

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.

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.*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 31, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.”

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
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Patricia Brown, Shirley Cusluski

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Francesca Brandt
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Mary Boulrice, Lisa Lemire

Director of Music Ministry: Isabella Manning
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Maintenance Supervisor: Beth Thomas
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Private Line: (860) 386-6009

Finance Council:

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

Pastoral Council:

Cecile Fragoso (Chair)	Trisha Brown
Judy Cross Donahue	Luke Hollwedel
Mary Kate Henle	Jeffrey Krause
Leo Marinak	Jessica Pokora
Jane Seaver	Jane Trevethan
Gianna Smith (Youth Representative)	

Bulletin Submissions are due 12 days prior to print

***Email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com**

Thoughts from the Rectory...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

This weekend I am at the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference right here in Springfield! This three-day event is a phenomenal opportunity for the high school age men and women of our diocese and local parishes as we work to build up our youth ministries and outreach to the young.

I recall the few similar events I've attended such as NCYC in Indianapolis and the Steubenville East Conference several years ago in Attleboro. Certainly I am reminded of World Youth Day 2016 when a large contingent from western Massachusetts went on pilgrimage in Poland and greeted Pope Francis with a million other young people in Kraków. Those youth and young adults are today the husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, seminarians and priests, starting out as the future generations. So very encouraged!

In a real way, we are invited, young and old, clergy and lay, each and every one of us, to find our life hidden with Christ in God. The words of St. Paul today are addressed to all people to think of what is above, not of what is on earth. Most especially for our young, we must labor and work, not for the things that pass away, treasures that rot and whittle, but for that which eternally endures: love, joy, peace, gentleness, faith, and goodness. Strive for the higher things!

As I celebrate my final Sunday Masses the weekend of August 6 and 7, with Installation Mass in Greenfield on August 14, know that I have been blessed to pursue these higher things with you.



An abundance of graces has come to me throughout these years here in Agawam. In His generosity the Lord has done many good things and I am always grateful for your share in that mission. Let us not grow slack in the work ever before us. Let us not forfeit our heavenly inheritance or our duty towards our sons and daughters. Think of what is above! Be not afraid!

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

Fr. Michael Pierz
Blessed Trinity Parish
14 Beacon St.
Greenfield, MA 01301

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 30th

4:00 pm—Joseph Grimaldi †

Requested by Family

Sunday, July 31st

8:00 am—FOR THE PEOPLE

10:30 am—John Pizzichemi †

Requested by James & Andreana, & Family

**Monday, August 1st—Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am—Dixie Lange †

Requested by The Ward Family

**Tuesday, August 2nd—Saint Eusebius of Vercelli,
Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eynard, Priest**

8:00 am—Maria Carmella Waterman †

Requested by A Friend of the Family

Wednesday, August 3rd

6:00 pm—Rita Burek †

Requested by Her Niece Peggy

Thursday, August 4th—Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 am—Anthony Vivencio, 5th Anniversary †

Requested by His Mother Barbara

**Friday, August 5th—The Dedication of the
Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

8:00 am—Bruno & Ruth Zucco †

Requested by Their Family

**Saturday, August 6th—The Transfiguration of the
Lord**

8:00 am—Annette Menard, Birthday
Remembrance †

Requested by Daughter Cecile

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 6th

4:00 pm—FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday, August 7th

8:00 am—Kenneth Hill †

Requested by The Family

10:30 am—Jacob Szencyk & Mary Helene
Phelan †

Requested by Helene & Little Ed

SANCTUARY LAMP

JULY 31-AUGUST 6

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

ALAN CARMEL—2ND ANNIVERSARY †

REQUESTED BY

MOTHER, FATHER & 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

JULY 31-AUGUST 6

WILL BE LIT IN REMEMBRANCE OF

OLIVIA RACHEL ROSS

REQUESTED BY

HER FAMILY

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 Tom Besse, Rose Gilbert, Mary Lou Scherla, Maria Fortunate.

