Reading 1

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Reading 2

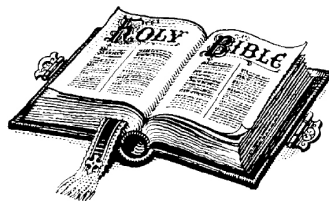
Philippians 4:6-9

Alleluia

CF. John 15:16

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43



ADMINISTRATION

Third Sunday in September 2017

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 12,350

Number of Envelopes 381

Third Sunday in September 2016

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 13,385

Number of Envelopes 381

YTD Collection

(July 1, 2017 – September 17, 2017) \$151,952

Average Number of Envelopes 365

Thank you for your continued generosity!

VISITING THE SICK

If a family member is sick, in the hospital, at home or in a Nursing Home, and they would like a short visit by one of our members, please call the Parish Office at **215-295-4102**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Amadio, Merriam B. (friend of Kristen Yost), Nancy Baradziej, Michael Barkovich (son of Michael and Diana Barkovich), Tom Biester, John Camerlengo, (brother of Carmine Camerlengo), Kathy Camerlengo (niece of Carmine Camerlengo), Richard Cash, Claudia (4 yrs. old - granddaughter of Karen and William DiBraccio), Edward, Patricia Funk, Pauline Garceau (mother of Kathryn DeMorro), Peter Garceau (brother of Kathryn DeMorro), Gerri, Ann M., Annette Macecevic (wife of Joe Macecevic), L. Mahoney, Jeannie Niedermeyer (sister-in-law of Gerri Niedermeyer), Derrick and Marty Warren, Joseph Wasiakowski (husband of Shirley Wasiakowski), and all residents of Manor Care and Arden Court.

Our prayer list for the Sick is currently being updated. We will gladly keep anyone who is sick and in need of our prayers on the list for four weeks; after four weeks, if they would still benefit from additional prayers from our parishioners, call Maureen at Ext. 111 or email her at adminasst@stjohnpa.org to notify her of your request. Please give their name, your name and their relationship to you. Thank you!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Society: *Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti*

Adult Faith Formation: *Debbie Brzezynski, 267.918.8834*

Aid for Friends: *Mary Africa, 215.428.9581*

Altar Servers: *Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

Community Food Dr.: *Cathy & Joe McLean, 267.833.3177*

Blessed Counters: *Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

CYO Athletic Directors: *Mike & Mary McGill, 215.337.8282*

Disability Advocate: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion:

Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102

Faith in Action/Staying Put in Bucks County:

Susan Cridge, 215.295.5726

Funeral Liturgy Assistance: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Hospitality/Bakery Basket: *Ann Damron, 215.736.3527*

Knights of Columbus #7515: *Grand Knight,*

Joseph Retallick, 267.997.1087

Lectors: *Nicholas Spadea, 267.797.0214*

Men's Faith Share: *Vince Bodnar, 215.321.5155*

Pastoral Council: *Magda Manetas, 215.295.2512*

Prayer Network: *Lisa Petrino, 215.295.6468*

Respect Life: *Ed Barry, 215.295.4335*

Seton Society: *Tom Brunner, 215.734.3031*

Social Concerns Committee: *Diane Coyle, 215.493.8472*

Ushers/Greeters: *Jim Karkosak, 215.493.3463*

Women of the Word Prayer Group:

Bunny Maffey, 215-369-3183

Youth Minister: *Meghan Horn, 215.295.4102*



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Join parishioner, Jody Malloy as she guides you through this compelling bible study series that will have you knowing and understanding the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do what we do during the Liturgy. You will see the words and gestures of the Mass in a new light, leading you to a more meaningful experience. Five Thursday evening sessions begin on October 12th and continue weekly through November 9th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Pastoral Life Center (Parish Office). Sign up in the vestibule or online at www.stjohnpa.info or contact the leader, Jody Malloy at 267-246-1708 or yardleytm@comcast.net. Seating is limited - materials fee is \$25.

