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**SAINT JOHN BOSCO
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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OFFICE HOURS

Mass Cards/Mail/Messages/Documents/
Facility Keys are available only during open
Office Hours.

Mon. to Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 1 to 4:30 pm;
Eve. 6:30 to 8:00 pm by appt.

Fri.: 9 am to 12 noon; 1 to 4 pm. Eve. closed.

Sat./Sun.: Closed.

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SUNDAY Sat. Eve. Vigil Masses:
4:00 pm (*English*); 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)
Sun. Morning Masses: 8 am & 11 am

MONDAY Rosary before morning Mass
Holy Mass: 8:45 am
Miraculous Medal Novena after morning
Mass

TUES. TO FRI. Holy Mass: 8:45 am.

SATURDAY Confession: 3-3:30 pm

ARRANGING BAPTISM

BAPTISM First (*Spanish*) and Last (*English*)
Sundays each month. Call Parish Center to
arrange. Before date is confirmed, parents must
have/obtain:

- **Registration in SJB Parish:** Family from another parish must obtain written permission from “home” parish for Baptism at SJB.
- **Certificate of Eligibility to Serve as Sponsor:** Each Catholic Sponsor (1 required; 2 preferred) must obtain Certificate of Eligibility from “home” parish. Parishes generally do not issue certificates to persons not already registered nor to persons who left the parish more than 6 months previously.
- **Letter from Pastor for Christian Witness:** One baptized non-Catholic may serve as a Christian Witness and must present Letter of Good Standing from current Christian pastor. A Catholic not eligible to Sponsor may not be Christian Witness.

ARRANGING MARRIAGE

Wedding Planning begins with engaged couple’s meeting a parish priest here at least six (6) months before desired wedding date. Please do not make financial commitments before confirming church date/time.

If a member of the couple was previously married, a Declaration of Nullity (*Annulment*) of the prior marriage may be necessary. Please contact parish priest for detailed information.

Marriage Convalidation Couples in a civil or non-Catholic religious union without our Church’s explicit permission are not in a valid Catholic marriage. They cannot receive other sacraments or serve as Catholic Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. This situation often is easily remedied by “*convalidation*”, a simple ceremony popularly called “getting a marriage blessed”. Call Parish Center to arrange.





The Mercy of Jesus

This is what Jesus said to St. Faustina about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. “It suffices to come with faith to the feet of my representative and to reveal to him one’s misery and the miracle of the Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. When you go to confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but myself acts in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fountain of mercy souls draw grace solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great there is no limit to my generosity.” (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul). It is no wonder that it is reported in the apparitions of Our Lady of Medjugorje she asks us to go to confession once a month.

Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Will you like Zacchaeus, open the door and welcome Jesus in? There is a most beautiful verse in Rev. 3 “Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share a meal at the person’s side.” (Rev. 3:20) It is up to you to open the door to Jesus because He will not force His way in. Zacchaeus was anxious to see Jesus so he climbed a tree. If you open the door of your heart to Jesus it will be worth it.

When you meet Jesus you will not remain the same afterwards. You will want to give up sin and live a new life of grace. That is why Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery. “Neither do I condemn you. Go and do not sin again.” (John 8:11) If you really meet Jesus you will be different. That is what happens to Zacchaeus. He would no longer cheat in the taxes. He promised, “I am going to give half my property to the poor and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the mount.” (Luke 19:8). When we receive the forgiveness of Jesus we are transformed. Let us turn to the mercy of Jesus and be healed of our sins and renewed and transformed.



An invitation to Non-practicing Catholics: Saint John Bosco Catholic Church welcomes you home. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the Church for awhile, this invitation is for you. Our faith community misses you! No matter how long you have been away and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic Faith.

Everyone is welcome. Our next 3 week series begins on Monday, 4/16/18, at 7PM in the Parish Center. Please consider dropping by to see what it is all about. Registration is recommended.

For details, please contact 215.672.7280 or sjbadultfaith@saintjohnbosco.org.



We will meet at 7PM in the cafeteria on Monday, April 9th for a **PARISH MEETING**

Open to all Parishioners! Updates about Saint John Bosco Parish will be given. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this important meeting!