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.*



An Evening of Adoration

Spanish Music Accompaniment

Tuesday, August 2nd, 7-8 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church (833 Main St., Agawam | StJohnAgawam.com)

Guitarist Abel Gamboa will Play Spanish-language Music & Hymns

7:00 pm - Welcome and Music
of Gathering

7:15 pm - Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

A period of silence

7:25 pm - Meditative Music

7:55 pm - Reposition

8:00 pm - Sending Out &
Music of Mission



Sample Song: Mi Jesus Viene Pronto

Mi Jesus viene Pronto en las Nubes a llevar a Su Fiel Prometido

Al instante ya siente que sube como la Esposa de Cristo en Su Vida

Y... Volara en las Nubes cantando

Y los Ejercitos del Cielo Escuchando.

Saldran a Ver los que esten esperando para, escuchar mas de cerca Su Canto.

Cuando esten en la Puerta del Cielo, Beinvenidos les dira El Padre Eterno

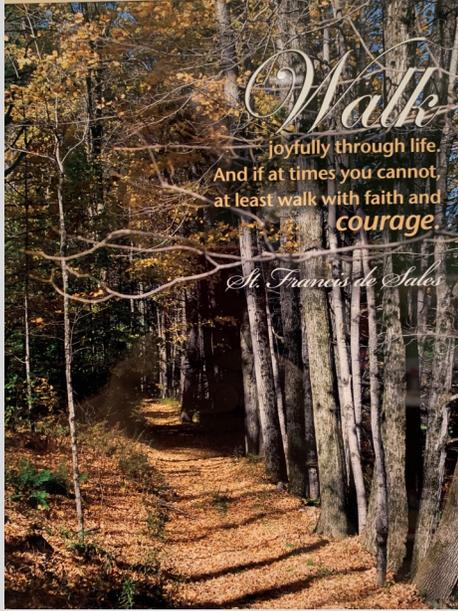
Y veran cara a cara a Su Pueblo El Rostro Santo de Su Padre Eterno

Y... Volara en la Nubes cantando y Los Ejercitos del Cielo escuchando

Saldran a ver los que esten esperando para, escuchar mas de cerca Su Canto.

Young Adult Hikes with Fr. Pierz

For ages 15-35



Encouraging our young men and young women to find fraternity, faith, and friendship, Father Pierz invites young adults to a time of reflection and activity.

✠ **Sacrifice of the Mass** ✠ **Food**

✠ **Hiking** ✠ **Conversations**

Come share with peers your thoughts, hopes, and dreams, as we explore how to invite God into our daily life and find encouragement in one another.

Friday, 07/29 After the 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, 08/02 1:00 PM

Friday, 08/05 After the 8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, 08/06 Trip to Tyningham Visitation Monastery for a Profession of Vows and Appalachian Trail Hike (contact Fr. Pierz)

We will meet in the Parish parking Lot and Hike 3-4 mile sections of the New England Trail (<https://newenglandtrail.org>) Bring water and a snack.

What's Happening around the Parish



& VENDOR SALE

Saturday, August 6, 2022

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center

833 Main Street

Agawam, Ma

VENDORS WANTED

SPACES (9'x9') – 30.00 / TABLE RENTAL – 10.00 each

First Come, First Serve

For applications and information -

call Jackie - (860) 212-9950

Snack bar available throughout THE DAY

PROCEEDS GO TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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, August 1st

2:00 pm Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, August 2nd

6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

6:00 pm Young & Catholic Women (PCR)

6:00 pm Deacons Meeting (FJR)

7:00 pm Adoration/Spanish Music (Church)

7:15 pm Catechism Seminar (PC3)

Wednesday, August 3rd

6:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

10:00am Knitting Group (FJR)

12:00 pm Adoration (Church)

6:40 pm Music Ministry (Church)

Thursday, August 4th

7:00 pm CWC Talent Show Rehearsal (Gym)

Friday, August 5th

7:00 pm Adoration (Church)

Saturday, August 6th

9:00 am CWC Tag Sale (Gym)



Dear Friend of Clearway,

I know many of you are heartbroken to hear the news about the recent attack on our ministry. We are grateful for the calls, prayers, personal notes, emails, offers of service and gifts that have come in. Your kindness has greatly encouraged our team, and we want to say thank you. It's difficult to imagine more caring and faithful supporters.

