

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, 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.

ANointing 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.*

Third Sunday of Easter —April 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday - Closed

Pastor: Fr. Michael Pierz
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Finance Council:

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| Charles Calisti | Cecile Fragoso |
| Ted Muszynski | David Ross |
| Joseph Searles | |

Pastoral Council:

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| Judy Cross-Donahue (Chair) | Ben Auld |
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Bulletin Submissions are due 2 days prior to print

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Thoughts from the Rectory ...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,
The LORD is Risen, Alleluia!
He is truly Risen, Alleluia!

With confidence and trust in the Lord and the promise revealed to us, we celebrate this Lord's Day, this "little Easter", as we do each and every week. Every Sunday is a re-presentation of the mystery of our salvation in Christ and brings us always to a deeper celebration of the paschal sacrifice. Since today is only the Third Sunday of Easter, this sense of Sunday as a memorial of Jesus' Resurrection is all the more present to us!

This weekend we hear the Lord encouraging us through His Apostles and we are reminded of the constant intercession and mediation before God the Father that is offered us in God the Son with God the Holy Spirit. "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world". In flesh and blood, in Spirit and truth, God animates, vivifies, redeems, and saves us. We, who were once lowly and lost, are now found in the Lord and alive in hope.

This is not a merely ephemeral hope, contingent on passing times or fleeting moments, but a substantial hope made firm by the Cross and powered in the Risen Christ. The Lord Jesus vanquishes death and His lifeless and limp body, pierced in the side and buried in the depths, is truly raised and glorified. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself".

As much as we receive the flesh and body of the Lord, so too do we receive His Spirit. It is the very spirit of God that descends upon us, gifting us wisdom and knowledge, understanding and much grace. So as for the Apostles, so too for us the Lord continually inspires His Church with breath ever new that fills our limp souls.

In a special way, I invite you to recall your Confirmation, and join with the young men and women of our parish who have received the great gift of being anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the Holy Spirit. This Saturday morning, Bishop William Byrne, our Bishop of Springfield, conferred the sacrament upon these our sons and daughters here in our parish church. Let us pray for them, for him, and for each other as we rejoice in the mystery of our divine life in God, body and blood, soul and divinity, spirit and truth!

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and all!
St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 17th

4:00 pm—Geraldine Bellini †—3 year anniversary

Requested by Her Loving Family

Sunday, April 18th

8:00 am—Claire Parent †

Requested by Family

10:30 am—John Donahue †

Requested by Wife

1:30 pm—For the People

Monday, April 19th

8:00 am—Raymond Macari, Sr. †

Requested by the Family

Tuesday, April 20th

8:00 am—Mary DaSilva—

25th Anniversary †

Requested by Julie and Steve Smist

Wednesday, April 21st

6:00 pm—John Muskus†

Requested by Family

Thursday, April 22nd

8:00 am—Jim and Millie Passanisi †

Requested by Rick & Cheryl Passanisi

Friday, April 23rd

8:00 am—Mom and Dad †

Requested by Elaine

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 24th

4:00 pm—For the People

Sunday, April 25th

8:00 am—Marilyn Remillard—

5th Anniversary †

Requested by her husband Rejean Remillard

10:30 am—George Lavoie—

27th Anniversary†

Requested by Daughter Annette

1:30 pm—Peter Juliak

Requested by the Cleaning Crew
(Pauline, Mary & Pat)

SANCTUARY LAMP

APRIL 18-24, 2021

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

CHRISTOPHER HAYES—21ST ANNIVERSARY

REQUESTED BY

MOM, DAD, & SISTER

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 our parish and diocese, especially Anthony Liquori.

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.

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

Children's Books Needed for the New Youth Lending Library!

Parishioners! Let's help our Catholic families grow Children in their Faith! We're preparing a shelf in the church foyer for a Children's Lending Library, as a support for families with growing children. We would like to have titles arranged and available by May 2021.



We are looking for donations of children's books for the library. If you have some Catholic books for youth that need a new home, please drop them at the office or call to make pickup arrangements. Any and all, even older, Catholic Children's books are especially valued for teaching families.

