

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your family or marital situation,
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,
No matter what your personal history, background, race or other,
No matter what your own self-image or esteem,
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John's.

EUCCHARIST:

Lord's Day Mass: *Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Ordinary Form) & 1:30 pm (Extraordinary Form)*
Weekday Mass: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday at 8:00 am & Wednesday at 6:00 pm | Adoration: Wed. 12:00 - 6:00 pm

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm, Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 pm, or by Appointment.

BAPTISM: Please call Deacon Dave Picard through the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE: To be arranged at least one year in advance. Please call the office.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Is available in the Confessional every Saturday or see Father after Mass. If you or a loved one needs Father to come to you, please call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION: Takes place in 11th Grade, please contact the Director of Religious Education to enroll in classes. If you are an adult and need to make your Confirmation, please contact the same office and ask about the RCIA program.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please call Fr. Pierz at the parish office, or call the Office of Vocations at (413) 452-0811.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *We are a Roman Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by sharing, growing and spreading God the Father's love through our parish ministries, and by coming together as a community in meaningful prayer and worship to celebrate that love.*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are to love the Lord with our whole heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. By thus fulfilling these two great commandments, we hope to become models and faithful imitators of the Lord who gave himself totally for our sakes.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday - Closed

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Bulletin Submissions are due 9 days prior to print
Email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com

Thoughts from the Rectory ...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

With leaves dropping and days shortening, Creation is giving us its signs of closing time. The seasons of budding spring and vibrant summer are entering those of chilling autumn and slumbering winter. In natural life, we recognize the passage of time, beginnings and ends.

So too in human life and liturgical life. As in natural creation, so does human life experience its beginnings and ends. In birth and in death, and in the passing time between, we mature in life, grow in wisdom, perfect in love. It is in the gift of time that we practice the things of eternity.

The liturgical year continues its progression into the 30th Week. We began with the coming of the Lord and His advent in history. We contemplated His 40 days in desert wilderness, and shared our own *quarantena*. He died and rose again, so now we live and die no more. Death has no more power over us. While earthly time meets its end, the life we live in Christ is not timely but eternal. The life we live in Christ is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind. In such love, there can be no end.

In these final weeks of Ordinary Time, we will reach the end of the year. Nevertheless, as this time passes, let us pray the truth of Christ will be reflected all the more brilliantly in each of us living out the command of that Love which is eternal.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We will recall, not simply those whom we and Holy Mother Church recognize as declared Saints, but also all those who are known to God, from our own families and friends. These are all the holy women and men who have lived virtues heroically and sought the mercy of God, serving as models and witnesses for us in prayer and practice. May each of us be found in their company this day and every day. It's worth our lives of holiness!

Finally, let us continue to join together in prayer for Bishop-Elect William Byrne and rejoice in the gift of having a successor of the Apostles shepherd and guide us, as they themselves bore witness to the great power of life over death, as they followed Christ as we do today!

All Saints, holy men and women, pray for us!
St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 24th

4:00 pm Clara & Manuel Gonsalves †

Requested by The Family

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 am St. John's Parishioners

Requested by The Jackobek Family

10:30 am For the People

1:30 pm (EF) Mr. & Mrs. James Manning & Bella-Marriage Blessing

Requested by Karen

Monday, October 26th

8:00 am Gerald Burke †

Requested by His Wife Donna & Son Sean

Tuesday, October 27th

8:00 am William Woods †

Requested by His Daughters

Wednesday, October 28th-Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:00 pm 41st Wedding Anniversary for Thomas & Teresa Marinak

Requested by Son & Daughter-in-Law Leo & Tasya Marinak

Thursday, October 29th

8:00 am Wilma Payette †

Requested by Theresa & David Borchetta

Friday, October 30th

8:00 am Michelle & Steve

Requested by Mom & Dad

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, October 31st

4:00 pm Vincent & Helen Falcone †

Requested by Their Family

Sunday, November 1st

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Stack

Requested by Bob, Melanie, & Family

10:30 am For the People

1:30 pm (EF) Kim Nguyen †

Requested by Theresa & David Borchetta

SANCTUARY LAMP

OCTOBER 25TH —OCTOBER 31ST

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

EUGENIA FORTIER

REQUESTED BY HER DAUGHTER

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

Please remember in your prayers: Please pray for the sick and dying of our parish. Remember all who are in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. Pray for the hungry, the unemployed and under-employed. Pray for an end to abortion and a true respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Pray for peace. In a concrete way we pray for all those who have died and all the deceased members of the parish including Philip Duclos.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Note: If you would like to include someone who has recently passed away, please call the parish office or email: sje.pariahsecretary@gmail.com.

IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS PRAYER LINE:

If you have a serious intention that you need prayers for: surgery, sufferings, medical, illness, cancer treatment, a sick child, or anything like that, please give Pat (786-3023) or Mary (786-9671) a call and you will have countless rosaries and prayers.

If anyone else is interested in being a prayer partner, please call Pat or Mary.



Welcome Bishop-Elect Bill Byrne!



Pope Francis has named Father William D. Byrne, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., as the 10th bishop of Springfield. The announcement was made today, Oct. 14, in Washington D.C. by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, U.S. papal nuncio.

Bishop-elect Byrne was born Sept. 26, 1964. A native of Washington, D.C., he is the youngest of eight children of Mary (Largent) Byrne and the late Dr. William Byrne, a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon who passed away in 2011.

As a youth, the bishop-elect attended Mater Dei School in Bethesda, Md., went on to Georgetown Preparatory School in Rockville, Md. and completed his undergraduate studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He then taught for three years at Mater Dei before being accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

He studied at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, completing his licentiate in sacred theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and was ordained in 1994 by Cardinal James A. Hickey.

Bishop-elect Byrne's ministry also includes service on the Archdiocese of Washington's Vocations Team (1998), Formation Board (2002-present), Priest Council (2003-2006), Priest Personnel Board (2006-2009), and Archdiocesan Administrative Board (2009-2015). He also served on the board of directors of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, Catholic Youth Organization, and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, as well as the advisory board of the Lay Leadership Institute.

In 2007, he gave the homily to 20,000 Catholic youth and their leaders gathered at the Verizon Center for the annual Mass and Rally for Life which each year precedes the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

Bishop-elect Byrne is a popular columnist and YouTube personality, with his series "Five Things" highlighting five life hacks, prayer starters, or spiritual meditations to help people to grow closer to God and appreciate the small — but vital — things in life. The series was so popular that it has been developed into a book, *Five Things with Fr. Bill*, which is being released tomorrow, Oct. 15 by Loyola Press.



Bishop-elect Byrne will be ordained and installed as the **10th Bishop of Springfield on December 14, 2020 at St. Michael's Cathedral** on State Street in Springfield. He will shepherd a diocese comprising of 79 parishes and seven missions located in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties, and a Catholic population of 164,799.



Pray in Solidarity

**Saint John the Evangelist Church
Agawam, MA**

24- Hour Adoration for Our Country

MON Nov. 2 - TUES Nov. 3, 2020

- Begins MON 11/2 at 8am
- Concludes TUES 11/3 at 8am

Join the faithful across the country praying that God's will be done in this crucial presidential election. Pray to heal America and bring peace throughout our land.

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14



A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters

A six-week series of Questions and Answers to Prepare the Catholic Voter

WHAT IF ALL THE CANDIDATES FROM WHOM I HAVE TO CHOOSE ARE PRO-ABORTION? DO I HAVE TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING AT ALL? WHAT DO I DO?

Obviously, one of these candidates is going to win the election. Thus, in this dilemma, you should do your best to judge which candidate would do the least moral harm. However, as explained in question 5 above, you should not place a candidate who is pro-capital punishment (and anti-abortion) in the same moral category as a candidate who is pro-abortion. Faced with such a set of candidates, there would be no moral dilemma, and the clear moral obligation would be to vote for the candidate who is pro-capital punishment, not necessarily because he is pro-capital punishment, but because he is anti-abortion.

IS NOT THE CHURCH'S STAND THAT ABORTION MUST BE ILLEGAL A BIT OF AN EXCEPTION? DOES NOT THE CHURCH GENERALLY HOLD THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESTRICT ITS LEGISLATION OF MORALITY SIGNIFICANTLY?

The Church's teaching that abortion should be illegal is not an exception. St. Thomas Aquinas put it this way: "Wherefore human laws do not forbid all vices, from which the virtuous abstain, **but only the more grievous vices, from which it is possible for the majority to abstain; and chiefly those that are to the hurt of others, without the prohibition of which human society could not be maintained: thus human law prohibits murder, theft and such like.**". Abortion qualifies as a grievous vice that hurts others, and the lack of prohibition of this evil by society is something by which human society cannot be maintained. As Pope John Paul II has emphasized, the denial of the right to life, in principle, sets the stage, in principle, for the denial of all other rights.

(Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, **A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters**, 10 & 11. EWTN, <https://www.ewtn.com/vote/brief-catechism.asp>)

Holy Water Available!