Although the attack on our physical property is challenging, the public attack on the integrity of our mission is much more so. It pains us to hear our ministry maligned in the public forum, particularly when the statements are so demonstrably false. In essence, we are being attacked because we provide pregnancy medical care, but do not perform or refer for abortions. Those who are vehemently pro-abortion, do not believe we should not be allowed to serve women facing an unwanted pregnancy unless we provide abortion services. We disagree. The very foundation of our faith rests on the Imago Dei. We must do all that is in our power to defend and protect life.

Jesus said, "You are the **salt** of the earth. But if the **salt** loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the **light** of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives **light** to everyone in the house." Matthew 5:13-15. We are commanded to be salt and light, to stand up for Kingdom values.

The entire downfall of mankind began with deception. God *detests* lying. That is why the false statements made against Clearway are so important for us to address, and we need your help to begin educating the public on the truth of our work. As Jesus warned, there always will be those who hate and reject us. However, we are still responsible to share the good news about who we are, what we do, how we do it and who we serve. To that end, we have prepared a statement for you to keep and to refer to as you hear lies about Clearway. We need your heart and voice for the mission to help us reach Massachusetts for life.

One thing is clear: we are in a new era for our mission. Many have called the battle over abortion our nation's second civil war. If that is true, we are positioned deep in challenging territory. C.T. Studd once said,

"Some want to live within the sound
Of church or chapel bell;
I want to run a rescue shop,
Within a yard of hell."

And that is exactly where we want to be: working alongside you in the fight for life.

May God bless you for your faithful prayers, support, and advocacy for the mission of Clearway Clinic.

With love and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Wilcox'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Wilcox
Executive Director



Official Statement

Our center experienced vandalism on Thursday, July 7, around 2:30am. The damage included smashed glass for two doors and three windows. The entrance was also spray-painted with the words "Jane's Revenge." Jane's Revenge is an American militant, extremist, pro-abortion rights group that has taken credit for attacking congressional offices and pregnancy centers across the country. Clearway is cooperating with the FBI and local law enforcement by turning over important surveillance video surrounding the attack. The FBI has opened the investigation under the F.A.C.E. Act, which represents a civil rights violation.

We are deeply saddened that misunderstandings about what we do have led to pro-abortion extremists targeting our center. However, we are committed to continuing our mission of serving women in our community.

Clearway Clinic has been providing assistance to the Central and Western Massachusetts areas for nearly 22 years. During that time, we have served approximately 10,000 families. All women are welcome regardless of what they ultimately decide to do. We provide HIPAA compliant, compassionate care and a safe environment for women to review all their options. Our exit surveys bear this out with a client satisfaction rate of more than 98 percent.

We are a state-licensed medical clinic with a team of board-certified doctors and nurses that provides free healthcare to women in Central and Western Massachusetts. Our center is committed to 100 percent transparency in all marketing practices and patient interactions. We do not provide or refer for abortions and we are careful to disclose this fact before setting up any appointments. Patients must also sign an authorization of services form that clearly states this fact. We strive to build long-term, supportive relationships within our community which is only possible if we treat every person with the highest standard of care and excellence.

Women come to us for the abundance of services we do provide, which include: Pregnancy diagnosis, STI testing and treatment, prenatal health classes, post-abortion care, diapers, baby clothing, strollers, furniture, and other materials. We also provide referrals for resources like maternity housing, adoption, food security, job training and more.

