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Office Hours

Horario de la Oficina

Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves

9:00am - 2:00pm 401-722-9054

Weekend Masses

Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés

Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish

Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés

Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

Daily Masses

Misas durante la semana

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés

Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish

Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

Confessions / Confessions

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm & 5:30pm

Baptism / Bautismo

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.

Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am. Llame a la rectoría con 2 meses de anticipación.

Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation

Llamar con un año de anticipación

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los enfermos

Please call the parish

Por favor llamar a la parroquia

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes

9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / Iglesia

Youth Group/Grupo Juvenil

Sunday/Domingo next meeting TBD

(Grades 7th to 12)

Legión de María

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

Comunidad Evangelizadora (CERS)

Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

Food Bank / Banco de Comida

December / Diciembre

Monday / Lunes 19 & 26

9:30am to 11:00am - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday / Miércoles 21 & 28

9:30am to 11:00am

Hospitality House/Casa de Hospitalidad

Open every Tuesday / Martes at 10:30am

Hot lunch / Almuerzo caliente at 11:30am

New Parishioners/Nuevos Miembros

Please call the Rectory to register

Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the beautiful feast of **Christmas** at the end of this week, I would like to share with you the following meditation from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina is the Polish Nun that Jesus appeared to in the 1930's with the Divine Mercy Image, as well as giving her numerous revelations and messages about His Divine Mercy. On Christmas Eve in 1937, St Faustina wrote of one such encounter with the Holy Child: *"When I arrived at Midnight Mass, from the very beginning I steeped myself in deep recollection, during which time I saw the stable of Bethlehem filled with great radiance. The Blessed Virgin, all lost in the deepest of love, was wrapping Jesus in swaddling clothes, but Saint Joseph was still asleep. Only after the Mother of God put Jesus in the manger did the light of God awaken Joseph, who also prayed. But after a while, I was left alone with the Infant Jesus who stretched out His little hands to me, and I understood that I was to take Him in my arms. Jesus pressed His head against my heart and gave me to know, by His profound gaze, how good He found it to be next to my heart"* (Diary of St Faustina, 1442). This beautiful experience that St. Faustina had with Jesus can also happen to us, as we take time to meditate and contemplate what Christmas is all about: that God Himself loves each one of us SO MUCH, that He became a little Child for us, to open up the way of salvation for us. Christmas is all about CHRIST'S MASS, and every time that we come to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and allow ourselves to truly enter into it, we can also experience a personal, loving relationship with Jesus Christ, like St. Faustina describes in her above reflection. God Bless and Merry Christmas!
Fr. Sistare

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 17 4:30pm

*In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Isabel Cadavid

Sunday December 18 9:30am

*In Thanksgiving to San Anthony, by Isabel Cadavid

Monday December 19 8:00am

Wednesday December 21 8:00am

Saturday December 24 Bilingual Mass 8:00am

Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday December 25 9:30am

Collection 12/11	\$2978.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 892.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 565.00
December 18 Fuel/Maintenance	

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

In Thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth
Rivera Bodon
By Margarita Rivera
St. Joseph, pray for us!

Sanctuary Lamp for December

In Thanksgiving by Lopez-Monzon
Family

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the following parishioners:

Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau,
Jeannine Rondeau, Annette Tetreault,

At Home: Jovina de Barros

St. Antoine: Georgette Smith

The Cedars: Alicia Echeverry

Elmhurst Nursing Home: Cesar Zuleta Sr.

The Holiday Nursing Home: Joyce Lagesse

Smithfield Woods: Thelma LaRose

Eucharistic Adoration



Every Friday Time: 9am to 7pm

We invite you to be before the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to meditate, reflect, and adore Him with your presence. Everyone is welcome. The hours from **1 to 2pm, and from 2 to 3pm** are in need of an additional person. Please call the rectory if you are able to make this weekly commitment.

The Saint Challenge began on All Saint's Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at www.thesaintchallenge.com. Let's be saints!

Budget Envelopes

Please make sure to pick up your budget envelopes for the year 2023, at the end of Mass in the back of the church. If you would like to use the budget envelopes, but have not signed up for them, please call the office.

