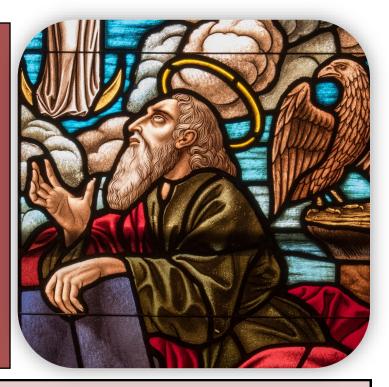
# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

833 Main Street Agawam, MA 01001

www.stjohnagawam.com

sje.information@gmail.com

*Office Phone:* 413-786-8105 | *Fax:* 413-455-3100



#### 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.

#### **EUCHARIST:**

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.

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.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>: 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.

<u>HOLY ORDERS:</u> 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.

<u>PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:</u> 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.

#### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

"Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name."

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Michael Pierz sje.priest@gmail.com

Parochial Vicar: Fr. John Hurley sje.curate@gmail.com

Deacon: Deacon Dave Picard sje.deacon@gmail.com

Priest in Retirement: Fr. John Lis Office Manager: Andreana Perkins sje.operationsmanager@gmail.com Parish Secretary: Debbie Whitehead\*

**Reception Volunteers**: Mary Talarico, Patricia Brown, Shirley Cusluski

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Francesca Brandt

sje.homebound@gmail.com

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Director of "In the Beginning"

Pre-School Ministry: Claire Riberdy (Interim)

sje.religiouseducation@gmail.com

**Pre-School Teachers:** 

Lindsay Hagedorn, Mary Boulrice

**Director of Music Ministry:** Isabella Manning sje.musicdirector@gmail.com

Maintenance Supervisor: Beth Thomas

Maintenance Supervisor: Beth Thomas sje.maintenance@gmail.com

*Child Advocate:* Mary Beth Swindell Private Line: (860) 386-6009

#### Finance Council:

David Ross (Chair)
Stanley Ciempa
Albert Innarelli
Dale Marie Breault
Cecile Fragoso
Suzanne Lamkins

#### Pastoral Council:

Cecile Fragoso (Chair)
Judy Cross Donahue
Mary Kate Henle
Leo Marinak
Jane Seaver
Gianna Smith (Youth Representative)

Trisha Brown
Luke Hollwedel
Jeffrey Krause
Jessica Pokora
Jane Trevethan

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#### Thoughts from the Rectory...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! He is Truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy and Holy Solemnity of Pentecost!

Today we celebrate the great mystery and gift that is the descent of the Holy Spirit, the bond of divine love, and the animating power of God's grace given unto us in Christ and His Church!

We become sharers in the intimate union of the Most Holy Trinity, invited to receive a spirit of wisdom and knowledge, counsel and understanding, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. These gifts strengthen us to practice ever greater holiness, grow in reverence for eternal truths, and to participate in more fully in the divine life. They are gifts to equip us in our right relationship with God and our right use of reason.

Pope Francis invites us to reflect on this gift of divine grace ordered towards sanctifying relationships in his homily for Pentecost in 2016

The Spirit is given to us by the Father and leads us back to the Father. The entire work of salvation is one of "regeneration", in which the fatherhood of God, through the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit, frees us from the condition of being orphans into which we had fallen. In our own day also, we see various signs of our being orphans: in the interior loneliness which we feel even when we are surrounded by people, a loneliness which can become an existential sadness; in the attempt to be free of God, even if accompanied by a desire for his presence; in the all-toocommon spiritual illiteracy which renders us incapable of prayer; in the difficulty in grasping the truth and reality of eternal life as that fullness of communion which begins on earth and reaches full flower after death; in the effort to see others as "brothers" and "sisters", since we are children of the same Father; and other such signs.

Being children of God runs contrary to all this and is our primordial vocation. We were made to be God's children, it is in our DNA. But this filial relationship was ruined and required the sacrifice of God's only-begotten Son in order to be restored. From the immense gift of love which is Jesus' death on the cross, the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon humanity like a vast torrent of grace. Those who by faith are immersed into this mystery of regeneration are reborn to the fullness of filial life.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us stir into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit sealed in us at Baptism and Confirmation. Let us be all the more mindful of Its sanctifying power within us and our capacity to call upon the Spirit of God. Let us know the power of God given to us and engage it for our good and the good of all the world, most especially our families and local communities. Come, Holy Spirit!

