

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

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 the parish office to schedule.

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 12, 2021

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday - Closed

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Email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com

Thoughts from the Rectory ...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Thank you for tuning back in to our weekly bulletin! After last week's Hurricane Ida, heavy rains and flooding caused the shutdown of our bulletin printing company. Thank you also for all your prayers for those in our nation and around the world facing difficult situations due to hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, political upheaval, health issues, and so much more. Sometimes we may think ourselves isolated and little affected by the struggles of others, but in today's reality we can see how we're all connected. We genuinely are called to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

This fact is made clear to us in our readings from Sacred Scripture today. To love not just in word but in deed. To love not in mere sentiment and feeling, but in action and resolve. "Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead". Faith which is a witness to the mystery of Christ and the Cross, the work of our salvation, is one to which we are called each day. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" Jesus proclaims to his first disciples and to us this day. Such is the man and woman of faith. The ones who carry the Cross of Christ and go!

In a special way, we see the example of the brave men and women who served as first responders on that fateful day twenty years ago. As we commemorate the anniversary of September 11th this weekend, may we remember the dead, honor the fallen, and give thanks to God for those firefighters, police officers, and medical professionals who, by their example show the meaning of the cross in action.

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

WE REMEMBER: SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

"Those who believe in God
know that evil and death do
not have the final say."

Pope John Paul II



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 11th

4:00 pm—Rev. Charles Edmund Hayes OP†

Requested by Jim and Mikie Cook

Sunday, September 12th

8:00 am—Marie Kelly †

Requested Jim and Mikie Cook

10:30 am—Edna Lavoie †

—39th Anniversary

Requested by Daughter Annette

Monday, September 13th—Saint John

Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am—Joshua Fowler †

Requested by His Daughter, Virginia Stempel

Tuesday, September 14th—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am—John Grasso—For His Intentions

Requested by The Sterns

Wednesday, September 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows

6:00 pm—Edward Fichara †

Requested by The Family

Thursday, September 16th—Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 am—Deceased Members of the Donahue Family †

Requested by Judy

Friday, September 17th—Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop

8:00 am—Paul Kennedy †

Requested by Elaine

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 18th

4:00 pm—Leonard & Regina Kane

Requested by Stan and Betsy

Sunday, September 19th

8:00 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 am—Deacon Edward Szewczyk †

Requested by Helene & Little Ed

SANCTUARY LAMP

SEPTEMBER 12-18

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

SOULS IN PURGATORY

REQUESTED BY

A BROTHER IN CHRIST

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 Theresa Oliver and Jacques Beaulieu.

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.



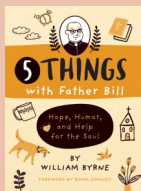
If anyone else is interested in being a prayer partner, please call Pat or Mary.

Get a Copy of Bishop Byrne's "5 Things" Book Signed!



Bishop William Byrne will celebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass of St. John the Evangelist Church, Sunday, Sept. 26th, followed by a picnic!

Pre-purchase a copy of his famous "5 Things" book and have it signed during the picnic. Copies can be purchased after Mass Sept. 11/12 and 18/19, or at the parish office. Books are \$15 each.



Marian Antiphons

Did you know? ... After daily Mass each day, our wonderful community sings in veneration of Mary. Often we hail Mary Immaculate, her praises we sing!

Holy Mother Church celebrates songs of St. Mary, especially throughout the various liturgical seasons.

To grow more familiar with the rich treasury of Christian hymnody, we will soon begin singing some of these Marian Antiphons after the 6:00 pm Wednesday Masses.

Each liturgical season has its proper Marian hymn!

Late Ordinary Time:

"Salve Regina" ("Hail, Holy Queen")

Advent & Christmas:

"Alma Redemptoris Mater"

("Kindly Mother of the Redeemer")

Early Ordinary Time & Lent

"Ave Regina caelorum" ("Hail, Queen of Heaven")

Easter:

"Regina caeli, laetare" ("Queen of Heaven, Rejoice")

Song sheets will be made available at the church entrance. In preparation, you can learn the tune and view lyrics at youtube.com (search: *"Salve Regina simple tone"*).

Salve Regina
sung after Pentecost until
the end of the Liturgical Year

S. Ave, Regina, mater misericordiae: Vita, dulcis-
 sho, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules, fi-
 lii Hebrae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac
 lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos
 misericorditer oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedi-
 ctum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
 de. O elemens: O pi- a: O dulcis Virgo Mari- a.