Stop by the work Sacristy after Mass with your Holy Water bottle brought from home and one of our Sacristans will fill it for you, or you can come to the Parish Office during the week and one of the staff members can fill your container for you. Holy Water bottles are available for purchase as



Ministry to Sick & Homebound
413-786-8105 ext. 105

PASTORAL MINISTRY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm.

Please leave your name and phone number, including area code, with a brief message if non-urgent. I will return your call as soon as I am able. ALL other calls requiring a priest, speak with our Parish Secretary, Sandy. Blessings and thank you for your patience.

FOOD GIFT CARDS: Your generosity of free will giving is gratefully appreciated by these families in their time of need. Thank you all for who you are and what you do in the name of Jesus Our Lord.

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you have a family member, friend, or know a person who is in need of extra comforting care, please feel free to contact our Prayer Shawl Ministry under Ministry to Sick & Homebound. Call Francesca at 413-786-8105 ext. 105. Leave a message and I will get back to you. Only requirement is that the Shawl must be picked up by the person requesting same, and delivered to the person in need of this comfort. There will be a Prayer Card placed with shawl of the knitter who crafted this shawl of prayerful love.

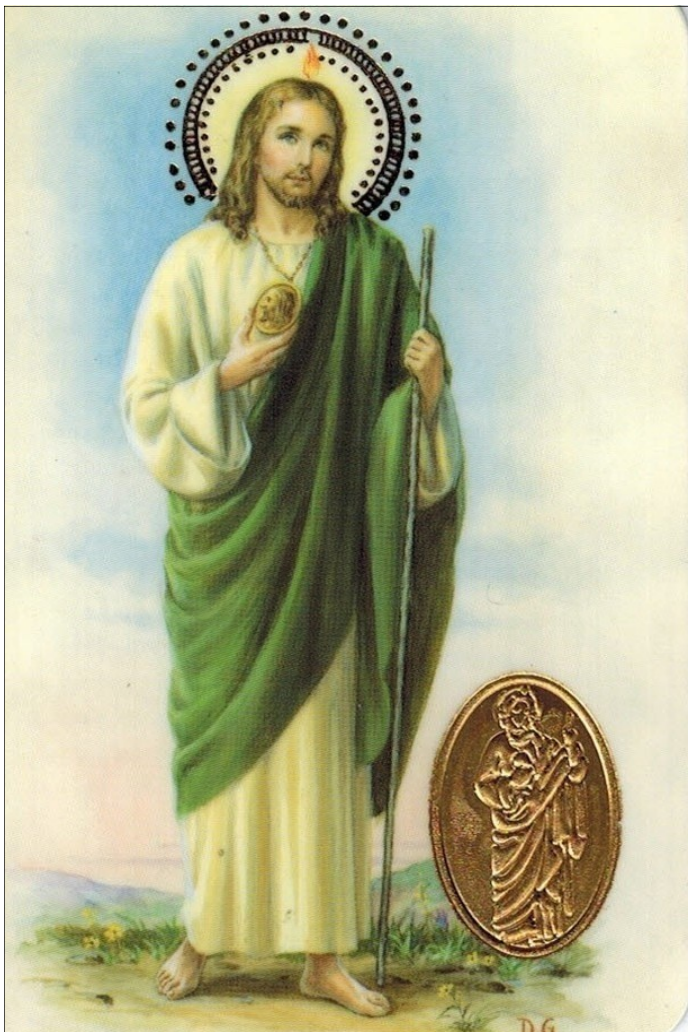
BEREAVEMENT: If you have experienced any loss and are in need of Spiritual consoling, please call the Parish Office at 786-8105 ext. 105 for direct line to Pastoral Minister, Francesca. Please leave your name, phone number, including area code, with a message for a return call. All calls are confidential. Blessings.

HERITAGE WOODS: No participation at this time.

HERITAGE HALLS: No participation at this time at all campuses.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: If someone is at home and unable to have their own hands on experience with Our Lord Jesus because of illness or decline in movements because of restrictions, please, if you feel this will help, call me, so that I can reach out to the person and until I can once again visit in person. I will make a personal phone call where we can get to know each other, share our fears, hopes and spiritual likes, if any, and pray together. I will read the Gospel of the day to the infirmed.

HOSPITAL VISITS: HIPAA Medical Law restrict access to patient admittance information. Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member admitted to a local hospital in need of a visit by Father Pierz. Follow up in-house visits will be provided per Francesca.



