



Saint John The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

6th Sunday of Easter • May 5, 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

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm

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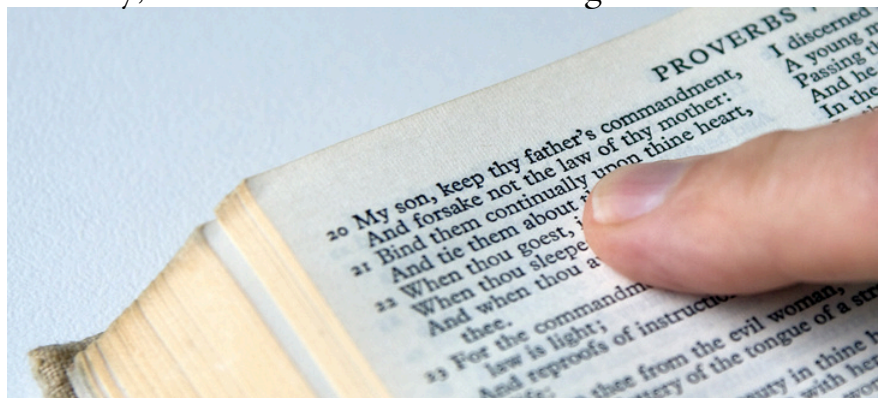
Spotlight on the Gospel

Jn 15: 9-17

Last Sunday, Jesus taught that as his disciples, we are connected to him like branches on a vine. This Sunday, Jesus goes even deeper. Jesus tells us in today's gospel that the greatest self-giving is to "lay down one's life for one's friends, as he did for us. Jesus not only provided the example of love by his death, but establishes the foundation for love among all disciples through the centuries. Jesus' laying down his life for us in the ultimate sign of his love for us. "Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father loves me, so I also love you." So we see that Jesus loves us with the same love that the Father loves him. Jesus goes on in a similar fashion regarding keeping the commandments. "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." Jesus' response to the Father's love is in obedience to the Father's commandments. Likewise, our response to Jesus' love must be in obedience to the commandments. The commandments are not burdens, but our obedience is a loving response to Jesus Christ.

The idea of being a friend of God has greater meaning when we understand that in the courts of Roman emperors and eastern kings, there was a very select group of men, called friends of the king or friends of the emperor. At all times they had access to the king. He talked to them before he talked to his generals, rulers and statesmen. The friends of the king were those who had the closest and most intimate connection with him. Just think of it...we are in the inner circle of friends of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our response to Jesus' command to "love one another"... we give of what God gave to us...our time...our abilities...our money... While all of us don't have or can give large amounts of money, we all have time and abilities to give.



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 28, 2024

Tithing	\$ 9,743.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 981.50
Total	\$10,724.50

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.



Electronic giving will help you get accurate statements sooner and save the parish money in envelopes and postage. It is easy to start giving online, simply scan the QR code above and sign up today.

ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

71%

So far we have collected, \$47,700 or 71% of our \$66,472 goal.

Rosary Society Meeting Monday May 6
7pm
McGuinness Center

For more information
Fran Mekula (732) 912-6054

Last Will & Testament

Don't forget to include your parish in your will

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, MAY 04, 2024

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

MONDAY, MAY 06, 2024

7:00 am Stephen Burczynski

8:30 am Helen Halstead

TUESDAY, MAY 07, 2024

7:00 am Rev. Robert McBride

8:30 am Alfredo Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2024

7:00 am Rev. Robert McBride

8:30 am Maureen Sumner

THURSDAY, MAY 09, 2024

7:00 am Owen Burke

8:30 am Mary Steffan

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

7:00 am Brendan Burke

8:30 am Carole Malik

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

8:30 am Intentions of Althea Garcon

Josephine Giammanco

Intentions of Mary Pyatak

Intentions for Jon Schnur

Rosa Torretta

5:30 pm Ernesto Bayuga

SUNDAY MAY 12, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm People of the Parish

ALTAR CANDLES

Vita DiMaria

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Kelly Duffy

BREAD AND WINE

Vita DiMaria

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/