

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2019

*God ...wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.
I Timothy 2:4*

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MASS TIMES
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00 AM
And by appointment

**Baptism, Eucharist,
Confirmation and Marriage**
Please call the office regarding preparation
for these Sacraments.

**Communion and
Anointing of the Sick**
After Sunday Mass, the Eucharist is taken to
the sick. Please call the office to have a
parishioner included.

September 22, 2019

Sick Relatives & Friends

Justin McPherson
Joshua Rickert
Jimmy Hobson
Charlotte Carr
Lee Olson
Robert Carr
Bill Johnson Sr.
Elizabeth Bides
Richard Patey
Frank Crowder
Nestor Gil
Jennifer Kues
Karen Pendleton
Lynda Pendleton
Marty Klein
Eric Ebuen
Ron Heckman

Marguerite Schaffhauser
Bernice Schaffhauser
Edward Schaffhauser
Irena Osinski
Al Wagner
Ben Franzuela
Tony Barroso
Bob Dietrich
May Coons
Robin Hanson
Walter Hanson
Faye Carr
Elizabeth Boothe
Elisa Alonzo
Trish Caudill
Mike Ambrosio
Elfrida Powell
Rina Hopkins
Bill Cox
Cynthia Waggoner
Glenn Sisler
Suzanne Denemark

Barbara Ann Johnson
John Zesis
Benito Lopez
Noel de la Rosa
Joan Kelley
Ann Marie White
Loretta Wagner
Linda Sandmon
Joan Bell
Rosemarie Rickert
Rizalina Paterno
Cheryl Mark
Jim Lammie
Christine Lucas
Dan Benkert
Harvey Little
Jerry Carroll
Wayne Tolbert
Jim Burns
Mary Uraco
Dixie McCormack
Kaycee Smelser

Karen Holden
Ann Font
Joan Richards
Bobby Richards
Patricia Seelhofer
Wilda Von Seggern
Keith Rickerts
Dolores Hazel
David Benedict
Richard Boyle
JoEllen Reoyo
Patricia Clarke
Andrew Buttner
Adam Herbert
Denise Jones
Phil Dancel
J.C. Kea
Ginny Ragland
Greg Isles
Rudy Chandia
Pat Mayhew
Josephine Gaudio

David Ritchie
Kayran Carroll
Armand Riendeau
Michael Walker
Tedd Metras
Marcia Conrad
Amor Guzman
Daniel Manning
Kathy Matkovic
Arlene Ritchie
Patricia Hinds
Mary Starr
Joanne Hoffmeister
Ron Kurth
Charles Garrett
Paul Weihs

FUN-FILLED FABULOUS FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING TODAY!

A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 22**, at 10:00 AM in the parish library for anyone interested in helping with our annual Fun-Filled Fabulous Family Fall Festival. We can always use new ideas and suggestions and volunteers. Please plan to join us. The Fun-Filled Fabulous Family Fall Festival will take place on October 27 along with the Thrilling, Tremendous Trunk-or-Treat Spectacular. Mark your calendars now!



The altar flowers this week were donated by
Bea Beckenbach
in loving memory of
Edmund Beckenbach



CRAFT FAIR IS THIS SATURDAY!!!

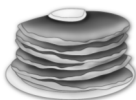
The 12th Annual Artisans, Crafters and More Fair will be held **THIS SATURDAY, September 28**, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The fair features over 25

artists/vendors, hourly raffles, a silent auction, a grand prize drawing at 2:30, food, entertainment, and a kids' zone. There will be performances by Asian Dragon Karate (11:05), Whole-some Halo Meditation (11:30), Singers by the Sea (12:05), and FCCA Dance Team (1:15). The kitchen will be serving breakfast burritos (8-10:30), Filipino food, hot dogs, hamburgers, and mac 'n' cheese (11:00-2:00). **THE LADIES' GUILD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!** A sign-up poster is in the narthex.