Mary's Shrine Donations

Special Thanks to all who lit red candles during
40 Days for Life!

A total of \$150 was raised in support of St. John's Pro-Life ministry and Bethlehem House.



Welcome into the Fullness of the Faith!

Praise God! We celebrate the promise of new life in Christ! St. John the Evangelist Parish extends a warm welcome to the three newest members of the Catholic Faith. During the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd, we welcomed into full communion of the Church:

Susan Elizabeth Myers and Brianna Rose Glass.

We also congratulate **Robert John Clark** who was Confirmed. Each participated in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. With joy let us all be inspired by their faith and commitment!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

**IN THE
BEGINNING**

PRESCHOOL
BORN OF GOD

WISH LIST

- Playdough (all colors)
- Foam paint brushes
- Colored pasta / rice
- Sturdy 13-gallon trash bags
- New toys
- Crayola Crayons



*Items can be dropped by the Parish Office.
Thank you for helping us grow!*

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 19

- 9:00 am Consecration to St. Joseph group (Lower Church)
- 6:30 pm RCIA (FJR)
- 7:00 pm Adoration (Church)

Tuesday, April 20

- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (FJR)
- 7:00 pm Consecration to St. Joseph group (Lower Church)

Wednesday, April 21

- 12:00 pm Adoration (Church)
- 4:30 pm Confession (Church)
- 7:00 pm Worship Commission (FJR)

Saturday, April 24

- 9:00 am CCD (FJR, Church, LC)
- 2:45 pm Confession (Church)

Sunday, April 25

- 8:00 am Take and Eat (Kitchen, FJR)
- 6:00 pm CCD (FJR)

Finance Council News

The 2020 St. John the Evangelist Annual report is available at the exits of the church.

Thank you for your regular and continuing support!

If you have questions, contact the parish office and someone from the Finance Council will return your call.

Weekend of April 11th

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

Weekly: \$2,784

Maintenance: \$476

Fuel: \$80

Loose: \$503.25

Loan Repayment: \$1,004

Online Giving: \$1300.33

Total: \$6,147.58

“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.”

POST-ABORTION HEALING

♥ As we continue to celebrate Divine Mercy, God’s greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed.

Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby’s due date.

For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord’s mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Office can help guide you to various resources. Please call 786-8105 x101.



75TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS



Mary’s Garden

On May 8th, at 10:00am, the children of St John’s are invited by the Family and Human Life Commission to plant a Mary Garden to beautify our grounds for the May crowning and to Celebrate 75 years on Main Street! The garden will be planted near the Mary Statue. Being early in the planting season, we are beginning by adding Roses, Tricolor or Red Pansies, Columbine, Zinnias, and White Lilies. Families may bring plants and put them in the ground. If any child wishes to bring a rock to paint, we will dry them and place them around the Campus. A word or phrase that has special meaning with a word or two to add to the garden.



St. John the Evangelist Church First Annual Outdoor Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, May 1, 9 am—5 pm
(Rain date: Saturday, May 8)

Congratulations
Confirmation Candidates!

**St. John the Evangelist Church Congratulates
the following Confirmation Candidates:**

Jack “Patrick” Conway

Nathan “William” Labonte

Vincent “Joseph” Martin

Emily “Gianna” Miolla

Emma “Anne” Miolla

Matthew “Peter” Nigro

Jack “Patrick” Patterson

Megan “Joan of Arc” Smith

Gianna “Elizabeth Ann Seton” Smith

Ernest “Joseph” Whitehead IV



CALL FOR DONATION ITEMS APRIL 24-25, 2021 and MAY 1-2, 2021

Please join the Christian Service Commission in supporting Catholic Charities as they care for chronically homeless adult men and women. We will be accepting donations of full-sized toiletries for our brothers and sisters who are in temporary housing during the pandemic.

WHEN: April 24-25 | May 1-2

WHERE: Drop donations at the receptacles in the Main Street Entrance.