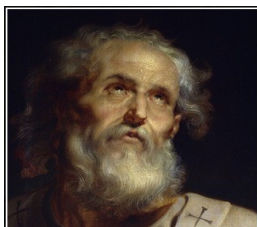
Prayer To St. Jude Thaddeus

Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered your beloved Master into the hands of his enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many. But the Church honors you, and I invoke you as the special advocate of those who are in trouble and almost without hope. Help me to realize that through our faith we triumph over life's difficulties by the power of Jesus who loved us and gave His life for us. Come to my assistance that I may receive the consolation and succor of heaven in all my needs, trials, and sufferings, particularly (*here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever.

St. Jude, apostle of the Word of God, pray for us.
St. Jude, follower of the Son of God, pray for us.
St. Jude, preacher of the love of God, pray for us.
St. Jude, intercessor before God, pray for us.
St. Jude, friend of all in need, pray for us.
St. Jude, pray for us, and for all who invoke your aid.


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God loves us beyond
comprehension, and we cannot
diminish God's love for us.

— Saint Peter —

Weekend of October 18th

***“Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father”***

Weekly: \$4,263.00

Maintenance: \$363.00

Fuel: \$102.00

Loose: \$437.61

Online Giving: \$1,917.00

Loan Repayment: \$849.00

Total: \$7,931.61

***“May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of His name, for
our good and the good of all His holy Church.”***

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WITH MATTHEW KELLY

We, the parishes of Our Lady of the Lake Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, were planning on a Dynamic Catholic event with Matthew Kelly for around October, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all their events have been canceled which now pushes us to a late 2022.

Please see below for a wonderful opportunity to hear Matthew Kelly virtually in your own home. I think we can all agree that our world needs some hope and encouragement right now and we know this event has the power to do just that!

Date & Time: Thursday, November 5 at 8PM

Ticket Price: \$39 per ticket (which includes an event packet shipped to your door containing Matthew Kelly's event exclusive book and additional items)

Unique Opportunities During Event: Matthew Kelly will lead a live coaching Dream Session and Q&A - plus fantastic talks as well!

Visit DynamicCatholic.com/AMP for all of the details.



HALLOWEEN- THE CATHOLIC WAY

What is HALLOWEEN?



"ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint.

We call October 31 - All Hallows' Eve because it is the eve of All Saints' Day which is on November 1.

The mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on Nov. 1 was called "Allhallomas". This meant mass of all the hallowed (saintly people). It was commonly called "All Hallows' Day".



The night before Nov. 1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short for "evening before All Hallows' Day." It was then shortened to what we now know as Halloween.



Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?



November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



November 2 is a special day called the feast of All Souls. It is celebrated in honor and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and to pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honors this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.



How can we celebrate Halloween?

1. Dress up like "Little Saints"



Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We honor the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallows' Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.



3. Go to Mass

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, the most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honor to them.

2. Visit the graves of our dearly departed

On Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.



4. We say a prayer

While we celebrate Halloween, we pray to and honor our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



REVISED



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We have several people interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Faith and our instruction will begin on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30** and will continue each Monday in the Father Joyce Room of the Pastoral Center. Even if one is not a member of our Parish, they are welcome to join us.

On behalf of the Catholic Faith and the community of St. John the Evangelist Parish we look forward to welcoming you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education classes have begun!!

Thanks to all those who have registered and attended class. For those of you who have not registered yet, it's not too late! You can reach out to Claire at sje.religioeducation@gmail.com, or call the Office at 413.786.8105 to get a registration form and handbook.

Grades 9 & 10 meet in person this Sunday evening, October 25th, from 6-8pm in the Fr. Joyce Room.

All other grades have at home activities.

All COVID-19 regulations from the State and Diocese will be followed. Thank you for your patience as we kick start our new program – we are so excited to begin!

A beautiful thank you note from our of our Take & Eat recipients:

Thank you for your comments

*Thank you & God Bless all
of you who prepare and deliver
the wonderful meals to those
of us who are struggling. It
is wonderful to have a visit
and a meal delivered to our
homes!*

O, COME LET US ADORE HIM!

Every Wednesday 12:00pm — 5:45pm

with *Confessions*
at 4:30-5:30pm,
and *Holy Mass*
at 6:00pm



You are invited to sign up
for an hour of adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament!

We are in need of people to
cover all hours, especially 3pm-4pm.

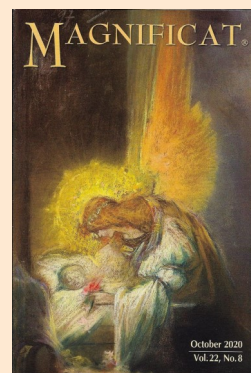
For more information, please contact Trish at
413-237-2662. Your time is so appreciated!