HURRICANE RELIEF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be providing a pancake breakfast on **September 29** in the parish hall after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support those in the Bahamas who were affected by Hurricane Dorian. All donations are appreciated.



BLOOD MOBILE AT ST. JOHN'S

The bloodmobile will be at St. John's on Sunday, **September 29**, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Come and contribute!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology and animals, the *Blessing of the Animals* will take place at St. John's on Saturday, **October 5**, at 11:00 AM.

AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM in the library.

Collections

September 15, 2019

Offertory.....	\$8,939.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,738.00
Building Fund.....	\$29.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$4.00
Total.....	\$10,710.00
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$646.21

ARE YOU FEELING STRESSED? WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE?

Please join the Health and Wellness Ministry on Monday, **September 30**, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall as we welcome Mary Uraco, RN (certified health coach and stress management coach) who will share her unique approach to reducing stress and balancing body, mind, and spirit. The evening will conclude with a short meditation session.



ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you make a mean bowl of chili? Let us be the judge of that! Enter the Men's Club Chili Cook-Off at St. John's on **October 19**. Entry forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex; there is no fee to enter. Chili sampling is from 6:00—8:00 PM in the parish hall. \$10.00/adults, \$5.00/kids. Tickets go on sale September 22. If you have questions, see Jimmy Hundley.

Are you registered at St. John's? If not, please pick up a registration form between the two bulletin boards or online!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K-5

Wednesdays, September 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6:15—7:30

Grades 6-10

Sunday Nights, September 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20
6:15—7:30



Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are excessive burden and little benefit. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY September 21
5:00 P.M. †Valeriano Agatona Bayot
..... by Dommer and Pearla Bayot

SUNDAY September 22
9:00 A.M. **The Parishioners of St. John's**
11:00 A.M. †James Ezelle, Sr.
..... by The Ezelle Family

MONDAY September 23
8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**

TUESDAY September 24
8:00 A.M. †Edna Bay
..... by Hoa and Joe Ramirez

WEDNESDAY September 25
8:00 A.M. †Mark Clemens
..... by Gene and Sally Clemens

THURSDAY September 26
8:00 A.M. †K. Louise Hoffman
..... by Art and Madeline Osiecki

FRIDAY September 27
8:00 A.M. †Betty Ames
..... by Dommer and Pearla Bayot

SATURDAY September 28
5:00 PM **The Parishioners of St. John's**

SUNDAY September 29
9:00 A.M. †Edmund Beckenbach
..... by Bea Beclenbach
11:00 A.M. †Florencia Barba
..... by The Barba Family

Ministers' Schedule September 28 and 29

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. (F) Armand Riendeau, John Riendeau
..... (I) Mary Ann Carroll, Maryann Speckman
9:00 A.M. (F) Francois Beuse, Josiane Beuse
..... (I) Elaine James, John Previti
11:00 A.M. (F) Yolanda Ebuén, Nelia Flores
..... (I) Nenita Romero, Dina Walker

READERS

5:00 P.M. Mike McPherson, Tita Agustin
9:00 A.M. Nina Francisco, Carol Neville
11:00 A.M. Harry Drake, Lee Olson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. Larry McKay, Rene Pachuta, James Johnson,
..... Andrea Spencer, Karen Rossetti,
..... Bill Pray, David Grimes
9:00 A.M. Randal Trinidad-Ambar, Julie Bussey,
..... Linda Trinidad, Scott Imray, Rose Imray,
..... Valerie Matta, Gabriel Pastrana
11:00 A.M. Grace Dancel, Alicia Cartagena, Manny Silverio,
..... Edna Silang, Dennis Stone,
..... Dee Fox, Vicky Mondares

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. Martin Ocampo, Elijah Trinidad,
..... Bridgette Von Seggern
9:00 A.M. Amanda Bussey, Ivy Kidwell,
..... Josephine Morgan
11:00 A.M. Abigayl Santos, Gabe Santos,
..... Casey Solano

HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF: WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- St. John's Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast fundraiser, Sunday, September 29, after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
- Catholic Relief Services is already on the ground in the Bahamas. Link for donations is <https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>
- Catholic Charities USA for affected areas on the American coast is app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm
- Local evacuees from the Bahamas are arriving in our diocese; send donations to Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., 134 East Church Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, Attn: Anita Hassell. Questions? Contact Anita Hassell at ahas-sell@ccb dosa.org or call (904) 899-5506.