*Blessed is
The Fruit of
Thy Womb*



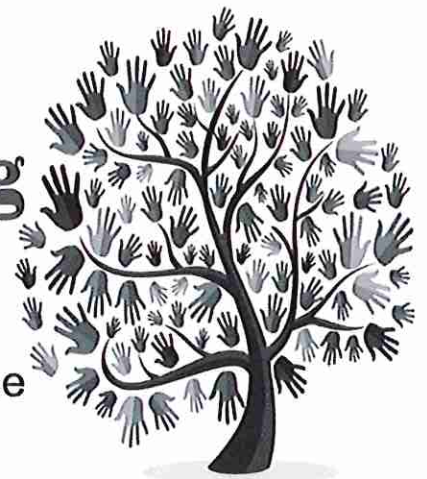
Lullaby for the Unborn

On December 28th from 7:30PM to 8:00PM

Rhode Island citizens will be gathering outside the State House to pray for and console the souls of the unborn babies who are murdered through abortion in Rhode Island every single day. The short vigil will begin with Rosary at 7:30PM and will end with the singing of the Lully Lula Lulay by Philip Stopford at 7:50PM. Join us and take an active part not only in changing our State for the better by witnessing to the truth, but also in caring for the souls of the poor innocent children who have died from abortion.

The Giving Tree

**Helping Those
in Need**



During Advent you have the opportunity to help those most in need this Christmas, please take an ornament or two off the giving tree for those who are in need of help this Christmas. No wrapping need it, just put the toiletries under the giving tree during these weekends.



Christmas Novena Bilingual

December 16, 20 & 23 we will meet in the Church for 7:00pm Mass and then we will go downstairs.

December 17, 18, 19, 21 & 22 @ 7:00pm in the basement.

We will conclude the Novena with a big celebration on December 23th with the arrullo of the Baby Jesus.

All are welcome to attend in the basement of the parish.

Novena de Navidad Bilingüe

Diciembre 16, 20 & 23 nos reuniremos en la iglesia para la Misa de 7:00pm y después bajaremos al sótano.

Diciembre 17, 18, 19, 21 & 22 a las 7:00 pm en el sótano.

Concluiremos la Novena el 23 de diciembre con una gran celebración y el **Arrullo del Niño Dios**

Todos son bienvenidos.

El 23 de diciembre trae tu imagen del **Niño Dios** a la celebración

Faith Formation Schedule

December 18 – Class

December 25 – No Class

January 1 – No Class

Time: 10:15 to 11:20am

in the Church Hall, please enter thru Bullock Street.

Calendario Formación de Fe

Diciembre 18 – Clase

Diciembre 25 – No Hay Clase

January 1 – No Hay Clase

Hora: 10:15am a 11:20am

en el sótano de la Iglesia, entrar por la calle Bullock.

Food Bank

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food (Rice, Beans, Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned soup, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables) and drop off the bag in the wooden box in back of the Church. All of the food and monetary donations support our Food Bank here at Saint John the Baptist. Thank you!

“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth.” 1 John 3:17-18

Banco de Comida

Por favor traiga una bolsa de alimentos (como: Arroz, frijoles, Atún, Cereal, Pasta, Mantequilla de maní, Mermelada, Salsa para espaguetis, Frutas, Sopas, Vegetales enlatados, etc.). Por favor deje la bolsa en la caja de madera en la parte posterior de la Iglesia. Todas las donaciones de alimentos y dinero van en apoyo de nuestro Banco de Comida aquí en la Parroquia de San Juan Bautista. ¡Gracias!

“Pero el que tiene bienes de este mundo, y ve a su hermano en necesidad y cierra su corazón contra él, ¿cómo puede morar el amor de Dios en él? Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de lengua, sino de hecho y en verdad.” (1 John 3:17-18)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