40 Days for Life begins September 23rd
and ends on November 1st. Please join others
at Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main Street in
Springfield to pray for an end to abortion.



NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS/RENEWAL

The *Magnificat Magazine* features the complete readings for each Sunday, weekday, and Feast Day Mass; daily reflections on the Gospel from the Church's greatest minds; a fresh take on the lives of the saints. All of this presented in a lavishly printed, visually stunning, and easy-to-read pocket-sized companion.

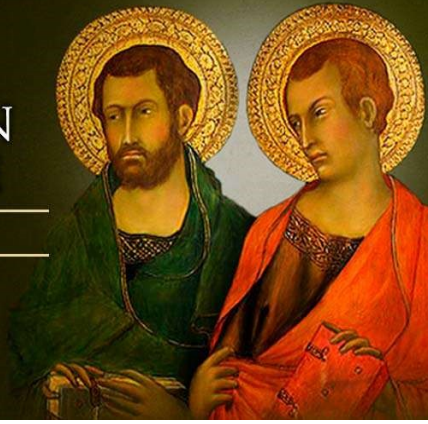


You can review or begin an annual subscription with the January 2021 issue. Through the parish, we can receive a discount for group subscriptions. The cost is \$40. You can bring your subscription fee to the Parish Office. Checks should be made out to St. John the Evangelist Church.

STS. SIMON AND JUDE

APOSTLES

October 28th



Let Your Voice Be Heard – Again!

“Say No to ROE”

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you **oppose** the **expansion of abortion** in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are **opposed** to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps!

Remember these bills would remove:

- The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion
- The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion
- The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals
- And the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org Thank you!



THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Can. 511 In every diocese and to the extent that pastoral circumstances suggest it, a pastoral council is to be constituted which under the authority of the bishop investigates, considers, and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to pastoral works in the diocese.

Can. 512 §1. A pastoral council consists of members of the Christian faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church—clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life, and especially laity—who are designated in a manner determined by the diocesan bishop.

§2. The Christian faithful who are designated to a pastoral council are to be selected in such a way that they truly reflect the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese, with consideration given to the different areas of the diocese, social conditions and professions, and the role which they have in the apostolate whether individually or joined with others.

§3. No one except members of the Christian faithful outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence is to be designated to a pastoral council.

Can. 513 §1. A pastoral council is constituted for a period of time according to the prescripts of the statutes which are issued by the bishop.

§2. When the see is vacant, a pastoral council ceases.

Can. 514 §1. A pastoral council possesses only a consultative vote. It belongs to the diocesan bishop alone to convoke it according to the needs of the apostolate and to preside over it; it also belongs to him alone to make public what has been done in the council.

§2. The pastoral council is to be convoked at least once a year.

Can. 536 §1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.

§2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PASTORAL COUNCIL
2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

The Pastoral Council has worked to identify the many ministries and activities in our parish. With open lines of communication between our pastor, the pastoral council, our pastoral commissions, and the various groups we all share in coordinating activities within the parish. In the spirit of cooperation we hope to work together to build a strong, welcoming spirit within our parish that will foster even greater participation in our community.

To that end, we are looking for parishioners who would give of their time and leadership talents to help our pastor in his administration of the some sixty ministries and activities in the parish. We encourage members of these groups to consider nomination to the council as well as those who would represent the parish at-large.

Nominees must be 18 years old, having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), registered and active in the Parish, who are outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence.

A nomination form is found below. Upon filling it out you can place it in the basket or turn in into the Parish Office. You may also contact the Parish Office by telephone or email with a nomination. Nominations will remain open through Monday, November 2nd.

“Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the laity in the Church. Let them willingly employ their prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to them in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action. Further, let them encourage lay people so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative. Attentively in Christ, let them consider with fatherly love the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity. However, let the shepherds respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city

A great many wonderful things are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their spiritual leaders: in the laity a strengthened sense of personal responsibility; a renewed enthusiasm; a more ready application of their talents to the projects of their spiritual leaders. The latter, on the other hand, aided by the experience of the laity, can more clearly and more incisively come to decisions regarding both spiritual and temporal matters. In this way, the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfill its mission for the life of the world.”

VATICAN COUNCIL II. **LUMEN GENTIUM**. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 21 November 1964, 37.

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Nominee: _____

Phone #/Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Phone #/Email: _____