



Saint John The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

Lord, let your face
shine on us.

Alleluia

3rd Sunday of Easter • April 14, 2024

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Spotlight on the Gospel

Lk 24: 35-48

When I was growing up, I had seen a crime suspect in my neighborhood. I described to the police officer what the person looked like, as I was an eyewitness. Perhaps at least once, you also were an eyewitness...perhaps in court, at the scene of an accident, in the signing of documents or as a godparent, sponsor, best man or maid of honor. There are many other times when we witness and don't even think about it. Think about the last time you went to a sporting event, maybe a baseball game... when you came home, you described what happened at the game to your friends, family or coworkers who were not there. You were an eyewitness to the game. You were able to provide an account of what you saw and experienced. Another person, at that same game, might provide a different account of what happened. Who is right? Of course, you both are right – as each describes that which impressed them or what seemed most important.

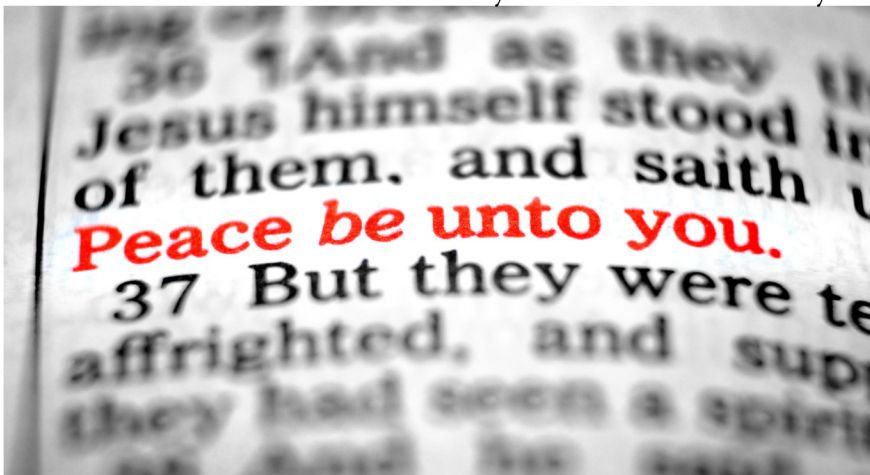
In the same way, the four gospel writers told the story of Jesus Christ from their own perspective, either through firsthand experience or by recording the witness of others who were with Jesus. We know that having four gospels gives us a much better understanding of Jesus.

In today's gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to be his witnesses to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. This is exactly what Peter is doing in today's first reading. What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus? We should understand this – as Jesus' instruction to those early disciples is the same instruction for us!

The answer lies in the examples illustrated above – one must have an experience to be able to share it with anyone else...we have an experience of Jesus Christ. Each of us has a different experience...our spiritual journey is unique...while we share much in common by being Catholic, by being members of a family...the relationship we have with Jesus Christ is very personal. One could say that we have a story to tell...just like those first disciples...

Why tell this story to anyone? For the same reason those early disciples did...to bring souls to Jesus...to touch hearts...specifically to change hearts...this is the power of the risen Jesus Christ working today in and through us!

May the Risen Christ bless you!



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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm

Sunday — 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.— Friday — 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday — 8:30am

Contact Us

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm

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PRINCIPAL

Dr. Deborah Egan

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

INVITES ALL

TALKS FOR FAMILIES, ADULTS AND YOUTH.
LET CHRIST RISEN FIND OUR HEARTS
WAITING FOR HIM.

AT **8PM**

EVERY **MONDAY** AND **THURSDAY** STARTING **APRIL 8, 2024**
IN THE **GYM**

FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

**MOTHER'S DAY
50/50 RAFFLE**

TICKET PRICE \$100

**ONE GRAND
PRIZE WINNER
50% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 1 P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
IN THE SISTER DONNA MARIE O'BRIEN
AUDITORIUM
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH
AND AT THE RECTORY.**

PLEASE RETURN TICKET STUBS, MONEY, AND
ANY UNUSED TICKETS BY MAY 6, 2024.

NET PROCEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. JOHN
THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I.D. 255-01-00062

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Supporting Our Parish

Stewardship of Treasure April 07, 2024

Tithing	\$ 8,961.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 2,405.00
Total	\$ 11,366.00

Thank you for your constant generosity

Online Giving

Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. John's and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith. Our online platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer.



Social Concerns Sandwich drive

Please have sandwiches
by the garage doors

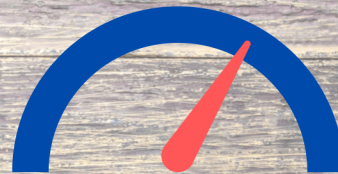
by

9:00 a.m. on 4/26/24

Thank you for your kindness



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL



So far we have collected, \$44,255 or 66% of our \$66,472 goal.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



“In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.” — Pope John Paul II

Sign up to be an Adorer today
Email: Adoration@sjanj.net
<http://www.sjanj.net/pea/>
Call the Rectory (908) 486-6363



PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5:30 pm Joseph & Sophia Wietecha
William & Irene Neiman

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 am Albert & Dora Moore
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm Edward Shields

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

7:00 am John Langan
8:30 am Ann Higgins

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
8:30 am Marguerite & Richard Canavan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

7:00 am Marco Cruz
8:30 am Trudy Sbarro

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

7:00 am Joseph Pastena
8:30 am Intentions of Diane D'Agostine

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

7:00 am Kurt Klinger
8:30 am Barbara Ann Gonder

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:30 am Joseph & Mary Malandro
Deceased members of the Tудay,
Contrino & Petrosky families
Souls in Purgatory
John Langan
Gordon Bramwell

5:30 pm Alberta Spotti

SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 am John Nolan
10:00 am Rita Sauer
12:00 pm People of the Parish

ALTAR CANDLES

Patricia Moore

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Stella Kurdyla

ADORATION CANDLES (ONE SET)

James & Mary Maroney

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Trudy Sbarro

FLOWERS / BREAD & WINE Trudy Sbarro

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Charles Le Poidevin, Emma Makowski, John McGuire, Karen Miller, Thomas Moore, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory go to our website, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

MARRIAGE

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will be a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one to be held at St. John the Apostle. The group will provide a Christ-centered experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group contact: Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, and those who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Learn more on our website:

www.sjanj.net/religious-education/