We will gather on Monday nights in May, (5/7, 5/14 and 5/21) **THE MONTH OF MARY**, in the Adoration Chapel at 6:45 to pray the Rosary. We will meditate on the Joyful Mysteries. We ask everyone to answer Our Lady's appeal to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us in prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- 4/9 MON. 8:45 AM Jean DeKett
- 4/10 TUES. 8:45 AM Evelyn & Michael Rizzo
- 4/11 WED. 8:45 AM Richard Obert-Thorn
- 4/12 THURS. 8:45 AM Paul Papay
- 4/13 FRI. 8:45 AM Catherine Fielding

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

- 4:00 PM The Kurdziel Family
- 7:00 PM Pro Populo (*For the People*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

- 8:00 AM Gilda Busillo
- 11:00 AM Catherine Maher



ADORATION CHAPEL

Mon.: after 8:45 am Mass to 7 pm.
Tues. to Fri.: 8 am to 7 pm.
Sat. & Sun. Closed.

The chapel is closed on weekends for security reasons. Please do not try to enter the Church outside of these hours.

PRAYER INTENTION CANDLES (6) burn all week alongside Blessed Sacrament when Chapel is open. This week the candles represent these intentions:

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HOW WE LIST: Just send your name with intention & offering to **ADORATION CANDLE** c/o Parish Center. Please name **one** Person, Couple (*engaged or married*), Family, Group per request. Candles are available for living *or* dec'd. **Offering:** \$ 15.

We welcome into the Church and our Parish:



Mitchell George Byrnes
Gabriel Chisholm Byrnes
Ava Brielle Frasca
Sloane Marie Miller
Adalyn Marie Narisi

We want to keep everyone in the loop at Saint John Bosco! We periodically send out email messages with information about what's happening at SJB! To stay connected with us, subscribe to receive email updates. Call the Parish Center with your name & email address so you don't miss out on the latest news. If you need to update your contact information, NOW is the time!
 Join our email list so you can stay in the know!

Recent Collections

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/25/18	\$ 15,662.04*

* Includes E-Giving

<u>Operation Rice Bowl</u>	
3/25/18	\$ 2,836.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED WHOSE FUNERAL MASSES WERE CELEBRATED IN OUR PARISH-

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND INFIRM

Patricia Ambrose
 Rosemary Anthony
 Judy Baran
 Michael Berg
 William J. Brady
 Joseph Campbell
 Ginny Ceneviva
 Marianne R. Costello
 Linda Cunningham
 Louise D'Agostino
 Ellen Dardis
 Lois Dudley
 Florence Flavell
 Charlie Gaffney
 William Gaida
 Maria Greco
 Lilly Ibbotson
 Bryce Ingraham
 Jayden Ingraham
 Barbara Istvan
 Matthew Istvan
 Bud Kedziera
 Tim Keebler
 James Kirkpatrick

Roland Klusman
 Joseph Kraft
 Maris Kraft
 Marie Lehmann
 Paul Mecurio
 Lucas McCrea
 Daniel O'Donnell
 Melissa Palm
 Barbara Richino
 Floyd Robertson
 Rolene Rose
 Catherine Sarsfield
 Gail Shultz
 Sun Soon
 Felicia Soto
 Catherine Toland
 Esteban Vera, Sr.
 Mary Vincelli
 Frank Waltrich

HOW WE LIST:
We list sick persons for one month at their own or family member's request. Please call Parish Center.

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HEED THE CALL
 VOCATION OFFICE FOR
 DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit items for Bulletin Sun. issue dates (*left*) by **12 noon** on submission dates (*right*):

- ♦ April 29.....Mon., April 9
- ♦ May 6.....Mon., April 16
- ♦ May 13.....Mon., April 23

Please send info./questions to Bulletin Editor at Parish Ctr. Email **Bulletined@saintjohnbosco.org**.

The Cross and the Light have launched their new App!

Please consider downloading. <http://letsw.in/-cross-and-light>. After you download and open the App, you'll see loads of interactive social media features that you can check out. The app is building a huge online community to connect you with others.

