

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Confessions: half an hour before/
after each service or by appointment
Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM
Sick Calls: As scheduled,
or anytime in case of an emergency
Readings and Music March 24:
Phil 4:4-9; John 12:1-18
Festal Tone

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7) We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE MARCH 24-APRIL 1

Sunday March 24 - Palm Sunday

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, +Nick Bove, Sr., w Panachida, by Nick and Martine Bove

Monday March 25 - Holy Monday/Annunciation of the Theotokos

5.00pm - Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, +Tim Vrklan, by Martine & Nick Bove.
Mystery of Holy Oil to follow

Thursday March 28 - Holy Thursday

5.00pm - Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St Basil, +Barbara Romboni, by Shirley Balascak

Friday March 29 - Good Friday

3.00pm - Vespers & Burial Procession with Holy Shroud
Confessions to follow

Saturday March 30 - Holy Saturday

7.00pm - Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Paschal Foods

Sunday March 31 - Resurrection of Our Lord

10.00am - Divine Liturgy, followed by blessing of Paschal Foods

Monday April 1 – *Bright Monday*

9.30am – Divine Liturgy, +Patty Cutrufello, by Barbara Soltis

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

March 17, 2024 attendance – 64; collections – \$2,144.00

According to the expenses of 2023, it costs 2,512.00 each week to fund ordinary operations at St Johns. Thank you for your faithful attendance and very generous support of your parish, may God bless you abundantly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt and Kielbasy Smoking. Today following the Divine Liturgy there will be Easter Egg Hunt and Kielbasy smoking. Enough kielbasy have been made for all our households. We kindly ask to give a suggested donation of \$5.00 that will help to cover the cost of meat. All are welcome to enjoy these special events in the parish

Mystery of Holy Oil/Anointing of Sick. Monday **March 25th**, following the Liturgy, there will be the mystery of the anointing of sick.

Catechetical Sunday. The next Catechetical Sunday will be on **April 7th**: ECF class will be held for the children (smaller class and sacristy) and adult faith formation on 1 Corinthians (bigger class). All are welcome to attend!

Blessing of Graves. There is a tradition among some Eastern Churches to bless the graves around the time of the Bright Week. Father will offer this blessing this year on Sunday April 7th with the following schedule: 12.00pm at Nichols Farm Cemetery; 12.30pm St Johns in Stratford; 1.30pm St Johns in Monroe. At each cemetery a Panachida will be celebrated, and then Father will be available to bless the grave/s, but you need to lead him to the grave of your loved ones. If you would like to bless the grave at some other cemetery (outside these three), please let the Father know.

Save the date: **Basket Bingo**, Saturday **April 20th**. The Ladies Guild is asking for donations of gift cards for this event.

Miraculous “Mary, Hepler of Mothers” Icon will be again at St Johns. A miraculous Marian icon will be placed at St Johns **April 21–May 12**. It is beloved by the mother and grandmothers, and especially by women who struggle with infertility of difficult pregnancies as several miraculous births have been attributed to it. St Johns welcomes everyone to come and pray in front of the icon. More details with the special services will be published in the next bulletins.

St Johns Summer Camp. As summer approaches, we are thrilled to announce we will be organizing summer camp at St Johns for the children ages 4 and older on June 24/27. We would like to offer something to our little ones, spend more time at St Johns playing and praying, and continue to learn that we are children of God. Each day will run from 9 through 12.30 with prayer, activity, snack, games. If you are interested, please email/call the parish office, talk to the catechists, or see the Father.