



Saint John The Apostle
Roman Catholic Church

*I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit*

5th Sunday of Easter • April 28, 2024

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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

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Monday–Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm

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PRINCIPAL

Dr. Deborah Egan



Spotlight on the Gospel

Jn 3: 18-24

When I was growing up, my dad grew some grape vines in our back yard. As a result, I can relate a little better to the image that Jesus uses in today's gospel. Jesus was speaking to a people very well acquainted with wild vs. cultivated grapes. A wild vine, left to itself rambles through underbrush and clings to everything, rocks, brush, trees etc. The fruit is usually bitter and small.

On the other hand, a well-tended vine is tall and sturdy, producing large clusters of health, sweet-tasting grapes – the result of careful pruning. Jesus conveys to us an important spiritual truth: God our Father is the master at cultivating. He enables us to have an intimate long-lasting relationship with his Son. When we maintain this relationship, we will produce abundant fruit.

One thing I noticed about the vines in my back yard – some branches had no fruit, others contained clusters of grapes. Just like these unproductive branches needed to be pruned, so we must allow ourselves to be pruned of all that is not of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Why is this so important? Jesus told us that we must bear fruit – loving one another, professing our faith to others through the witness of how we live our lives.

We need to allow Jesus to prune us of all sinful inclinations and habits. We know that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we leave the confessional pruned of all our dead and unproductive branches.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear fruit, because without me you can do nothing. We remain in Jesus through prayer, knowing and living the Word, receiving Holy Eucharist and helping the brother or sister in Christ in need.



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
March 24, 2024

Tithing	\$ 9,308.50
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 1,700
Total	\$ 11,008.50

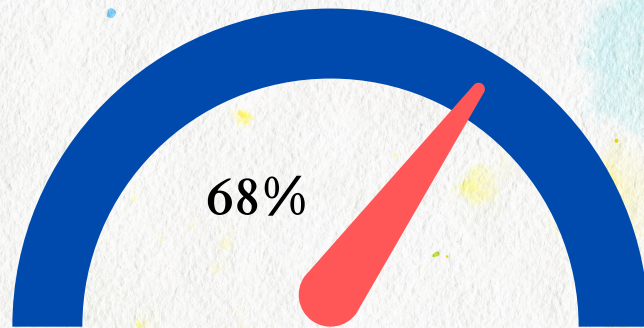
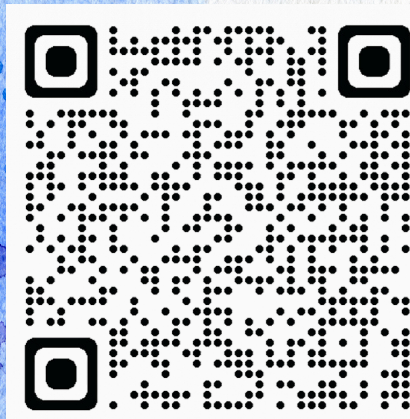
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Online Giving

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.



ANNUAL APPEAL ²⁰²⁴



So far we have collected,
\$45,755 or 68% of our
\$66,472 goal.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC 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 27, 2024

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 am Thomas & Dorothy Kovatch

10:00 am Richard Nelson 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm Jerry & Hattie Derillo

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

7:00 am Sister Helen Francis

8:30 am Frank J. McGovern

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

7:00 am Mary Minarchenko

8:30 am Owen Burke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 01, 2024

7:00 am Robert Stuart

8:30 am Jane Marino

THURSDAY, MAY 02, 2024

7:00 am Carol Cruise

8:30 am Ruth Dowling

FRIDAY, MAY 03, 2024

7:00 am Joseph Pastena

8:30 am Intentions of Diane D'Agostine

SATURDAY, MAY 04, 2024

8:30 am Maria Ferraro

Niccolo Ciuro

Intentions of Brendan Conaty

John Langan

Mark & Ludwig Drogon

5:30 pm Veronica Cotton

SUNDAY MAY 05, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Rita Sauer

12:00 pm Bernard Buniak

ALTAR CANDLES

Molly Flamino

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Connie Scafidi

FLOWERS

Veronica Cotton

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/