The App is a way for all past and future attendees of TCTL to have a conversation about their experience and more importantly, a conversation about faith! It's like a virtual "Catholic campfire app!" where we get to share stories about our common experience of Cross & Light. In the app, you can... Submit prayer needs to the community, Ask a priest a question - no robot priests - real pastors answering you! Get exclusive content, lyric videos, and behind the scenes videos of the show, Chat with fellow Catholics, post news, and make comments, Share your Cross & Light experience with others, Connect with local churches if you're looking for a church home.

And so much more!

The Staff at TCTL thanks you for your prayers!

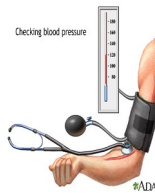


Everyone is cordially invited to a **MARIAN TEA** to honor Our Lady on Friday, 5/11/18 at 6:30 pm in Drexel Hall! We will pray the Rosary, the Litany & the Chaplet of Our Lady in English & Spanish. Please bring a statue of Mary (if you are able) for the Altar! Please bring a snack to share.

Coffee, tea & water will be provided.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING at

Saint John Bosco 4/21 and 4/22 before and after Mass in the Usher's Room. No appointment necessary! Keep the Beat. Protect your life. Take charge of your health & have your blood pressure taken!



Sunday, April 22, 2018 is **THE 55TH ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**

Let us pray: Mary Most Holy, as a young woman living in obscurity you nurtured with loving care the Word of God made flesh. Please protect and accompany all young men and women, especially from our parish, who are called to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. **Amen.**



Please join us for **The Stations of Light** at Saint John Bosco! THIS DEVOTION IS ALSO CALLED VIA LUCIS, LATIN FOR "THE WAY OF LIGHT."

What happened after the Resurrection? What became of the disciples? What became of Mary Magdalene? What happened between the time of the Resurrection & the Ascension? The Stations of Light pick up where the Stations of the Cross leave off. Journey with Christ from Easter Sunday through the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Started by Pope St. John Paul II, this incredibly moving devotion will be prayed on **Thursday, 5/3** at 6:45 pm in Church. Let us walk together as children of the light!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

SAINT JOHN BOSCO ROOM
(back entrance of Parish Center)

Sundays, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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- April 8** (2) Strategies to help with Stress and Loneliness
 - April 22** (3) Our Feelings of Denial, Bargaining, and Guilt
 - May 6** (4) Coping with Anger & Depression Helping Children through Grief
 - May 20** (5) Spiritual Elements of Grief & Healing. The Values of Memories
- To Register: Bernice (215) 443-8439



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FOURTH GRADER?

Want to impress your friends with all the random facts you know? It's TRIVIA TIME at Saint John Bosco. A Trivia Question will be posted on the Bosco Facebook Page every Thursday! Each week we will choose a random correct answer. The winner will receive a Gift Certificate that can be redeemed at one of the Bosco Booths at the Fall Festival in September! Be sure to like us on Facebook! Help us celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Parish and join in the fun.

St. Vincent de Paul.

Call Parish SVdP Tel. 215-882-2707 to: request assistance, volunteer, or donate.

Food Pantry at SJB is in need of the following items: coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned fruit, juices, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, sweet potatoes, corn and green beans, laundry detergent, liquid dish soap and personal grooming items such as shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.

Save the date for our annual **Fall Festival** to be held **9/18 - 9/22!** We are celebrating the 65th Anniversary of Saint John Bosco Parish in 2018! Be sure to join us at the Fall Festival as we have a celebration of the times and RELIVE THE MEMORIES with retro games, nostalgic music, vintage food, desserts and so much more! Enjoy reminiscing with your Parish Family at the Fall Festival in September.



Thank you to McDonald's Hatboro, one of our sponsors for The Cross and The Light. McDonald's is extending their coupon offer to all Parishioners until 5/31! All you need to do is mention that you are from Saint John Bosco.

McDonald's Hatboro
121 N York Road



\$3.99 Sponsor Meal
6 pc Chicken McNuggets Meal or
Quarter Pounder with Cheese Meal

THE 2019 MASS BOOK

will open on Monday, April 9th, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. There will also be evening hours on Monday, April 9th and Wednesday April 11th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. After these days the Mass Intention Book will be open during regular business hours.

This year there will be a 5 Mass limit per family. A limit has been established to be fair to everyone who would like a Mass for their loved ones.