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

#### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Saturday, June 4th

4:00 pm—FOR THE PEOPLE

# Monday, June 5th—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 am—Marilyn Remillard ₽

Requested by Her Husband Rejean Remillard

#### Tuesday, June 7th

8:00 am—Mary Conley—Birthday Remembrane ♥

Requested by Cecile Fragoso

#### Wednesday, June 8th

6:00 pm—Jason Macierowski ♥

Requested by Chip Bishop and Yvette Ramos-Bishop

# Thursday, June 9th—Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am—Mr. & Mrs. Rasmus Nordal † Requested by Their Son

#### Friday, June 10th

8:00 am—David & Donna Mare O'Boyle—Wedding Anniversary

Requested by the Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### Saturday, June 11th

4:00 pm—Andrew Pierz ♥

Requested by His Loving Family

#### Sunday, June 12th

8:00 am—Al Taupier—12th Anniversary ♥
Requested by His Wife Elaine

10:30 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

**JUNE 5-11** 

WILL BE LIT IN HONOR OF

#### DANNY & RITA ROURKE

REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY

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.

# MEMORIAL LAMP FOR OUR CHILDREN JUNE 5—11

WILL BE LIT IN REMEMBRANCE OF

## THE CHILDREN TAKEN TOO SOON FROM THEIR FAMILIES IN UVALDE, TEXAS

If you would like to request the *Memorial Lamp for Children* to be lit in honor or in memory of a child, including the unborn, 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 Kathleen Rierdan.

#### 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.* 

#### 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.



### Corpus Christi Novena

(Liturgical Feast: June 19)



O Most Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, I adore Thee
profoundly. I offer Thee the
most precious Body, Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Jesus
Christ, present in all the
tabernacles of the world, in
reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges and indifference
by which He is offended.
By the infinite merits of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus and
the Immaculate Heart of

Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

#### Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor



Feast Day: June 9th (b. 306 | d. 373)

"Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer

draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven."



#### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value... It is the responsibility of pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic Adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species... Of all devotions, that of Aadoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

(Ecclesia Eucharistia, #25, Pope St. John Paul II)

www.yearoftheeucharist.net

#### **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, June 6th

6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3)

#### Tuesday, June 7th

2:00 pm Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

6:00 pm Young & Catholic Women (PCR)

#### Wednesday, June 8th

10:00am Knitting Group (FJR)12:00 pm Adoration (Church)6:40 pm Music Ministry (Church)

6:40 pm Music Ministry (Church) 7:00 pm Young & Catholic Men (LC)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (FJR)

#### Thursday, June 9th

1:00 pm Craft Fair set-up (Pastoral Center)

6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3)

6:30 pm Scouts (LC)

#### Friday, June 10th

9:00 am Craft Fair set-up (Pastoral Center)

#### Saturday, June 11th

9:00 am Craft Fair (Pastoral Center)

#### Memorial Stone & Lamp Offers Remembrance for Our Children

On May 29th, Father Pierz led prayers specifically for the schoolchildren who lost their lives in the recent tragedy that took place in Uvalde, Texas.













COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.

SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED.

AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

O GOD, WHO BY THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, DID INSTRUCT THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL, GRANT THAT BY THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT WE MAY BE TRULY WISE AND EVER ENJOY HIS CONSOLATIONS.

THROUGH THE SAME CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

#### Catholic Cryptoquip!

KAJS, PARX CLETEW, MERR WPS PSQTWC AM XABT MQEWPMBR QHU YEHURS EH WPSJ WPS METS AM XABT RAOS.

Clue: M equals F



# Living Faith Booklet Now Available

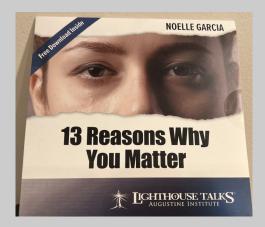
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood." -1 Corinthians 11:25

The summer edition (July, August, September 2022) of Living Faith booklet is now available in the pastoral center.

#### KIOSK CORNER

Take a look at our Kiosk Corner inside the Main St. entrance to the Church. There are more than a dozen CD's to browse!

This week we are featuring:



Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for youth and young adults. Yet despite the many TV shows, movies, and articles on this topic, suicide, depression, self-harm, and loneliness remain difficult subjects for adults of any age to discuss. Speaking with honesty, humor, and personal experience, Noelle Garcia tackles these issues head-on, encouraging those who are struggling (or know someone who is) that God's mercy and love are waiting for them; that you, and your life, truly matter.

