

April 25, 2021/ Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 - 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Spanish Mass)

Sunday - 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Communion Distribution - (In the Parking Lot)

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 11:45 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

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 24 - Vigil

4:00 pm People of the Parish

6:30 pm Juan Alexi Abreo by Fanny Aubin

SUNDAY, April 25

8:30 am Fedencio Robledo by Milagros Robledo

11:00 am Cali Rivera by Fay O. Ryan

MONDAY, April 26 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

9:00 am Antonina Baguley

by Angelina & Matteo Gaudioso

TUESDAY, April 27 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

12:00 pm Michael & Stella Podubynsky by Bilyj Family

WEDNESDAY, April 28 Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

9:00 am Anna Maria Costa

by Angelina & Matteo Gaudioso

THURSDAY, April 29 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

12:00 pm People of the Parish

FRIDAY, April 30 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

9:00 pm Betty Noonan by Robert Noonan

SATURDAY, May 1 - Vigil

4:00 pm Bertha Martinez by Cirillo Family

6:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, May 2

8:30 am Tommaso Todaro

by Anthony & Nancy Ribando

11:00 am Patrick King by Fay O. Ryan

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Illumination of the Holy Spirit

By Fanny Aubin

April 24, 2021 — April 30, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

For All People To Experience

The Love And Comfort Of God

By Church of St John

April 24, 2021 — April 30, 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, John Bonito, Michele Cross, Ermes Gutierrez, Betty Haines, Robin, Stephanie Jubak, Andy Kman, Bud Lake, Ashlyn Leide, Msgr. Al Lopinto, Teddy Lubanski, William McGrath, Luis Enrique Medina, Jeronimo Mestizo, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo, Joseph Perin, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, Liz Rubino, Kirsten Rutledge, Marie Sauve, Maria Stasolla, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres, Walker Family

To add to this list, please email : stjohnbultn@gmail.com



FATHER'S DESK**4th Sunday of Easter. "Anything but Ordinary"**
Week 4: Service to Others

Dear brothers and sisters,

During this Easter Season we've been talking about how the Resurrection Power of Jesus Christ, can transform our lives from the normal ordinary patterns that we tend to settle for, to something more – to something extraordinary. Today is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, because we hear in this Sunday's Gospel reading an excerpt from John chapter 10, the "Good Shepherd Discourse." Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that young men answer the call to imitate Jesus the Good Shepherd, in order to serve extraordinary lives as priests and pastors. We also pray today for all who aspire to serve the Church in a role of leadership and service – including many of you who are serving or have served on our parish staff, in Catholic schools, in various volunteer positions, and in "mission" outside the walls of the church, in our community and beyond. Service is a step in discipleship (remember the acronym STEPS), and it could be your Next Step! Jesus Christ came to this earth as a servant, not as a king; and we, his lifelong followers, are going to be challenged to develop a heart of service, during the course of our discipleship path. After the Resurrection, the rag-tag group of followers whom we call the Apostles were transformed – from immaturity, fear, lack of education, and lack of direction and purpose in their lives – to bold witnesses who went out and then transformed the world in the name of Jesus Christ. In answering Christ's call to service, we can have that same experience of life transformation too.

In the past few months here at St. John's, we have lost several parishioners to COVID, and other parish leaders who have decided to move out of the area, including some generous long-term volunteers. One of the hardest things here in the Poconos is the constant effort of "hellos" and "good-byes" because of the transient nature of our area – we are always here making an effort at building community, and it's not easy. However, there lies an opportunity – an opportunity to constantly call forth people to service. The Church is meant to be a place where people step up and serve as the hands and feet of Christ, and bring life change and transformation to the lives of others. When we grow with a heart of service, our faith grows as well!

We are working on making St. John's an irresistible environment where the unchurched feel the attraction to become church members, where church members feel the call to step up out of the pews and become ministers, and where ministers are being formed into leaders. Right now, COVID has limited our ministry and mission opportunities, but it has created new ones! This is where you come in! We are visioning our church to be both "100 percent in-person" and "100 percent online" and not just offer Live-Streamed Mass, but many other opportunities to engage people of all ages, including opportunities for adults to connect in Small Groups, and online Faith Formation and Children's Programming.