WHAT: Toothpaste/toothbrush, Soap/body wash, Shampoo/conditioner, Deodorant

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE: Sharps (razors, mirrors), Towels & linens, Children's items, X-large economy size

Donate individual items or feel free to create toiletry kits using gallon zip-close bags or small travel/cosmetic bags. This is a wonderful family project!



St. George, Martyr | Feast Day: April 23rd



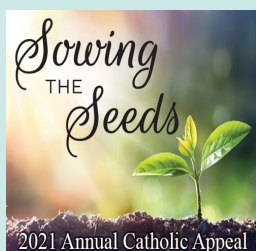
St. George is usually painted on horseback and tilting at a dragon under his feet; but this representation is no more than an emblematical figure, purporting that by his faith and Christian fortitude he conquered the devil, called the dragon in the Apocalypse.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Sowing the Seeds," this year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to spread the love of God, the gospel, and our faith. Through our contributions, together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. May our seeds of faith fall on fertile ground—especially for those most in need.

You can make your contribution to: **Annual Catholic Appeal** online, diospringfield.org/aca, or by phone, 413-452-0650.

THANK YOU!



Help Wanted

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor



Tony Fernandes is retiring! St. John's Parish is grateful to Tony for sharing his talents with us for the past few years. We wish him well in his retirement!

The Parish is seeking fill a **new Part-Time position** here at St. John's as Facilities **Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor** with the ability to work 20-25 hours per week. This position will be responsible for some supervision of contractors and parish volunteers, cleaning, minor carpentry repairs, minor mechanical and electrical maintenance repairs, and a daily maintenance routine. a current approximate commitment for 12 hours per week.

Basic requirements and talents we are seeking – A person with a variety of talents and some supervisory skills, to delegate responsibilities to volunteers from the parish. Also, good written and verbal communication skills to help to communicate with the staff and volunteers.

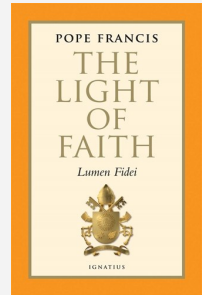
Duties may include (but may not be limited to) the following:

- * *Daily parish maintenance activities, including electrical, mechanical, waste disposal services, etc.*
- * *Working with outside contractors to ensure timely, accurate procurement & completion of services (landscaping/snow removal, etc.)*
- * *Troubleshooting of maintenance-related issues as they arise (off-hour availability may be needed);*
- * *Communication of any outstanding issues with Pastor/Administrator/Office Manager*
- * *Weekly staff meeting / (bi-)monthly Buildings & Maintenance Commission Meeting*
- * *Other duties to assist the parish, pastor/administrator, and office manager, as needed*

Please visit the Parish Office for a full description and details or call 786-8105.



ENCYCLICAL LETTER
LUMEN FIDEI
OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF
FRANCIS
TO THE BISHOPS PRIESTS AND DEACONS
CONSECRATED PERSONS
AND THE LAY FAITHFUL
ON FAITH



CHAPTER TWO: UNLESS YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND

The dialogue between faith and reason

32. Christian faith, inasmuch as it proclaims the truth of God's total love and opens us to the power of that love, penetrates to the core of our human experience. Each of us comes to the light because of love, and each of us is called to love in order to remain in the light. Desirous of illumining all reality with the love of God made manifest in Jesus, and seeking to love others with that same love, the first Christians found in the Greek world, with its thirst for truth, an ideal partner in dialogue. The encounter of the Gospel message with the philosophical culture of the ancient world proved a decisive step in the evangelization of all peoples, and stimulated a fruitful interaction between faith and reason which has continued down the centuries to our own times. Blessed John Paul II, in his Encyclical Letter *Fides et Ratio*, showed how faith and reason each strengthen the other. Once we discover the full light of Christ's love, we realize that each of the loves in our own lives had always contained a ray of that light, and we understand its ultimate destination. That fact that our human loves contain that ray of light also helps us to see how all love is meant to share in the complete self-gift of the Son of God for our sake. In this circular movement, the light of faith illumines all our human relationships, which can then be lived in union with the gentle love of Christ.