"Salve Regina" antiphon

Sung from Pentecost to Christ the King



ADORATION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The 19th of Every Month
FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER

7 - 9 pm

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.



FOCUS is a collegiate outreach organization aimed at sharing the hope and joy of the Gospel with college students across

America. Here at St. John's we are sponsoring Karol Liebersbach, a FOCUS missionary who will be working at Drexel University, Philadelphia. The goal of the FOCUS organization is to lead college students to a profound encounter with Jesus, impacting their lives forever. Your donation sponsoring Karol will allow this missionary work to continue. As students begin a new collegiate academic year, thank you for your continued support of FOCUS.

If you would like to join parishioners supporting Karol, please visit:



StJohnAgawam.ChurchGiving.com

St. John the Evangelist
75th Anniversary
**church
picnic**
plan to attend!
Sunday, September 26th

BE SURE TO GET YOUR DISCOUNT!

*Parish Picnic tickets will be sold at a discount until September 19th.
Tickets will be sold after Mass Sept. 11/12 and 18/19.*

- Chicken, smoked pork, hamburger & hotdog bar
- Cole slaw, potato salad, pasta salad, veggies, baked beans, green salad
- Chips, drinks, desserts
- Raffles - Bounce House - Games, Music & Entertainment -



10:30 am — 75th
Anniversary Mass with
Bishop Byrne
12:00 pm — Preschool
Dedication
12:30 pm — Picnic Fun!



**\$15.00 per person /
\$50.00 per family**
(two adults and children)
Children 10 and under are free!

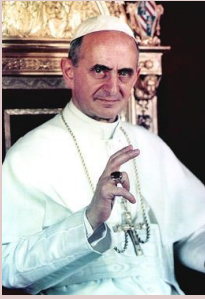


After September 19th —
tickets \$20.00 per person

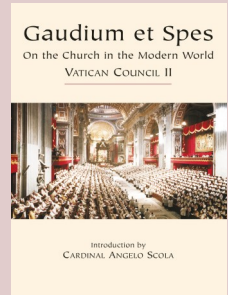
*Presented by the Family &
Human Life Commission*



Call the Parish Office for tickets beginning September 1st
or after Masses the weekend of 9/11-9/12



PASTORAL CONSTITUTION
ON THE CHURCH IN THE
MODERN WORLD
GAUDIUM ET SPES
PROMULGATED BY
HIS HOLINESS
POPE PAUL VI
ON DECEMBER 7, 1965



PART II, CHAPTER I: FOSTERING THE NOBILITY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

49. The biblical Word of God several times urges the betrothed and the married to nourish and develop their wedlock by pure conjugal love and undivided affection. Many men of our own age also highly regard true love between husband and wife as it manifests itself in a variety of ways depending on the worthy customs of various peoples and times.

This love is an eminently human one since it is directed from one person to another through an affection of the will; it involves the good of the whole person, and therefore can enrich the expressions of body and mind with a unique dignity, ennobling these expressions as special ingredients and signs of the friendship distinctive of marriage. This love God has judged worthy of special gifts, healing, perfecting and exalting gifts of grace and of charity. Such love, merging the human with the divine, leads the spouses to a free and mutual gift of themselves, a gift providing itself by gentle affection and by deed, such love pervades the whole of their lives: indeed by its busy generosity it grows better and grows greater. Therefore it far excels mere erotic inclination, which, selfishly pursued, soon enough fades wretchedly away.

This love is uniquely expressed and perfected through the appropriate enterprise of matrimony. The actions within marriage by which the couple are united intimately and chastely are noble and worthy ones. Expressed in a manner which is truly human, these actions promote that mutual self-giving by which spouses enrich each other with a joyful and a ready will. Sealed by mutual faithfulness and hallowed above all by Christ's sacrament, this love remains steadfastly true in body and in mind, in bright days or dark. It will never be profaned by adultery or divorce. Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of wife and husband, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love. The constant fulfillment of the duties of this Christian vocation demands notable virtue. For this reason, strengthened by grace for holiness of life, the couple will painstakingly cultivate and pray for steadiness of love, large heartedness and the spirit of sacrifice.

Authentic conjugal love will be more highly prized, and wholesome public opinion created about it if Christian couples give outstanding witness to faithfulness and harmony in their love, and to their concern for educating their children also, if they do their part in bringing about the needed cultural, psychological and social renewal on behalf of marriage and the family. Especially in the heart of their own families, young people should be aptly and seasonably instructed in the dignity, duty and work of married love. Trained thus in the cultivation of chastity, they will be able at a suitable age to enter a marriage of their own after an honorable courtship.

50. Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the begetting and educating of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute very substantially to the welfare of their parents. The God Himself Who said, "it is not good for man to be alone" (Gen. 2:18) and "Who made man from the beginning male and female" (Matt. 19:4), wishing to share with man a certain special participation in His own creative work, blessed male and female, saying: "Increase and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). Hence, while not making the other purposes of matrimony of less account, the true practice of conjugal love, and the whole meaning of the family life which results from it, have this aim: that the couple be ready with stout hearts to cooperate with the love of the Creator and the Savior. Who through them will enlarge and enrich His own family day by day.

(*Second Vatican Council. GAUDIUM ET SPES. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 7 December 1965, 49-50)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

*From the Desk of Francesca Brandt
Pastoral Minister*

Your continued generosity of free will offerings to the St. John's Food Assistance outreach has enlightened hope in the hearts and minds of many local single mothers, especially as I help guide them in a meaningful plan to lean on Jesus and His Beloved Mother. I have had the privilege to introduce people to the Rosary, some of whom have not traditionally prayed alone, and could not recall the Hail Mary prayer. Each donation packet for our local friends in need contains a Saint prayer card with a note as to why I chose that particular saint for them.

As we resume activities, I thank you for your continued support for those in need in our own community. Below is information for you should you or a loved one require pastoral care.

PASTORAL MINISTER CONTACT/HOURS

786-8105, x105; Monday—Thursday, 9 am—1 pm

Calls received after hours and weekends will be returned the following Monday. Be sure to leave your name, phone number with area code, and a brief message. Callers with an urgent spiritual request requiring a priest may leave a message on the parish Emergency extension (786-8105, listen for prompts). Again, be sure to leave your name and phone/cell phone number including area code.

HOSPITAL VISITS: HIPAA Medical Law restricts access to patient admittance information. Emergency transport of a loved one to a local area hospital do have a CATHOLIC priest in residence. Be sure to ask, upon admittance, for a Catholic priest to visit your loved one for an emergency anointing.

HOME VISITS: If your loved one is confined at home due to illness and is anticipating surgery, call the parish office to request a priest visitation for anointing. Fr. Pierz or Fr. Hurley will respond to the request.

FOLLOW-UP VISITS: Upon request by contacting the pastoral minister, a follow-up visit will be made to the home post-surgery.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Genesis Healthcare Facilities (Heritage Hall North, South, East, West) is once again permitting visits to distribute holy communion to confined Catholic residents. Contact Francesca if you are interested in volunteering.

BEREAVEMENT: If you have experienced loss and are in need of spiritual counseling, please call Francesca, 786-8105, x105. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you need have a family member, friend, or know someone who could benefit from a bit of extra comfort, please contact Francesca who will pass on the information to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl includes the name of the prayer shawl angel who crafted the shawl with prayerful love. Please note, the shawl must be picked up and delivered by the person who submitted the request.

For Inspiration: Mark 6:34-40 (Feeding of the 5,000)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is open for Fall 2021 enrollment at St. John the Evangelist Church's CCD Program! A parent meeting will be planned for late September, and classes will begin early October.



Download a registration from our website,

www.stjohnagawam.com

(click *About Us*, *Downloadable Forms*)

Mail in your completed form with a check to cover the registration fee, or drop off to the Parish Office.

\$55 per child, \$100 for two or more children.

If you are interested in volunteering your time as a catechist, please reach out to:

Claire Riberdy, Director of Religious Education

sje.religiouseducation@gmail.com or 413-786-8105, ext. 103

There's a New Preschool in Town!

833 Main Street, Agawam
(located in the Lower Parish Center)

Now Accepting Enrollment for 2021-2022



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

**IN THE
BEGINNING**

PRESCHOOL
BORN OF GOD

with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
&
SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

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7 AM-5 PM
BEGINNING SEPT. 7, 2021

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AFTER
SCHOOL CARE
SUMMER
PROGRAMS



2022 Mass Book & Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



The 2022 Mass Book & Sanctuary Lamp Intentions will open on Thursday, September 23rd, this year.



In order for everyone to be able to schedule Masses for their intentions and loved ones, only one weekend and two weekday Masses can be booked for the first three weeks the Mass Book is open.

Hot Dog Donations needed

Please bring ALL-BEEF *hot dog donations* to the Parish Office

Monday through Thursday, 9 am—3 pm.