This weekend, we are calling forth all parishioners to be part of this effort. We've noticed, for example, that teenagers are really good at running our cameras and operating our Powerpoint slides on our Tech Team, and I'm sure there are many other teens who are willing to step up! You parishioners are a significant part of our future vision as a church of "growing disciples who are growing disciples." We would be honored that you would share your time, your talents, and your presence, and we hope that a deeper connection here could deepen your faith and your ties to others. If you might feel the call to serve, if you have any questions, or just may be interested in a "try out" of a ministry with no strings attached, visit our website, www.churchofstjohn.com, call our Parish Office at 570-223-9144, or email us at stjohnch29@gmail.com. We are excited to hear from you!

With blessings,

Fr. Reichlen

Bible Study - the Gospel of Mark With Father Reichlen

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

May 5, 12, 19

June 2, 9, 16

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

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, St John's Council is offering a \$500 scholarship to a student entering 9th grade in Sept 2021 at Notre Dame HS. The Awardee will be eligible for \$200 tuition assistance grants in the following 3 years of HS. Applicants must be a member of St John's Parish. The candidates must provide all required information no later than the postmarked date of May 17, 2021. Applications may be obtained in the Church of St John's Parish Office.

Notice to the Roman Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Scranton:

The Fraternité Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support to the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church.

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternité Notre Dame Community when Masses are available in nearby Churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

Virtual Grief Support Group

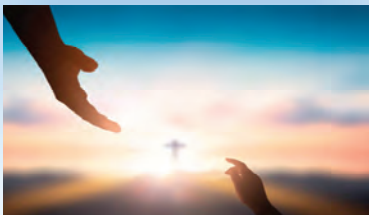
If you are experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Please join us as we navigate together through one of life's most painful and difficult challenges.

May 6th—June 3rd

Thursday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom.

Contact Leslie 201-970-2947 /Lesliepett@yahoo.com or the Parish Office at 570-223-9144 for Zoom access codes and more information.

All are welcome. Open to everyone, everywhere.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)



Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2021 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 6th at the Cathedral of St Peter.

The Mass will begin at 2:30, and attendance will require advance reservation. To register use this link: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/wedding-anniversary-mass-june-6-2021/> .

For questions or concerns, or if there are issues registering online, please reach out to Jen Housel, Director for Community and Family Development. jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org 570-207-2213 x 1104



PLEASE HELP!



This is Pro-Life Fund Raiser for
Baby Bottle Boomerage



May 9, Mother's Day to June 20, Father's Day

Take an empty baby bottle on Mother's Day May 9, Just like a well-tossed boomerang, bring it back full of coins, currency and checks.

Bring back bottles with any amount

Drop off baby bottles in the receptacles at the back of the church after Mass by Father's Day June 20.



This Week at St. John's

MONDAY, APRIL 26

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:30 pm - Girl Scouts (Zoom) Brownies

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 pm - AA Meeting (In Person / Zoom)

SATURDAY, MAY 1 VIGIL

9:00 am - Confessions
5:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

SUNDAY, MAY 2

10:00 am - Faith Formation Class
11:45 am - Parking Lot Communion Distribution
12:00 pm - Confirmation Class

St John's Organizations

ACTIVE -

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 8:00 pm. For information, please call Adele 570-269-1671. (In Person and Zoom)

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

Grief Support Group - You are not alone. You can count on the Church of St John for grief support, as we navigate together, after the loss of a loved one, through one of life's most painful and difficult challenges. Call the parish office or contact Leslie - Lesliepett@yahoo.com or 201-970-2947 for more information and to participate. (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. Everyone is 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 or call 570-269-6203 (Zoom)

Women's Bible Discussion Group—1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:00 pm. For Information contact Violet at francois_3@msn.com (Zoom)

SUSPENDED - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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) at the end of Mass, exit immediately so that the church can be sanitized.

Communion Distribution will be in the Parking Lot on Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 11:45 am. 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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For more information:

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