## Ministry to Sick & Homebound PASTORAL MINISTRY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm

#### Francesca Brandt, Pastoral Minister

413-786-8105 ext. 105 | sje.homebound@gmail.com

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** HIPAA Medical Law restricts access to patient admittance information. On arrival via emergency transport or self-transport, be sure to ask for in-house Clergy information to have a visit with a Catholic Priest for an anointing of the sick.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**: If you or a family member are confined to home due to illness or are anticipating surgery, please contact the parish office to request a Pastoral visit with Francesca Brandt, P.M. She will bring Holy Communion, as well as, inform Fr. Pierz and Fr. Hurley of the visit.

<u>FOLLOW UP VISITS:</u> Upon request by contacting the pastoral minister, a follow-up visit will be made to the home post-surgery and/or illness during the recuperation period.

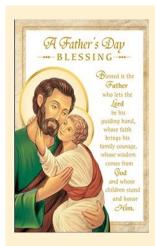
HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: One on One home care visits to the Sick and Homebound residents. Please call if you or someone you know would like to receive.

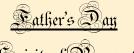
HELP NEEDED: In this Spiritually Filled Vocation, help is needed to bring Holy Communion to confined Catholic residents, Home visits or Nursing home visits. Contact Francesca if you are interested in this Highly Spiritual Vocation, a given from your heart of Spiritual Love, bringing Jesus, the Holy Eucharist, to those who cannot receive HIM without help from you. Francesca will assist you and train you personally. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

**BEREAVEMENT:** A bereavement counseling visit may be prudent in helping the understanding of Our Blessed Lord's words of never being left alone. Fr. John Hurley and Francesca are here to assist you during your grief prolongment. Allow your "Tears of Sorrow" to warm into "Tears of Hope and Fulfilment of Blessings".

ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL: 413-786-8105

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you 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. Call Francesca with your request and be sure to leave your phone number for a return call.





Spiritual Bouquet

If you would like a special man in your life, living or deceased, remembered in our priests' intentions at Mass, Holy Hours, and the Divine Office, consider a *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet* Packet, available at the entrances of the church.

# Regina Caeli

The Easter version of the four Marian antiphons of the Liturgy of the Hours, it is also said in place of a daily Angelus during Eastertide.



- $\dot{V}$ . Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
- R. For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- . V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. or in latin ...

- ℣. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
- R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
- V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
- R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
- V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
- R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.



#### **Providing Clarity & Control**

to women seeking abortion. Call 774-275-3330.

#### **Springfield Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10am – 4pm

# **FORMED**

# FORMED.org Supports Families as the Domestic Church

The Parish FORMED subscription helps families build holy habits and create new prayer routines at home. Please consider donating to St. John's to cover the cost of the annual FORMED.org subscription.

Here is what our Parish subscription offers to Parish families:

- FORMED Daily Reflections short daily videos, subscribe to a daily email here
- Pray at Home
- Rosary
- Praying the Rosary Like Never Before audio talk by Dr. Edward Sri
- Divine Mercy Chaplet pray at 3pm daily
- Way of the Cross pray especially on Fridays
- Children's Cartoons
- Movie Night

#### THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND!

#### A GIFT FOR YOU FROM THE PARISH!

Register at *formed.org* with our Parish Code:

**27TKPJ** 



# In observance of Year of the Eucharist, join us at St. John's for Adoration:

Wednesdays each week 12:00—5:45 pm

Third Thursdays of the month 7:00—9:00 pm

First Fridays of the month 8:30 am—12:30 pm

#### Weekend of May 29, 2022

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

Weekly: \$3,507 Maintenance: \$284 Fuel: \$620

Loan Repayment: \$490 Online Giving: \$2,616.64

Loose: \$444.80

Feast of the Ascension: \$880.05

Total: \$8,842.49

**Loan Update:** 

Original Loan Amount: \$275,000

Loan Repayment Collected on May 29: \$490 Required Monthly Loan Payment: \$5,049.05

Loan Repayment Collected as of 4/30/22: \$120,376.58

Loan Balance as of 4/30/22: (\$126,962.21)

"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."

#### Online Giving and Mass Offertory Collection



While online giving is preferred by many, parishioners want to actively participate in placing something into the basket during Mass offertory collection.

You can do both!

Make a donation via our online portal, stjohnagawam.churchgiving.com, print your receipt to place in the basket during Mass each week.