33. In the life of Saint Augustine we find a significant example of this process whereby reason, with its desire for truth and clarity, was integrated into the horizon of faith and thus gained new understanding. Augustine accepted the Greek philosophy of light, with its insistence on the importance of sight. His encounter with Neoplatonism introduced him to the paradigm of the light which, descending from on high to illumine all reality, is a symbol of God. Augustine thus came to appreciate God's transcendence and discovered that all things have a certain transparency, that they can reflect God's goodness. This realization liberated him from his earlier Manichaeism, which had led him to think that good and evil were in constant conflict, confused and intertwined. The realization that God is light provided Augustine with a new direction in life and enabled him to acknowledge his sinfulness and to turn towards the good.

All the same, the decisive moment in Augustine's journey of faith, as he tells us in the *Confessions*, was not in the vision of a God above and beyond this world, but in an experience of hearing. In the garden, he heard a voice telling him: "Take and read". He then took up the book containing the epistles of Saint Paul and started to read the thirteenth chapter of the Letter to the Romans. In this way, the personal God of the Bible appeared to him: a God who is able to speak to us, to come down to dwell in our midst and to accompany our journey through history, making himself known in the time of hearing and response.

Yet this encounter with the God who speaks did not lead Augustine to reject light and seeing. He integrated the two perspectives of hearing and seeing, constantly guided by the revelation of God's love in Jesus. Thus Augustine developed a philosophy of light capable of embracing both the reciprocity proper to the word and the freedom born of looking to the light. Just as the word calls for a free response, so the light finds a response in the image which reflects it. Augustine can therefore associate hearing and seeing, and speak of "the word which shines forth within". The light becomes, so to speak, the light of a word, because it is the light of a personal countenance, a light which, even as it enlightens us, calls us and seeks to be reflected on our faces and to shine from within us. Yet our longing for the vision of the whole, and not merely of fragments of history, remains and will be fulfilled in the end, when, as Augustine says, we will see and we will love. Not because we will be able to possess all the light, which will always be inexhaustible, but because we will enter wholly into that light.

34. The light of love proper to faith can illumine the questions of our own time about truth. Truth nowadays is often reduced to the subjective authenticity of the individual, valid only for the life of the individual. A common truth intimidates us, for we identify it with the intransigent demands of totalitarian systems. But if truth is a truth of love, if it is a truth disclosed in personal encounter with the Other and with others, then it can be set free from its enclosure in individuals and become part of the common good. As a truth of love, it is not one that can be imposed by force; it is not a truth that stifles the individual. Since it is born of love, it can penetrate to the heart, to the personal core of each man and woman. Clearly, then, faith is not intransigent, but grows in respectful coexistence with others. One who believes may not be presumptuous; on the contrary, truth leads to humility, since believers know that, rather than ourselves possessing truth, it is truth which embraces and possesses us. Far from making us inflexible, the security of faith sets us on a journey; it enables witness and dialogue with all.

Nor is the light of faith, joined to the truth of love, extraneous to the material world, for love is always lived out in body and spirit; the light of faith is an incarnate light radiating from the luminous life of Jesus. It also illumines the material world, trusts its inherent order and knows that it calls us to an ever widening path of harmony and understanding. The gaze of science thus benefits from faith: faith encourages the scientist to remain constantly open to reality in all its inexhaustible richness. Faith awakens the critical sense by preventing research from being satisfied with its own formulae and helps it to realize that nature is always greater. By stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation, faith broadens the horizons of reason to shed greater light on the world which discloses itself to scientific investigation.

Faith and the search for God

35. The light of faith in Jesus also illumines the path of all those who seek God, and makes a specifically Christian contribution to dialogue with the followers of the different religions. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the witness of those just ones who, before the covenant with Abraham, already sought God in faith. Of Enoch "it was attested that he had pleased God" (*Heb* 11:5), something impossible apart from faith, for "whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (*Heb* 11:6). We can see from this that the path of religious man passes through the acknowledgment of a God who cares for us and is not impossible to find. What other reward can God give to those who seek him, if not to let himself be found? Even earlier, we encounter Abel, whose faith was praised and whose gifts, his offering of the firstlings of his flock (cf. *Heb* 11:4), were therefore pleasing to God. Religious man strives to see signs of God in the daily experiences of life, in the cycle of the seasons, in the fruitfulness of the earth and in the movement of the cosmos. God is light and he can be found also by those who seek him with a sincere heart.