For more info or to sign up online: <http://www.stjohnpa.info/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass/>

PREP HAPPENINGS

Barbara Ann Nuzzolo, Director of Religious Education
 SEE MORE ABOUT PREP ON THE WEBSITE:
<http://www.stjohnpa.org/PREP> or call 215-295-9239

Now that the PREP year has begun, I would like to start the year by recognizing the teachers and staff that devote their time and talents to this vital parish program. They are a group of catechists and volunteer staff members who assist the parents in bringing the Gospel message to the students and/or witnessing their faith by assisting and supporting the program wherever needed. We are a group of teenagers, young adults and the more experienced men and women who feel that the PREP program is an essential component of the community here at St. John the Evangelist Parish. The list is long but each name here is a special addition to our PREP program. So thanks to all listed below for all you do:

TEACHERS and STAFF

- Mariangela Barone • Vince Bodnar • Lynda Caldwell
- Stephen D'Agostino • Ann Damron • Sister Maria Christi Drysdale
- Joseph Fabrizio • Charles Gormley • Diane Gormley
- Joan Graves • Neil Harkins • Kathleen Kolanko • Jennifer Mayle
- Joanne Nails • Helen Persichilli • Terence Poulton
- Deborah Purowitz • Loretta Spadea • Ami Taddei
- Jennifer Torres • Pamela Webb • Leea Whittle • Victoria Young

VOLUNTEER AIDES

- Anna Bodgan • Vicki Brunozi • Frances Burek • Thomas Burke
- Charlotte Camerlengo • James Ferris • Richard Gallica • Hannah Hamilton
- Ann Marie Hughes • Kelly Kozlowski • Rachel Malloy
- Denise Manalili • Cayla Maratea • Allyson McKeever • Krista Milewski
- Mark Milewski • Bria Mullaghy • Julie Nails
- Daniella Persichilli • John Piznar • Beth Purcell • Mary Roach
- Michele Rooney • Christina Salley • Lauren Salley • Erin Taddei
- Kennan Taddei • Diane Thomas • Germaine Thomas
- Gerrienne Tinney • Robert Watters

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate

Amanda Smith and Daniel Plumb

who were united in the

Sacrament of Marriage in our Church

on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

May God continue to bless them all the days of their married life!

BAKERY BASKET

The Bakery Basket sponsored by The Lectors will be held today, Sunday, October 1st, in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room after the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Please stop by and enjoy some food and friendship. **All are Welcome!**



Youth Ministry Announcements

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

<http://www.stjohnpa.org/youth-ministry> or 215-295-4102

Youth Ministry Room

I am happy to announce that Youth Ministry has a new home in the "Old Church" in the School building. For those of you that aren't familiar with this space, it is on the bottom floor of the school, on the other side of the cafeteria. We will be using this space for our High School YDISCIPLE meetings, youth group gatherings, retreat team planning, and a comfy place for fellowship! That being said I need your help! If anyone has any tables, gaming tables (fooseball, ping pong, air hockey, etc.) games, or any other furniture you think could be used, and would be willing to donate it to our Youth Ministry program, please contact Meghan Horn at youthministries@stjohnpa.org. Thank you in advance!

Special thank you to those who already donated items - we greatly appreciate it.

Pretzel Sales

The next pretzel sale fundraiser will be held after the 5:30 PM Mass on October 21st and after all Masses on October 22nd. Thank you for your support!

Junior CYO Retreat Team

Anyone in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade interested in becoming a part of the Jr. CYO Retreat Team should contact Meghan at youthministries@stjohnpa.org. The third meeting will be held on October 8th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Junior and High School CYO Registration

Youth group will start back up the week of October 2nd. For anyone who would like to register for Jr. CYO (6th, 7th, & 8th grade) or High School CYO (YDISCIPLE) for the upcoming school year, please contact Meghan as well.

**Jr. CYO youth group will be held on Friday's from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**Fr. & So. Girls will meet with Meghan on Thursday's from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Jr & Sr. Girls will meet with Tina Lopez and Victoria Young on Monday's from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**All H.S. Boys will meet with Steve Lopez on Tuesday's from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

CYO ATHLETICS



Basketball Registration is now open. Please don't delay registering. Log on to - www.wagdogs.com to register. Basketball is from Pre-K through High School for both boys and girls. Season starts November 1st. Any questions, please contact CYO Athletics at cyodirector@stjohnpa.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM

October 1, 2017 – Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (date change)

October 11, 2017 - Shared Meal Planning Meeting 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM

October 11, 2017 - Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

October 15, 2017 – Feed My Flock, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

October 18, 2017 - Social Concerns Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