18 de Diciembre 2022

Queridos feligreses,
 Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la hermosa fiesta de **Navidad** al final de esta semana, me gustaría compartir con ustedes la siguiente meditación del Diario de Santa María Faustina Kowalska. Santa Faustina es la Monja polaca a la que Jesús se apareció en la década de 1930 con la Imagen de la Divina Misericordia, además de darle numerosas revelaciones y mensajes sobre Su Divina Misericordia. En la víspera de Navidad de 1937, Santa Faustina escribió sobre uno de esos encuentros con el Santo Niño: *"Cuando llegué a la Misa de medianoche, desde el principio me sumergí en un profundo recogimiento, durante el cual vi el establo de Belén lleno de gran resplandor. La Santísima Virgen, perdida en el amor más profundo, estaba envolviendo a Jesús en pañales, pero San José seguía dormido. Solo después de que la Madre de Dios puso a Jesús en el pesebre, la luz de Dios despertó a José, quien también oró. Pero después de un tiempo, me quedé solo con el Niño Jesús que extendió sus pequeñas manos hacia mí, y entendí que debía tomarlo en mis brazos. Jesús presionó su cabeza contra mi corazón y me dio a conocer, por Su mirada profunda, lo bueno que encontró estar al lado de mi corazón"*(Diario de Santa Faustina, 1442). Esta hermosa experiencia que Santa Faustina tuvo con Jesús también puede sucedernos, mientras nos tomamos el tiempo para meditar y contemplar de qué se trata la Navidad: que Dios mismo nos ama TANTO a cada uno de nosotros, que se convirtió en un niño pequeño para nosotros, para abrirnos el camino de salvación. La Navidad se trata de la MISA DE CRISTO, y cada vez que venimos al Santo Sacrificio de la Misa y nos permitimos entrar verdaderamente en ella, también

podemos experimentar una relación personal y amorosa con Jesucristo, como Santa Faustina describe en su reflexión. Dios los bendiga y Feliz Navidad!
 Padre Sistare

<u>INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS</u>	
Sábado 17 de diciembre	6:00pm
+Everardo Mosquera, intención de la familia Mosquera	
+Julio y María Echeverry, intención de su familia	
Domingo 18 de diciembre	11:30am
*En acción de gracias por los 40 años de casados de Luis y Flor Torres, intención de sus hijos	
*Por la salud de Patricia López, intención de su familia	
+Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
Martes 20 de diciembre	8:00am
*Por la salud espiritual de Ángel Alexis García, intención de su familia	
+Mónica María Londoño Torres, intención de su madrina Claudia y la familia Botero Torres Londoño	
+Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
Viernes 23 de diciembre	7:00pm
* Por la salud espiritual de Ángel Alexis García, intención de su familia	
+Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
Sábado 24 de diciembre (Misa Bilingüe)	8:00am
+Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
Vigilia	6:00pm
Domingo 25 de diciembre	11:30am

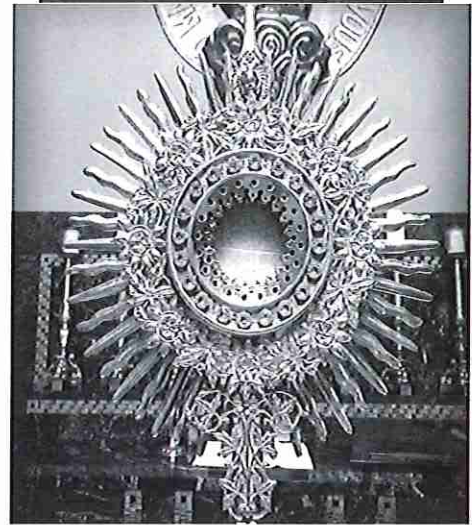
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Diciembre 18 Gas y Mantenimiento	



ARBOL DE LA GENEROSIDAD

Durante el Adviento todos tenemos la oportunidad de ayudar a los más necesitados. Por favor tomen un ornamento o dos del árbol de regalos para aquellos que necesitan ayuda en esta Navidad. No es necesario envolverlos, solo coloque los artículos de aseo personal debajo del árbol durante estos fines de semana.

Adoración Eucarística



Todos los viernes de 9am to 7pm

Te invitamos a estar ante la Presencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía para meditar, reflexionar y adorarlo con tu presencia. Todos son bienvenidos. **El horario de 1:00 a 2:00pm, 2:00pm a 3:00pm** se necesita una persona adicional para estas horas. Por favor llame a la rectoría si puede hacer este compromiso semanal.

Sobres presupuestarios

Asegúrese de recoger sus sobres presupuestarios para el año 2023, al final de la misa en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Si desea utilizar los sobres presupuestarios, pero no se ha inscrito para recibirlos, llame a la oficina.