#### Music Ministry Hymn of the Month

June Hymn of the Month: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Music Ministry is pleased to announce its "Hymn of the Month" project! Beginning in June and continuing until Advent, one hymn will be selected as the Hymn of the Month. This will be sung every weekend of that month to give us all the opportunity to hear it many times and really get to know it.

I hope that over time this will help us to build a repertoire of beautiful, Catholic hymns that we are all confident in singing together!



If you have any questions about this project, I can be reached via the Parish Office or via email, sje.musicdirector@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Isabella Roberts-Manning, Director of Music Ministry





## PRESCHOOL Summer PROGRAM







August Themes:

1-5: Art
8-12: Engineer
15-19: Dinosaurs
22-26: Outer Space
29-31: Cooking

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#### **Pro-Life Corner**

St. John's Pro-Life Coordinators: Judy Cross-Donahue (Call Parish Office)

"The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church servers millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the

beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child."

-USCCB Committee Chairmen, "Standing with Moms in Need"



#### What's Happening around the Parish



#### **Rosary Intention (week of June 5)**

Pray the Rosary for each priest and seminarian in the Diocese of Springfield, as well as for vocations to the priesthood and religious vocations.



#### Do you enjoy home made craft items?

Come visit genuine vendors at the Second Annual Spring Craft Fair at St. John's in Agawam.







Crafters can download a registration form and complete details @ www.StJohnAgawam.com

Contact: Andrea Perkins | sje.springcraftfair@gmail.com

#### What's Happening around the Diocese

#### **One-Day Healing Retreat**

Having problems in relationships? Do you struggle with past hurts, unforgiveness or anger? Do you want to be free from anxiety, fear and sadness and be filled with God's peace and love?

Join us Saturday June 18th 9:30am-3:30pm @ Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Cost is \$20. Lunch provided. Series of talks, group discussions, confessions available.

Contact Donna: (860) 952-4005

#### **Catholics for the Unborn**

Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life



vigil on Thursday, May 12th at 10 AM at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for a part

of or the whole vigil. Contact Marilyn, 567-6085.

## World Youth Day

The Diocese of Springfield is partnering with Chris Dube Travel to offer a trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal July 28 to August 8, 2023. The World Youth Day experience features two days at Fatima, exploration of important cultural, historical, and religious sites in Portugal and the opportunity to encounter millions of youth from around the world, joining together with Pope Francis for the World Youth Day experience in Lisbon. Ages 18 to 35 are welcome to attend.

While pilgrims are highly encouraged to register as

soon as possible if interested in fundraising the cost of the trip, the deadline to guarantee a spot is June 15th 2022. After the deadline spots will be offered as available but not guaranteed.

The cost to attend is \$4,300 and includes group travel insurance.



# Calling All 01001 Teens!

You're Invited to a

## **TEEN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**JULY 29-31, 2022 @ THE MASSMUTUAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD** 

Steubenville East is a TEEN YOUTH CONFERENCE that is FUN, ENGAGING, and INSPIRATIONAL.

Want to experience a life worth living?

Come join teens from throughout the region.

ALL TEENS WELCOME - YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO A CHURCH.

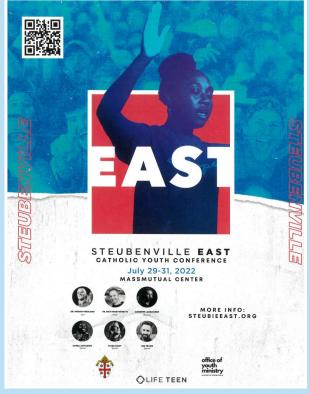
#### SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR AGAWAM TEENS



Watch an informative video: https://youtu.be/ulpg1 HDCgE

Contact St. John the Evangelist Parish, (413) 786-8105

to learn about scholarship opportunities.\*



\*The cost per teen is \$200; however, teens residing in Agawam (01001) might be eligible for a scholarship of \$75 from St. John the Evangelist Parish, lowering the cost to \$125 for the 3-day conference.

**Parishioners of St. John's:** If you would like to assist in further-reducing the cost for a teen to attend the Steubenville East Conference, please contact Fr. Pierz

GOD DWELLS IN OUR MIDST, IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

- St. Maximillian Kolbe

WALK WITH CHRIS



Feast of Corpus Christi

SUN. JUNE 19, 2022

After the 10:30am Mass

St. John the Evangelist Parish

833 MAIN ST., AGAWAM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue at the church for one hour, following the return of the procession. Come and pray.