We call on our state officials to publicly condemn the domestic terrorist attack against our organization. Violence against our center harms the women, babies, and families that rely on us for help in times of need. We are grateful for the generous donations and offers of support we have received from our neighbors, friends, and the community at large.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Wilcox".

Kelly Wilcox
Executive Director
Clearway Clinic

LONGTIME YOUTH MINISTER OFFERS SUGGESTIONS TO GET TEENS EXCITED ABOUT MASS

By Mark Hart, Catholic News Service

My cradle Catholic parents instilled in me the importance of going to Mass religiously (no pun intended) but were never able to articulate why we went, answering only “because we are Catholic and that is what good Catholics do.”

It wasn't until a youth minister explained the significance, depth and beauty of the Mass that my eyes (and heart) were truly opened.

Slowly, over time, I began to see the liturgy differently. It was as though, with every fact and insight I learned, the dots began to connect between the history and the mystery — between God's divinity and our humanity, all colliding within the parish walls.

I was given a great gift, a proverbial “pearl of great price” by a soul who not only knew about the Mass but who was patient enough to walk with me as my heart and soul opened up to this timeless, inestimable treasure from heaven.

We all desire for the next generation to develop a deep and abiding love for Scripture and the sacraments, in particular the Eucharist, but how do we develop and “unleash” that love in an increasingly overstimulated, disengaged, and screen-obsessed culture?

After more than 25 years in youth ministry, I have found out the hard way what does and doesn't work to engage hormone-packed tech-savvy adolescents with the Catholic faith.

Here are some of my suggestions to help teens get excited about Mass:

— Our teenagers need our time more than our teaching points. It's important to meet our teenagers where they're at, without any expectation of them changing their disinterest (or even repulsion) of Mass overnight. With this patience (that only comes from God), they have the space to grow and encounter God for themselves.

The key to evangelization that many well-intentioned ministry leaders sorely miss is this: If you want someone to care about the “what” (church teaching), they must first encounter the “who” (Lord).” Everything we do in the Mass points to worship and to who God is.

You show teenagers who God is through how you live your faith: The reverence with which you receive the body and blood of Jesus, the time you spend in adoration and Scripture and the way you interact with Jesus in the Mass like he's sitting next to you, arms wrapped around you.

They will see that, undeniably, something beyond this world is transpiring before their eyes and begin to encounter the “who” that is the source of the “what.”



— Go the extra mile. If you want your teenagers or the teens in your parish to really engage in the Mass, it begins with asking yourself this question, “How far am I willing to go for that to happen?”

Are you willing to be a consistent example to your own kids of what it means to enter into worship? Are you willing to fulfill your baptismal call and sacramental pledge to raise them “according to the law of Christ and his church” (i.e. take them to Mass whether they want to go or not)? Are you willing to help equip the youth minister with the right resources to aid their catechetical efforts?

— Connect it all to Scripture. An understanding and love for Scripture comprise the groundwork for a deeper experience of Mass and the sacraments. After all, the entire Mass is based in Scripture!

I know firsthand how difficult it is to engage overstimulated modern teens with the word of God. And I've found that the best way to do this



is for them to see themselves reflected in the story of salvation (so it becomes relatable), not shying away from their toughest questions (to give you credibility), and showing them the big picture of Scripture (to show them how all the aspects of their faith connect). I created “Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School” to help teenagers all over the world learn about the Bible. With resources like this, teenagers encounter a love for Scripture that they will carry with them into their college years and beyond.

— Be consistent. Consistency speaks to the fundamental importance of something. Give your teens the gift of consistency. Parents, take your teens to Mass no matter what, regardless of if they “feel like it.” No breaks. No excuses (not even on vacation). Actions follow beliefs.

