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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.

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!

The Prayers of a Mom
A True Life Testimony

Sometimes I sit and look back on my life,
I remember the pain and remember the strife.
I didn't know what I was looking for,
until I heard Jesus knock at my door.
He asked to come in, but I kept saying no,
I closed the door to my heart and he said "I won't go,
I'll keep on knocking until you ask me in."
But I chose to stay in my life of sin.
I thought that I had the game of life already won!
I had money in my pockets and carried a gun.
The life of a gangster is what I had chose,
Selling drugs to buy new clothes, driving new cars and going to lowrider shows.
This is what I thought life was about,
never had a worry, never a doubt,
but Mom kept on saying that I was missing the truth.
She said "I always pray for you and the youth,
Material things in the world are not all bad,
but without God in your life, your heart will remain sad!"
I listened really close and I knew deep inside she was right,
my happiness was a front, cause I felt lonely and sad at night.
My Mom said, "God can take all your pain away,"
but I again chose an alternative way.
Alcohol and drugs were my choice this time,
all my pain and thoughts were gone for good, out of my mind,
but then again, that was just for a season,
the day came when I really had nothing, no money, no cars, no
home, and for what reason?
The drugs and the alcohol took over my life
and when I didn't have them, again, came pain and strife.
All this time my mother did pray,
and life got harder for me each and every day!
I was tired of life at that moment in time,
I had nothing except, pain in my heart and a very lost mind.
The time had come when I wanted to die,
but all I could do was just sit there and cry.
All I remember was what my Mom kept on saying
that, Jesus loved me, and she'll continue praying.
I looked at the door to my heart, and started debating,
could Jesus still be there, could he really be waiting.
I started to cry and fell to my knees,
I shouted out loud, "God! Help me please!"
I opened the door and Jesus was still standing there
with fire in his eyes and a bright blinding glow to his hair.
Then he spoke one more time and said to me again,
"I love you my son, will you please let me in?"
I asked him into my heart that day, and at that moment, he took all the pain and the strife in my life away.
I fell at his feet and started to cry. "Thank you Lord,"
I gave him my gun and he gave me a sword,
He said, "These are the words I have spoken to you,
go forward in life and may your life be a new!"
From that day forward I sang a new song.
"Thank you my Lord for The Prayers of a Mom!"

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

4/30 **MON.** 8:45 AM Philomena Finn
 5/1 **TUES.** 8:45 AM Brother Carmen Ciardullo
 5/2 **WED.** 8:45 AM William Crooks
 5/3 **THURS.** 8:45 AM Jim Healy
 5/4 **FRI.** 8:45 AM Dolores Yanni

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

4:00 PM Anne & Paul Geib
 7:00 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

8:00 AM Donna Volz
 11:00 AM Carmine Ciardullo Family



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:

**JIM HEALY, MARTA BUZOLITS,
 PETER J. SCIARRA**

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.



Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on Saturday, 5/5, their First Communion Day!

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world.

Please join us for our annual **Corpus Christi Procession** on Sunday, June 3rd immediately

following the 11:00 am Mass. Three altars will be erected in the Church. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very special way.

Recent Collections

Sunday	Amount	Difference
4/15/18	\$ 12,448.85*	
4/17/17	12,389.00	+ \$ 59.85

* Includes E-Giving

Snow Removal ~ Special Collection

4/15/18 \$ 1,900.00

**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
 Kevin Coniers
 Anita Conrad
 Marianne R. Costello
 Linda Cunningham
 Louise D'Agostino
 Ellen Dardis
 Lois Dudley
 J. Fertig
 Florence Flavell
 Charlie Gaffney
 William Gaida
 Marie Gonzalez
 Maria Greco
 Lilly Ibbotson
 Bryce Ingraham
 Jayden Ingraham
 Barbara Istvan
 Matthew Istvan
 Bud Kedziera

Tim Keebler
 James Kirkpatrick
 Roland Klusman
 Joseph Kraft
 Maris Kraft
 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.
 Frank Waltrich

HOW WE LIST:

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

www.heedthecall.org



Bulletin Deadlines

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

- ♦ May 20.....Mon., April 30
- ♦ May 27.....Mon., May 7
- ♦ June 3.....Mon., May 14

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

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!

Once upon a book club... Have you ever thought about joining a book club? It's a fun way to get connected, make new friends and read more books! In the Bosco Book Club (A Novel Bunch), we'll be reading and discussing newly released, highly rated books from a wide variety of genres. This month we're reading: **HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET** by Jamie Ford. We will meet on **Wednesday, 5/23** at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. We'll eat and laugh and at some point discuss the book. Even if you don't finish it, come and we'll fill you in on the plot. Mostly we like sharing our favorite reads.

