

January 17, 2021/ Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Church of St. John

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Masses - Open to the Public

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am

Tuesday and Thursday - 12:00 noon

Saturday (Spanish Mass) - 6:30 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Communion Distribution - (In the Parking Lot)

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 12:00 pm

There will be a Live Stream on Saturdays of the 4:00 pm Mass (replayed on Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am) available on our Facebook Page and Church website. The Spanish Mass at 6:30 will also be Live Streamed.

Confessional Schedule -

Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration -

Closed until further notice

Office -

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Staff is on limited hours and will respond as soon as they possibly can.

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Word, Worship and Prayer

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SATURDAY, January 16 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
People of the Parish

6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
David Gonzalez & Julio Dallman
by Maria Christ

SUNDAY, January 17

8:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Ventura Alayon Jr.
by The Rivera & Alayon Family

MONDAY, January 18

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
9:00 am Happy Birthday Johanna & Stephanie Devia
by The Devia Family

TUESDAY, January 19

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
12:00 pm Alene Campbell by Connie & Bob DiGregorio

WEDNESDAY, January 20

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
9:00 am For the protection of all children from abortion
by AOH

THURSDAY, January 21

Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12
12:00 pm Mela Thompson by Bill & Res Montgomery

FRIDAY, January 22

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
9:00 am People of the Parish

SATURDAY, January 23 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
Adiela Castro by German Castro
6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
Deceased Members of the Christ & Petta Families
by Maria Christ

SUNDAY, January 24

8:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Santiago, Elpidio, & Nasser Tomaquin
by The Rivera & Alayon Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Praying for the President of the United States on
His Inauguration

By Church of the St John

January 16, 2021 — January 22, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

People of the Parish

By Church of St John

January 16, 2021 — January 22, 2021

" Candles are available for your special intentions. They may be acquired in the Parish Office. These candles are available for honoring the memory of your deceased loved ones along with praying for recovery from an illness, celebrating birthday's, anniversaries, etc. We have a card that can be given out when the candle is reserved.



For those who serve our country and community

At the close of our weekend Masses, our community will all kneel and pray three Hail Mary's for those individuals both living and deceased.



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

Emilio Accomasso, Maryann Albite, Cynthia Lee Atkinson, Dr. Vincent Bellafore, Angelo Benedetto, Eileen Benson, John Bonito, Michele Cross, Kasey Dirato, Lenny Di Santo, Rick Fisher, Maddie Foley, Lance Francois, Ermes Gutierrez, Doug Hilbert, Gladys Hopquins, Lily James, Robin, Andy Kman, Shirley Koenig, Laura Law, Ashlyn Leide, Josephin Macchia, Jerry Mahon, Irene McKenna, Luis Enrique Medina, Jeronimo Mestizo, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo, Mike Murphy, Fred Onken, Joseph Perin, Alice Perlowski, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, Kirsten Rutledge, Tom Shepherd, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres, Sabrina Valenti, Troy Van Why, Walker Family, Marge Wilton
To add to this list, please email : stjohnbultn@gmail.com



FATHER'S DESK



“Defining Moments” Week 3: Accepting God’s Invitation

Dear brothers and sisters,

We’ve been looking in this series at how God orchestrates certain moments that are brimming with meaning in the life of people – moments that draw them closer to him; moments that challenge or stretch people; moments that give people a fresh start; or moments that call us to a greater cause. These moments help us to better understand ourselves and our relationship to God. For any parent, for example, one defining moment most likely is the birth of your first child, and the change between “before kids” and “after kids.” We can use defining moments to bring positive change into our lives. Perhaps you have had a certain spiritual moment, like a retreat or a Bible study, that changed the course of your spiritual life and the decisions that you make. Even if you were raised Christian or Catholic, there might be – and truly, there should be – a defining moment where your faith became personal. In the Gospel, Jesus always meets people right where they are, and he invites them into a bigger story. One passage that illustrates this is Jesus’ encounter with the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8:1-11). A few details here: according to the religious leaders, the scribes and Pharisees, the Law required that a woman caught in adultery be stoned to death. Imagine in this scene the woman, probably afraid and shamed, standing before a cohort of religious leaders, all men. She must have also been terrified! Killing someone by stoning could take longer than you might think – perhaps even hours. These religious leaders bring the woman before Jesus, and they try to use her to test Jesus; the Scripture tells us: **They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more” (John 8:6-11).** Most certainly, this is a defining moment for this woman! The Bible doesn’t tell us what happened to her afterwards; but we are invited to place ourselves here into this story. Jesus has inserted himself into our sinful lives. Do we accept God’s invitation to enter into the bigger story? If not, what in our lives keeps us resistant? Questions for Small Groups:

1. Name a few moments in your life where you were different after the moment than before? What do you think might have happened to the woman caught in adultery?
2. How might her life have changed after the moment that Jesus acquitted her?
3. Talk about a moment in your life when it felt like God might have been inviting you into something significant? How did you respond?
4. How can you create a moment for someone else that could include him or her in God’s bigger story (to come to church, to ministry, to a prayer group)?

With blessings,

Fr. Reichlen

UPDATED HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

We are updating our Parishioner records and accounting system. We will no longer be using envelope numbers as we move forward; everything will be based on the family name and information.

We ask that you take a moment to call or email the Church Office to confirm that we have the most updated information for you and your family members. You can also use the Registration Form that is available on the Church Website: www.churchofstjohn.com.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862- 7551).

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by the Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of a parish to participate.

The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 20 & 27.

For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly of 980 is offering three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships for young Catholic men and women to be used for their first year of college or university. The candidates must provide all required information no later than the postmarked date of April 16, 2021.

Applications may be obtained in the Church of St John's Parish Office.

Father Reichlen will be on Retreat Monday January 25th thru Friday the 29th.

There WILL be Morning Mass on the 25th.

All other Morning Masses will be cancelled for the week.

Bible Study - the Gospel of Mark With Father Reichlen

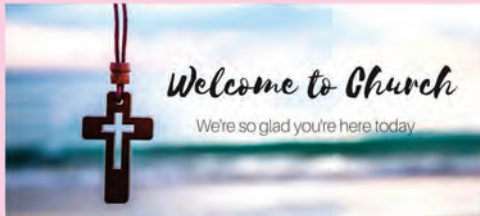
This will be a virtual (online) Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

January 20

February 3, 10, 24

March and April (dates to be announced)

It will be live streamed on the Church of St John Website www.churchofstjohn.com, Facebook page and YouTube.



This Week at St. John's

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

7:00 pm - Rosary

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting

6:30 pm - Virtual Grief Support Group

7:00 pm - Virtual Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

5:30 pm - Focolare Word Of Life Prayer Group (ZOOM)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer

7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Virtual)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 am - Confessions

5:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 am - Faith Formation

12:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

St John's Organizations

ACTIVE -

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 7:30 pm. (virtual) For information, please call Adele 570-269-1671.

Focolare Word of Life Gathering - 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm. Prayer meeting based on the Gospels conducted via Zoom. For information, please call Carole Lippold 718-863-1105. (ZOOM)

Knights of Columbus -

1st (7:30 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7:00 pm). For more information, please contact: Julio Cruz (Grand Knight) 570-656-0842. All parishioners are invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary for pro-life intentions.

St. John's Columbiettes - 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Women interested in becoming members, e-mail

Violette - President - FRANCOIS_3 @ msn.com (ZOOM)

SUSPENDED - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Adult Church Choir - 11:00 am Mass. To join, please contact Gil Cuffari and Nancy Gordon, Music Ministry at 570-223-9144.

Charismatic Group - Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Come join us and learn about the Holy Spirit and how he manifests his gift through us. He leads, guides, teaches and protects us as we sing, pray and worship him.

"Mady's Kitchen" Free Community Dinner -

The last Sunday of each month. St. John's Church Hall
Call: Laura - 570-588-1707

St John's Seniors - 1st Tuesday at 1:00 pm. President - Felix Martinez. Contact Laura Zaso - Secretary - 570-588-9358

Special Needs Worship Ministry - In honor of Deacon Thomas Dello Russo. Our mission is simple; to welcome and support people with special needs and their families to grow in faith and participate in the life of our parish community. For all those interested, call Mary Galayda at 570-588-9242.

Guidelines for Events At St John's

There is no need for a reservation to attend public Masses. However, please be aware that if our church is filled to capacity, you may have to wait in your car and follow the Mass Live Stream, until the time for Communion in the Parking Lot. Note that all the procedures, as mandated by the Bishop, still apply – (1) stay home if you or members of your household are vulnerable or sick; (2) maintain social distancing; (3) wear a mask properly; and (4) exit immediately after Holy Communion so that the church can be sanitized.

Communion Distribution will be in the Parking Lot on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 12:15 pm. Please follow the directions of the parking lot attendants. You will be expected to exit your car and walk to a designated space in the parking lot in order to receive Communion. Procedures may be altered because of inclement weather.



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