— Sit in the front. Teens are easily distracted. Instead of taking the typical “Catholic” route of sitting in the back of the church at Mass, bring your family front and center. Because we are integrated beings, our minds and souls follow the actions of our bodies. Nearer to the altar, teens will have a deeper sensory experience of the Mass, feeling like they are part of the experience and not just witnessing it. Encourage them to participate in the hymns and responses.

— Come with intentionality and intentions. For each Mass you attend, bring a specific person or intention to offer up to the Lord and encourage your teens to do the same. Do a “sound-off” of intentions before you get out of the car to go to Mass.

— Keep learning. A true disciple is an eternal student. Continue to learn more about the Mass, Scripture, and the Bible for yourself. And finally, ask the Lord to give you a spirit of wisdom, patience and joy, because we can do nothing without him.



Hart is chief innovation officer for Life Teen International. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 27-year veteran of youth ministry, he is a best-selling author of 20 books, a daily radio host on SiriusXM and an award-winning writer and producer. His latest project is “Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School,” ascensionpress.com/venture.

Article reprinted from iObserve

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH CUPBOARD

With assistance from the Christian Service Commission, the Parish will resume collecting non-perishable food donations for The Parish Cupboard on an ongoing basis.

Inflation has further contributed to food insecurity in our area, compounding the effects of the pandemic. The Parish Cupboard is a food pantry and lunch program serving families and individuals in West Springfield, Agawam, and Feeding Hills.

Beginning this month, collection baskets will be available at all three church entrances. The Parish Cupboard publishes a monthly wish list of food items and those will appear in the bulletin. If you are interested in helping to deliver the food to The Parish Cupboard in West Springfield once per month, please call the parish office and someone from the Christian Service Commission will contact you.

Current wish list:

Toilet paper, spaghetti sauce, juice boxes, jelly, boxed mashed potatoes, small bags of rice (1-pound each).

Let's be neighbors helping neighbors!



NOTE FROM LOAVES & FISHES

Please do not donate expired food:

Some of the people we cook for are immune-compromised. We appreciate your generosity and partnership in caring for fellow sisters and brothers in and around Agawam.

St. John volunteers provide a meal on the first Tuesday of every month. ***Please consider donating much-needed (but not expired) all-beef hot dogs or canned baked beans,*** which can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.



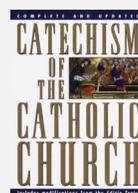
Catechism Seminar

Join parishioner Luke Hollwedel in reading and discussing the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Tuesdays, 7:15—8:30 pm

Now through August 23rd in PCS
(lower level of the Pastoral Center)

Read ahead: CCC 2725-2758



Weekend of July 24, 2022

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

Weekly: \$2,965

Maintenance: \$374

Fuel: \$80

Loose: \$324

Loan Repayment: \$625

Online Giving: \$964.50

Total: \$5,332.50

Loan Update:

Original Loan Amount: \$275,000

Loan Repayment Collected on July 24: \$625

Required Monthly Loan Payment: \$5,049.05

Loan Repayment Collected as of 6/30/22:
\$127,590.33

Loan Balance as of 6/30/22: (\$117,720.85)

“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.”

THANK YOU!



A warm thank you to all who assisted with Father Pierz's thank you/farewell picnic held on July 17th. There were many moving parts that all came together successfully, not the least of which was the number of parishioners

who attended to pay tribute to our pastor!

Gratitude to the Planning Committee and volunteers, the Knights of Columbus who donated & cooked the burgers & hot dogs, George Holdsworth who served as DJ, Granny's Place who donated the flowers, and Fr. Barrent Pease who volunteered for children's games.

Buildings & Maintenance Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 7 pm

SJE Pastoral Center

Come share your knowledge, expertise, advice, and talent!

- ⇒ HVAC
- ⇒ Plumbing
- ⇒ Building/Grounds
- ⇒ Masonry
- ⇒ Carpentry
- ⇒ Other Facilities Skills



*Contact our Maintenance Supervisor, Beth Thomas
via the parish office, (413) 786-8105.*

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, August 1, 2022.

“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: _____