FUTURE EVENTS:

November 5, 2017 - Day of Service, 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM (Service project ideas can be sent to: socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

December 9, 2017 - Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

DONATIONS: (leave in St. Gianna room)

Prison Ministry – black rosaries for prison ministry; other colors for our guests at the Shared Meal

Refugees Centers - snacks

Backpack Center – Pancake mix and syrup

Day of Service - Cake mixes and frostings - all flavors; individual servings of applesauce

Soldiers' Ministry - used cell phones or chargers

Underprivileged Children - slightly used toys, books, puzzles, dolls. If you need items picked up call Gini Campbell (215-369-3527)

Homeless & Those in Need – personal care products (shampoo, soap, etc.) - all sizes; good quality multi-edge disposable razor blades, shaving cream; deodorant

NEEDED: Welcoming the Stranger, the program with which St. John's English language class is affiliated, has a need for used, working computers. If you have or anyone you know has a computer, lap top, CPU, any format, that needs a new home, contact Lois Heist CRSinAction@gmail.com.

E-Mail: If you are on our contact list for the Shared Meal and your email has changed, please send your new address to socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org. New contacts are also welcome!

"Works of love directed to one's neighbors are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the spirit..." Pope Francis

PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Catholic Bishops Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments for Persons with Disabilities may be found by going to <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/policies/guidelines-sacraments-persons-with-disabilities.cfm>.

"All baptized Catholics who possess the use of reason may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation if they are suitably instructed, properly disposed and able to renew the baptismal promises. Persons who because of intellectual or developmental disabilities may never attain the use of reason can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and should be encouraged either directly or through their parents, to receive the sacrament. It is important that they receive the pastoral guidance needed, along with the welcome embrace of the whole community of faith." If needed an accommodated setting or simpler manner may be provided. All are welcome.

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

John 6:40

Knightly News

MEMORIAL BRICK DEDICATION

The Knights of Columbus will be dedicating newly installed Memorial Bricks at a ceremony after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 1st. All are welcome to join us in Mary's Garden, adjacent to the Parish Rectory.

Save the Date!

**Best Ever Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa
Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Save the date for the Best Ever Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa! There will be crafters, vendors, a build-a-basket gift tables, a Secret Santa Shop for children, a silent auction, a raffle, and much more. Lunch with Santa will cost \$5.00. Other food/lunch items will be on sale as well. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Food Alliance of Morrisville, St. John's Social Concerns Committee Efforts, and other area non-profits. Interested crafters, vendors, or non-profits wishing to rent a table should contact Michele Beres at 215-378-9365 or mmyb63@comcast.net. One lunch voucher will be given to anyone who rents a space. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Diane Coyle at 215-493-8472 or socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org.

Catholic Relief Services in Action

The CRS in Action Committee is planning a Helping Hands Meal Packing event on the Parish Day of Service on November 5. We need to raise an additional \$3,000 to support our goal of packing 10,000 meals in under two hours. We will also need 100 able volunteers to pack the meals. This is a fun and intergenerational activity that supports CRS's mission to feed the poorest in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Committee Chair Lois Heist traveled to Burkina Faso in see how the meals are distributed and consumed in Burkina. Consult the Parish website/CRS in Action page to see photos of the warehouse where they are collected for distribution, and pictures of meals actually being put to good use in a orphanage, and elsewhere. If you are interested in helping with the international projects of the Catholic Church by becoming a member of the CRS in Action Committee, or if you are willing to contribute to the Helping Hands Meal Packing Event, contact Lois Heist at crsinaction@gmail.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Bridgeport, PA**

invites you to Solemn Choral Mass For the Feast of
Blessed John Henry Newman

At the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

Homilist: Most Rev. John J. McIntyre,

Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Philadelphia

Monday, October 9 at 7:00 PM

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter is equivalent to a diocese, established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for people nurtured in the Anglican tradition who wish to become Catholic. Parishes and communities in the Ordinariates are fully Roman Catholic, but retain elements of Anglican traditions in their liturgy, hospitality, and ministries. Based in Houston, Texas, this Ordinariate has more than 40 Roman Catholic parishes and communities across the United States and Canada. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bridgeport is the Ordinariate parish in the Philadelphia region. All Catholics are welcome to share in the Ordinariate's spiritual life.

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