Happy Reading! Hope to see you at our **May Get Together!**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

SAINT JOHN BOSCO ROOM
(back entrance of Parish Center)

Sundays, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

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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



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.



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.



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

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.

Please join us to pray the Rosary before daily Mass in May. Rosary prayers will begin at 8:15 am.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING at Saint John Bosco 5/19 and 5/20 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!



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.

Saint John Bosco Senior Club

Bus trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country



Movie buffs of all ages will delight in this new, original production. Enjoy live performances from the AMT cast and band as they pay tribute to the biggest hits from movies past and present.

You won't want to miss the toe-tapping tribute of movie songs spanning decades of film making.

Join us as we recognize cinematic songs made famous by icons such as: Elvis Presley, Julie Andrews, Bette Midler, Rosemary Clooney, Barbra Streisand, John Williams and plenty more.

Filled with timeless tributes to motion picture hits and celebrated classics, be sure to grab your tub of popcorn and get ready for a harmonious, cinematic show!

Authentic Pennsylvania Dutch Smorgasbord Luncheon
Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant



Bus leaves 11:00 AM
Returns 7:00 PM
Saint John Bosco Church
235 E County Line Road
Hatboro, PA

Tuesday, June 5th—Showtime 3:00 PM
Includes bus, lunch and show—\$82.00

For reservations contact:
Dave Bilodeau
711 Middle Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-396-0355

SJB SPRING PLANT AND CRAFT SALE

will be held after all the Masses on 5/5 and 5/6 under the tent in front of Church.

We will be featuring hand-made items, beautiful plants and may even have a surprise or two.

Delicious Cramer's Pound Cakes will also be available for sale.

Stop by and see what you can find.

This is a great opportunity to shop for the perfect Mother's Day gift, or to simply discover that unique treasure. Please save the date and plan to attend.

You're invited to a birthday party!

When? On Pentecost Sunday

Where? Saint John Bosco

Why? To Celebrate the Church's Birthday!

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar! Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! So, let's celebrate! **Wear red to church that weekend!** The priests will wear red vestments to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit! Be sure and stop by the tent for a birthday cupcake after the 4 pm Mass on 5/19/18.



Saint John Bosco's annual **May Procession and May Crowning** will take place on Sunday, 5/6 at the 11 am Mass. Our devotional ceremony begins with a procession of our First Communicants (dressed in their First Communion dresses & suits) carrying flowers in honor of Our Lady. All are invited to attend.

Mothers are the foundation of the family. They make sacrifices to put a smile on our face at any given moment. **We will recite the Rosary on Tuesday, 5/29 after morning Mass in the Adoration Chapel with meditations for Mothers.** These meditations are meant to help all Moms to grow in devotion to Jesus, the Blessed Mother, your family and all the children of the world. **Our Lady asks everyone to pray the Rosary every day to combat the evils of this world.** Come, pray the Rosary with us on 5/29.



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.



TO OUR 2018 AUDIENCES...

THANK
You.

Thank you! We hope to see you next year!

Senior Club Meeting ~ Wednesday, May 9th at Noon in the cafeteria.

Refreshments will be served. Payment for the June 5th trip to Lancaster is due. Luncheon tickets on sale and Nominations of 2018-2019 officers will take place!



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.

Registrations for 2018/2019 PREP (parish religious education program) classes began April 10. We will offer two options:

1. Traditional Weekly PREP

Tuesdays September — May: 4:15-5:30 PM or 6:45-8:00 PM 1st-6th Level
Mondays September — May: 6:45-8:00 PM SG I, II, III only

Or

2. Two week Summer PREP

June 18 - 29: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Start date may change)

The summer option does require families to commit to 5 family activities a year offered by the parish. Summer PREP fills up fast so register as soon as possible.

Please note - 6th level Confirmation students will also attend one Sunday a month No need to register separately for this. It will be added to each 6th level student's schedule.

You may register in the PREP office. You may also print the forms out from the parish website www.sjthatboro.org and mail them in or drop them in the collection basket. New Families are asked to register in person. \$100.00 is due at registration with full payment by the beginning of classes. Tuition will remain the same this year. (1 child - \$235.00, 2 children - \$300.00, 3+ -\$350.00).

If you will be registering a new student please bring a copy of their baptismal form.

If you have a child going into 1st grade in September they need to begin classes this Summer or Fall.