We ask when making arrangements for Mass Intentions to please have a list already made of the names of the people you would like to have the Mass said for and the dates you are requesting. The stipend for an Announced Mass is \$10.00. When paying the stipend we ask that you pay by check or have the exact amount of cash.

St. John Bosco Senior Club Meeting

will be held on Wednesday, 4/11 at Noon in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. Monies will be collected for the trip on June 5th.

SJB CHOIR NEWS

The SJB Adult choir has changed its practice time! We now practice in church on Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM-10:45 AM. The choir sings at the 11 AM Mass on Sundays.



If you love to sing please consider joining our choir. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Quaranto Lquaranto@saintjohnbosco.org or stop by at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.

To run out of refreshments at a party or to not have enough hamburgers for a summer cookout might be an embarrassing moment for a modern-day host. However to run short of wine at an ancient Jewish wedding feast would represent a social catastrophe that would severely damage a family's reputation for years. Join us at 7PM on Friday, 4/27 in the cafeteria for a delightful evening of spiritual conversation, light snacks and good wines for adults 21 and older.

THE EVENING'S DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THE WEDDING FEAST OF CANA.

Pre-registration is required. Drop the completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Center with your registration fee of \$5.00 per person.

YES, I will attend the spiritual discussion on the Wedding Feast of Cana.

Name: _____

Attending: _____

Phone: _____



Craft Like Crazy is a group that gets together on Thursday mornings to craft, create, chat, teach and learn, share and get inspired. All are invited to join us from 9:30-11:30 in the Parish Center.

No experience necessary. There is something about crafting with your friends that is not only fun, but very fulfilling.

B.B.V.C. 2018 - July 13, 2018

Boys in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to a summer day of fun, food, and faith at **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary** with the Philadelphia Seminarians! The registration fee of \$25 includes supplies, lunch and dinner. To Register, or for more information, visit:

heedthecall.org/event/BBVC

Questions? Contact the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778.

Quo Vadis Days 2018

High school men are invited to gather for this 4-day, 3-night camp with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The camp includes dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool, lake, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and more. A sliding scale registration fee of \$25-\$300 includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and activities. To Register, or for more information, visit: <http://heedthecall.org/event/quovadis/>



**BASKET BINGO
Sunday April 22nd**



Saint John Bosco's
Mini Vinnies

Doors open 1:30 PM/ 1st game starts at 2 PM
10 Chances for you to win
2 Special Games ~ Extra cards available for extra purchase
Longaberger baskets or products!
Plus raffles, door prizes and more...
\$15 per ticket in advance/\$20 at the door
Call MaryAnn for more information at 215-882-2286

Longaberger and the other basket and collection names are the property of the Longaberger Company. This fundraiser is not in any way connected with or sponsored by the Longaberger Company.



Saint John Bosco presents a **FREE FAMILY MOVIE EVENT** on **Friday, 5/18** at 6PM in the Parish Center. Please join us for the showing of the acclaimed epic film on St. Augustine of Hippo (**Restless Heart**).

Filmed in Europe, the first full-length feature movie on Augustine, it uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved & well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame & fortune without a moral compass & the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world & how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

"I will crochet while at home, I can crochet while I roam. I will crochet in the car. I can crochet near or far. I will crochet here or there. I can crochet ANYWHERE." **Help us with our Granny Square Challenge. Volunteers are needed to crochet Granny Squares!** The yarn and the directions will be provided. Completed squares must be returned no later than 7/31. The granny squares will be assembled into a beautiful afghan which will be chanced off at the Family Fall Festival in September. If you can help, please call Janet 215-718-7841.



Tell us what you thought about The Cross and The Light!

Please help us learn from your experience.

Answer the questions below and send them to Kelly@crossandlight.com

Post a review on Facebook: [Facebook.com/crossandlight](https://www.facebook.com/crossandlight)

Questions:

- What scene or song affected you most and why?
- During the ending song when the man who plays Jesus prays with the audience, did you pray with him? Did you feel God's presence in this moment?
- Was there a moment in the production when you felt God's presence? When was it specifically and why?
- What did you learn that changed the way you view your faith?
- Was there anything in the show that shocked you? Upset you? Or renewed your spirit?
- Would you recommend Cross and Light to other people? Why?