CURSO BÍBLICO

Gracias a Dios que nos busca y nos llama para conocerle y amarle a través de muchos medios, hoy nos invita a través de cursos Bíblicos, que son un medio eficaz para llegar a muchas familias que aún no conocen del amor de Dios, como cada día Dios transforma nuestras vidas a través de decir solo "si quiero conocerte ". Es para toda la familia todos los **viernes a las 7:30** en el sótano de la parroquia después de misa, todos son bienvenidos.



Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is only a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



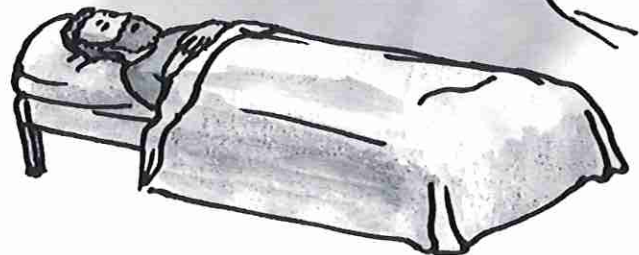
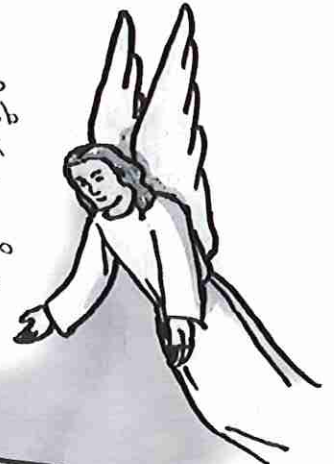
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2, Sheep; 6, Immanuel; 7, deep; 8, the Holy Spirit; 12, child. Down: 1, name; 3, house; 4, man; 5, heaven; 7, David; 9, high; 11, find.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2022

Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.



An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

Saint John of Kanty

December 23

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY WAS A POLISH COUNTRY BOY, BORN AROUND THE YEAR 1390. HE WENT TO THE CITY OF KRAKOW WHERE HE DID VERY WELL IN HIS STUDIES.

Well, well! Off to the big city!

HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME A PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY. (THE STUDY OF GOD)

Today we will talk about the Holy Trinity.

BUT OTHER PROFESSORS WERE ENVIOUS SO HE WAS SENT AWAY TO A SMALL PARISH.

Who is this Fr. John? Let's get him fired.

He's probably no good.

FR. JOHN WAS NERVOUS AND THE PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE HIM, BUT HE WAS KIND TO THEM ANYWAY.

BY THE TIME HE WAS CALLED BACK TO TEACH, THE PEOPLE WANTED HIM TO STAY!

Please don't leave us, father!

Oh! A beggar. How can I eat this while another man starves?

SAINT JOHN WAS SO GENEROUS THAT HE HARDLY HAD ENOUGH TO EAT OR TO WEAR. HE EVEN SLEPT ON THE FLOOR.

The city where our Lord was crucified...

SEVERAL TIMES HE WENT TO JERUSALEM, HOPING THAT HE WOULD BE MARTYRED BY THE TURKS. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS AN OLD MAN, IN HIS 80'S.

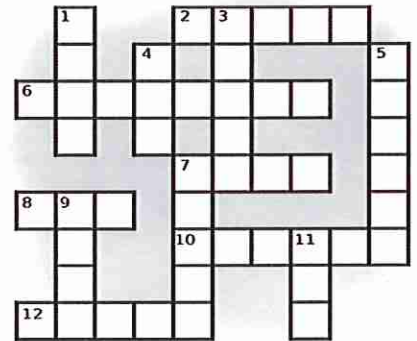
SAINT JOHN TOLD PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST ERROR WITH LOVE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE THAT WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS AND KIND TO DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WON'T LISTEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IF WE PERSEVERE IN BEING KIND TO THEM, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE.

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Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

- HOUSE
- VIRGIN
- HIGH
- SHEOL
- CHILD
- THE
- DAVID
- HEAVEN
- NAME
- DEEP
- IMMANUEL
- GOD
- MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A.





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