An image of this seeking can be seen in the Magi, who were led to Bethlehem by the star (cf. *Mt* 2:1-12). For them God's light appeared as a journey to be undertaken, a star which led them on a path of discovery. The star is a sign of God's patience with our eyes which need to grow accustomed to his brightness. Religious man is a wayfarer; he must be ready to let himself be led, to come out of himself and to find the God of perpetual surprises. This respect on God's part for our human eyes shows us that when we draw near to God, our human lights are not dissolved in the immensity of his light, as a star is engulfed by the dawn, but shine all the more brightly the closer they approach the primordial fire, like a mirror which reflects light. Christian faith in Jesus, the one Saviour of the world, proclaims that all God's light is concentrated in him, in his "luminous life" which discloses the origin and the end of history. There is no human experience, no journey of man to God, which cannot be taken up, illumined and purified by this light. The more Christians immerse themselves in the circle of Christ's light, the more capable they become of understanding and accompanying the path of every man and woman towards God.



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. 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 AND HERITAGE HALLS: No participation at this time.

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.



Knights of Columbus Council 585 2021 Scholarship Fund

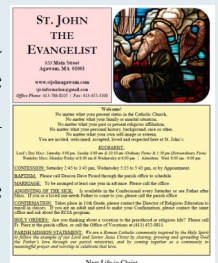
Your **Knights of Columbus Council 585** is proud to let you know that we are starting a **Scholarship Fund** this year. This scholarship will be for seniors graduating this year and going on to collage or any further education such as a trade school, beauty school etc. This scholarship will be for \$300, one will be for a student from **Sacred Heart Parish** and another one for a student from **St John the Evangelist Parish**.

You may gain an application form by calling your **Parish Center** and they will either email one to you or print one out for you to pick up. When you have the form filled out either send it to Knights of Columbus Council 585, P.O. Box 191, Agawam Ma. 01101 or drop it off at your Parish Center.

Forms will be **due by May 31 2021** and scholarships will be decided and sent out by the end of June. Please contact John (Jack) Cappuccilli at 413-998-3454 or Jack Seaver at 413-949-2289 with any questions.

Thematic Bulletins

We encourage you to take a thematic bulletin, available at the exits of the Church. Each version will inspire your Catholic Faith. Learn more about Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and more!



Special Thank You!

We thank Ed Grimaldi and Jim Cook for sharing their talents by providing the electrical work necessary to light up the Ambry, which was designed, donated, and built by Ken Gotha.



"Peace Be With You!"

The spiritual symbolism of the act is found in the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt. 5:23-24).

The current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* confirms this symbolism and explains, "There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament" (GIRM 82).



An appropriate sign of peace would be a slight bow of the head or simple acknowledgement to one another. Please do not shake hands, but express fraternity and charity with one another from your heart.



*"Remove grace,
and you have nothing whereby to be saved.
Remove free will,
and you have nothing that could be saved."*

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

ADORATION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

APRIL 19, 2021, 7-9 PM

LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH, LITANY OF THE
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, FOLLOWED BY QUIET ADORATION
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
AGAWAM**

Join us to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this year dedicated to St. Joseph by Pope Francis. Come grow closer to Christ through the intercession of good St. Joseph.

LOAVES & FISHES

The Loaves & Fishes ministry continues its work feeding the hungry during the Pandemic.

St. John's provides a meal on the first Tuesday of every month. Please consider donating all-beef hot dogs or canned baked beans, which can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.



Call for Volunteers

If you enjoy *writing* and *talking* to people, in person or on the telephone, please contact the Parish Office, 786-8105.
Volunteers for would be most welcome!