MEN'S CLUB MEETING October 17



The next meeting of the St. John's Men's Club will take place on **October 17**, at 7:00 in the parish library. All men, 18 and older, are invited to attend. Plans are in place for the Chili Cook-Off on October 19. Manly munchies will again be served at the meeting. If you have not attended yet, why not?

33RD ANNUAL STATE RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

The 33rd Annual State Respect Life Conference, "In the Heart of Our Mother," will be held in the Diocese of St. Augustine on **Oct. 11-12, 2019**. This conference appears locally once every seven years so it is one not to miss. Featured speakers include: Bishop William Wack of Pensacola-Tallahassee; Star Parker founder of C.U.R.E.; Vincent Rue Ph.D., post abortion trauma; Mary Soha M.D.; Tracy Winsor, "Be Not Afraid." There is also a youth track and concert with nationally known singer/songwriter Sean Forrest. The conference begins at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche on 10/11 and continues at St Anastasia 10/12. To register go to www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference. For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity at (904)262-3200, ext. 159.



2019 DIOCESAN ROSARY CONFERENCE

The Diocese of St. Augustine will hold its First Annual Rosary Congress from **September 27-October 4**. The purpose of the Rosary Congress is to surround our efforts for life, our church, and our country in continuous prayer. We ask for a special blessing on our Respect Life Conference. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours for the 9 days of the Congress, at a different parish each day. The faithful will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every hour.

If you are interested in participating in some way, please contact May Oliver (904) 262-3200 ext. 159 or moliver@dosafl.com or hld@dosafl.com.

A schedule of participating parishes, dates and times is posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and in the hall. Also, you can go to www.dosafl.com/event/rosary-congress/ for parishes, dates, times, and locations.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

STAY CONNECTED DURING A STORM

During the recent hurricane event, did you receive the texts and Facebook announcements from St. John's about openings, closings, and Mass cancellations?



If you have not done so, please download the parish app that will allow you to receive notices from St. John's during emergencies. On your smart phone, download the "myParish" app from your app store. (Make sure you have enabled the app store.) Open the myParish app and select "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church" after opening. Another method you can use is to text "APP" to 88202 and select "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church" when you download and open the app.

We also have a Facebook page where you can receive notices and announcements. Go to www.facebook.com and search for "StJohns" (No periods or spaces) You will find more than one; our page has a picture of the outside of the church with a picture of the crucifix in the circle.



PRAY THE ROSARY



Join the Knights of Columbus in the Marian Chapel every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for the weekly rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

AMUSING ANECDOTE

A weasel walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Wow, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?"

"Pop," goes the weasel.
Do you know a great, clean church joke? Send your submissions to ewiley@outlook.com.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Are you interested in cultivating a more mature union with the Lord? Have you considered spiritual direction? Spiritual direction is a process in which the director helps the directee become more alert to the presence and prompting of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. The main goal is to help the directee listen more attentively and accurately to what the Lord is trying to convey to him or her. (Rosage, *Beginning Spiritual Direction*) If you are interested, please contact Dennis Stone, parishioner, at dennisjstone@comcast.net. He has a certificate in Spiritual Direction from Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. (<https://divineprovidence.org/school-of-spiritual-direction>) He will be available after Masses the weekend of September 28/29 to answer questions.



MEMORY CAFÉ October 21

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **October 21**, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the parish hall. A Memory Café is a place where people with dementia AND their care-givers can come for coffee, tea, refreshments, games, and conversation in a social environment accepting of dementia. There is no structured program. For more information, call the parish office (246-6014).

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School

Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:**5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You do not need a medical background to participate.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous