

May 16, 2021/ Seventh 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



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, May 15 - Vigil

4:00 pm Marlene McQuillan by Elizabeth Rubino  
6:30 pm People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, May 16 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

8:30 am People of the Parish  
11:00 am Carmela & Thomas Cimmino  
by Your Daughter

### MONDAY, May 17 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

9:00 am Marie Francoise Dormeus by Gina

### TUESDAY, May 18 Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

12:00 pm Luis Angel Florez by German Castro

### WEDNESDAY, May 19 Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

9:00 am Kyle Robledo by The Robledo Family

### THURSDAY, May 20 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

12:00 pm Marie Sauve by The Cirillo Family

### FRIDAY, May 21 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

9:00 pm Jonathan Robledo by The Robledo Family

### SATURDAY, May 22 - Vigil

4:00 pm Felix Martinez Sr.  
by Dorothy & Felix Martinez  
6:30 pm People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, May 23

8:30 am People of the Parish  
11:00 am Anna Marie Costa by St. John's Seniors



## FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

Emilio Accomasso, John Bonito, Michele Cross, Domenic Fasano, Ermes Gutierrez, Betty Haines, Robin, Stephanie Jubak, Andy Kman, Bud Lake, Ashlyn Leide, Msgr. Al Lopinto, Teddy Lubanski, William McGrath, Luis Enrique Medina, Ursula Mercadante, Jeronimo Mestizo, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo, Michael Paternoster, Joseph Perin, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, Liz Rubino, Kirsten Rutledge, Judy Smith, Karolyn Spost, Maria Stasolla, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres, Walker Family, Mitch Wlalto

## FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Kathleen Cruz, Julian Jimenez, Charles McQuillan, Marlene McQuillan, Marie Sauve, Jennie Spath

*To add to this list, please email :*  
[stjohnbultn@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbultn@gmail.com)

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

People of the Parish  
By Church of St John  
May 15, 2021 — May 21, 2021

## TABERNACLE CANDLE

For All People To Experience  
The Love And Comfort Of God  
By Church of St John  
May 15, 2021 — May 21, 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.





## FATHER'S DESK



### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. "Half Truth" Week 1: There are Many Ways to God

Dear brothers and sisters,

A half-truth is a statement that includes some element of truth; the statement might be partly true, but in leaving out the rest of the truth, it brings about a deception. The half-truth often leads us to embrace a whole lie. Today, on this 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, we begin a new five-week series that will take us through the great late-Spring feast days of the Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. In this series we will confront popular misconceptions and errors in thinking that our culture believes. As we celebrate in these weeks the Ascension, Pentecost, the Trinity, and the Eucharistic Body of Christ, we will explore each of these truths of our faith. The goal of this series is to show some popular misconceptions that they refute, including the following: *"There are many ways to God;" "All religions are the same;" "You don't need a Church to connect with God;" "the Holy Eucharist is just a symbol;"* and last, *"God won't give you more than you can handle."*

To kick off this series, we'll reflect on a "half-truth" that is a popular belief in our culture, that there are many ways to God. It is true to say this, IF we mean that many religions contain some element of truth, or that we can learn in some way from them. It is also true to say this if we mean that we can experience God in many ways. The WHOLE truth, however, is that God has only given us one way to him: the person of Jesus Christ! That is why Jesus says, **"I am THE way, THE truth, and THE life. No one goes to the Father except through me."** (John 14:6).

The philosopher Peter Kreeft writes, "Christianity is not a system of man's search for God but a story of God's search for man. True religion is not like a cloud of incense wafting up from special spirits into the nostrils of a waiting God, but like a Father's hand thrust downward to rescue the fallen. Throughout the Bible, man-made religion fails. There is no human way up the mountain, only a divine way down. If we made the roads, it would indeed be arrogant to claim that any one road is the only valid one, for all human things are equal, at least in all being human, finite, and mixtures of good and bad. If we made the roads, it would be as stupid to absolutize one of them as to absolutize one art form, one political system, or one way of skinning a cat. But if God made the road, we must find out whether he made many or one. If he made only one, then the shoe is on the other foot: it is humility, not arrogance, to accept this one road from God, and it is arrogance, not humility, to insist that our manmade roads are as good as God's God-made one" (excerpts from *Fundamentals of the Faith*, pp. 74-80. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1988).

#### Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14. Questions for Small Groups:

1. People in our culture will say there is no one true religion because there are many ways to God. Why do you think that thought is appealing to people in our culture? What is your reaction to that thought?
2. Read aloud John 14:6. What is your reaction to Jesus's statement?
3. Read aloud John 14:7-9. What tone of voice do you imagine Jesus using in response to Phillip's question? What does Jesus's response to Phillip tell us about how we get home to God?
4. How do we maintain a humility and respect for other faiths, while clinging to what Jesus said about himself?
5. Since Jesus is the only way back to God, how should that inform our efforts to reach friends, family members and co-workers who are unconnected to God?
6. Who is someone you know that does not know Jesus personally, who does not know Jesus is the way, the truth and the life? What can you do this week to invest in him or her?

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 19  
June 2, 9, 16

It will be live streamed on the Church of St John Website [www.churchofstjohn.com](http://www.churchofstjohn.com) , Facebook page and YouTube .

### 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.

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)



### Tech Team Members Needed

We are calling forth parishioners to be part of our Tech Team. We've noticed, for example, that teenagers are really good at running our cameras and operating our PowerPoint slides and we hope there are 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 are interested in being a part of the Tech Team, visit our website, [www.churchofstjohn.com](http://www.churchofstjohn.com) and use the "Tech Team Info." button to fill out the form. We look forward to hearing from you!



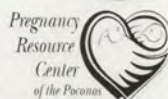
**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor** It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, 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](http://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).



## 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, MAY 17

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer  
6:30 pm - Music Ministry Rehearsal (In Person)

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer  
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Rosary

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer  
6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting  
7:00 pm - Bible Study: Gospel of Mark

### THURSDAY, MAY 20

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer  
5:30 pm - Focolare Word of Life Prayer Group (Zoom)  
6:30 pm - Virtual Grief Support Group (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

6:00 pm - Women's Bible Discussion Small Groups  
8:00 pm - AA Meeting (In Person / Zoom)

### SATURDAY, MAY 22 VIGIL

9:00 am - Confessions  
9:00 am - Columbiettes' Yard Sale  
10:00 am - First Holy Communion Class (In Person)  
5:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

10:00 am - First Holy Communion Class (Zoom)  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

**Tuesday May 18 | Polls open 7am-8pm**

**Find your MST polling location:**

West District: MST Municipal Building, 147 Municipal Drive

East District: MST Community Center, 5200 Milford Road\*\*\*

\*\*\*NEW POLLING LOCATION for anyone who voted at the Presbyterian Church.  
The Church is no longer a polling location. Please vote at the Community Center.

For more information about voting:  
Monroe County Office of Elections: 570-517-3165

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**FREE DOG TRAINING**  
Sat. May 15, 11am

Free training with certified dog trainer  
David Henon of University of Pets.  
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