Thank you for helping feed the homeless through our “Loaves & Fishes” Ministry!



St. John's provides a meal on the first Tuesday of every month. Please note that we cannot use pork, turkey, or meat combination (wiener) hot dogs.

Volunteer Clean-Up Day at St. John's

As we prepare for the 75th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 26, please assist us in beautifying the grounds on Saturday, September 18, 9 am—2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.



We will weed, rake, mulch, and spruce up our campus. Protect your hands by wearing gardening gloves. If you can provide tools for that day, we are seeking rakes and wheel barrels.

Subscribe to Magnificat

Magnificat is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the holy Mass with greater fervor.

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer.



If you would like to continue or become a new subscriber through our parish, you will save \$5 and pay only \$42. Make your check payable to St. John the Evangelist Parish and bring it to the office, place it in the collection basket, or hand it to Mikie Cook.

The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory.

Weekend of September 5th

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

Weekly: \$3,184

Maintenance: \$1,027

Fuel: \$91

Loose: \$255.50

Loan Repayment: \$851

Online Giving: \$2,215.33

Total: \$7,623.83

“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.”

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Daily Mass Times: 8 am (M, T, Th, F) 6 pm (W)

Confession Times: Wed. 4:30 pm, Sat., 2:45 pm

Monday, September 13th

6:30 pm Family & Human Life (PCO)

6:30 pm Catholic Women's Club (Gym)

Tuesday, September 14th

7:00 pm Evangelization (FJR)

Wednesday, September 15th

10:00 am Knitting Club (FJR)

7:00 pm Worship (FJR)

Thursday, September 16th

5:00 pm Preschool Back to School Night

Sunday, September 19th

8:00 am Take and Eat (Kitchen, FJR)

6:30 pm Scouts (PC3)

7:00 pm Adoration in Honor of St. Joseph

Beloved



St. John the Evangelist Parish is offering
Beloved: A Marriage Preparation Program

Six sessions will be covered
in three afternoons:

Sunday, October 24, 1-4 pm

Sunday, November 7, 1-4 pm

Sunday, November 21, 1-4 pm

Sessions will be held at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001
Register through the Parish Office: 786-8105

Congratulations to Jackson Schlosser.

Eagle Scout

Jackson Schlosser was honored as an *Eagle Scout* this August. Father Pierz offered the invocation and benediction at the ceremony. Jackson's Eagle Scout project, our beautiful Sanctuary Flower Garden can be visited and enjoyed behind the Pastoral Center.



Class Dates: Sept. 25th,
October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30



8AM - 10AM



St. John the Evangelist
833 Main St.
Agawam, MA

Are you Catholic but not yet confirmed?

Join us for 6 classes to learn more about the faith and as you prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation with other adults.

Please contact the office at St. John's to learn more and register at
(413) 786-8105 / sje.secretary@gmail.com.

All sessions will be in the Father Joyce Room of the Pastoral Center at St John the Evangelist Church. Materials can be purchased at the first meeting for approximately \$45

Come and be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What's Happening around the Parish ...



Mary Ann Studio of Dance

Open House Tuesday
September 7th & 21st
5:30 pm - 7 pm



PRESCHOOL SPECIALISTS

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Agawam in
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**Certified
Teaching Staff**

**Classes Begin
Tuesday,
October 5th**

**\$10 Off
With
This Ad**

YOUTH MEN'S GROUP TO MEET AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

**Wednesdays, after the 6 pm Mass
In the Lower Church**

The men's group welcomes men, especially ages 20-40, who are single or married, from throughout the Springfield Diocese. Come learn the faith and grow your love for God. We are meeting weekly to generate a natural bond among participants.

Catholic Women's Club

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB will meet Monday, September 13, 2021, in the St. John's parish center (refreshments: 6:30pm, meeting: 7:00pm). The evening's program will be a slide show, presented by club member Julie Smist, on the October 2019 Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND which was led by Fr. Pierz. All Catholic Women living in Agawam/Feeding Hills or who are members of any of the town Catholic Parishes are welcome to attend this special evening. Members will be able to pay their annual dues at this meeting. MA Covid-19 mandates will be followed. For further information, please leave a message with the Parish Office.



September 22 - October 31 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN WESTERN MASS.!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,855** babies saved from abortion
- **221** abortion workers converted
- **112** abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Diane LeDoux
413.821.0871
ledouxdt@gmail.com
- **Learn more...** get involved... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/springfield