

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

*Keep the commandment without stain or reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Timothy 6:14*

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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 29, 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 Ebuon
 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
 Richard 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 Seelhoefer
 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
 Frank Lujan
 Joe DeWaele



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

BLOOD MOBILE AT ST. JOHN'S

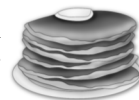
The bloodmobile will be at St. John's on Sunday, **September 29**, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Come and contribute!



HURRICANE RELIEF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be providing a pancake breakfast **TODAY, 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.



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 are on sale now. If you have questions, see Jimmy Hundley.

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.



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 21, 2019

Offertory.....	\$13,107.56
Online Giving.....	\$1,093.00
Building Fund.....	\$305.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$709.00
Total.....	\$15,214.56
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$963.23

HELP NEEDED FOR PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

You probably noticed that much of the large overgrowth is gone from the fields around the church, but help is now needed to remove the smaller branches and other debris. All are invited to a general grounds clean-up on Saturday, **October 12**, beginning at 9:00. You are asked to bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes (no flip-flops). Garbage bags will be provided. Following the event, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be served to all participants!



FUN-FILLED FABULOUS FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! St. John's Annual Fun-Filled Fabulous Fall Festival is coming on Sunday, October 27, from 2:00 until 5:00! The final event of the fun-filled fabulous family fall festival will be the traditional, thrilling, tremendous trunk-or-treat candy distribution spectacular. The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper products; parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts. In addition, there will be games, activities, a cake walk, music, and other exciting experiences.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K-5

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

Grades 6-10

Sundays, September 29; October 6, 13, 20; November 3, 10 6:15—7:30



Dear Padre,

Do dogs go to heaven?

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" (*Catholic Update: "Why We Bless Animals,"* Liguori).

Is it any wonder that people desire to see their pets in heaven! Yet, we know so little of what heaven is like. "We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). Thus, in heaven we'll see and enjoy the loving essence of God for eternity.

Would not the sensation we experience on earth through a bond with loved ones and with lovable creatures be experienced and infinitely satisfied when we're bonded to God's loving essence for eternity? In other words, if a beloved pet gives us such happiness on earth, won't that sensation be experienced preeminently forever in heaven? We either won't miss the pet for that very reason or perhaps God will reunite us with it in some form as part of that heavenly experience. "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	September 28
5:00 P.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
SUNDAY	September 29
9:00 A.M.	† Edmund Beckenbach
.....	by Bea Bechenbach
11:00 A.M.	† Florencia Barba
.....	by The Barba Family
MONDAY	September 30
8:00 A.M.	NO MASS
TUESDAY	October 1
8:00 A.M.	† Estelita Pagayon
.....	by Edena Santos
WEDNESDAY	October 2
8:00 AM	† Jose Faller
.....	by Dommer and Pearla Bayot
THURSDAY	October 3
8:00 AM	† Felicidad Mariano
.....	by Manuel Mariano
FRIDAY	October 4
8:00 AM	† Paul Amadio
.....	by Corinne Hundley
SATURDAY	October 5
5:00 PM	The Parishioners of St. John's
SUNDAY	October 6
9:00 A.M.	† Those Impacted by Abortion
.....	by Trudy Perez-Poveda
11:00 A.M.	† Virgilia Suyat
.....	by Luz Reyes

Ministers' Schedule October 5 and 6

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. (F) Jim Hundley, Corinne Hundley
..... (I) Armand Riendeau, Jan Riendeau
9:00 A.M. (F) Terry O'Brien, Sandra O'Brien
..... (I) Mike Schuman, Barbara Schuman
11:00 A.M. (F) Celina Austin, Dee Fox
..... (I) Luz Reyes, Nora Suyat

READERS

5:00 P.M. Joan Cornelison, Monica Trinidad
9:00 A.M. Rose Imray, Scott Imray
11:00 A.M. Art Corsano, Debbie Corsano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. Miles Nogelo, Gerry Nogelo, David Costa,
..... Andrea Spencer, James Johnson,
..... David Grimes, Bill Pray
9:00 A.M. Tessie Schell, Kathy Pundt, Gabriel Pastrana,
..... Maura Wilburn, Jeff Marquardt,
..... Amy Crane, Valerie Matta
11:00 A.M. Aida Masinsin, Jane Hart, Dottie Drake,
..... Rose Rickert, Grace Dancel,
..... Nenita Romero, Dennis Stone

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. Jaden Abutin, Elijah Trinidad,
..... Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M. Caleb Pastrana, Kayla Nellum,
..... Ryan Feazel
11:00 A.M. Christie Cabrera, Gian Suyat,
..... Joshua Manuel

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**. 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.



WOULD YOU LIKE A CLOSER AND STRONGER MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille Can Help

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? For more information about the **October 4th-6th, 2019** Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Maggie and Ernie @ 904-662-8604 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5780 begins at sundown
- Monday: St. Jerome
- Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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.



Liturgical



MINISTRY SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Attention, liturgical ministers. The ministers’ online schedules for October—December are available at the *Ministry Scheduler Pro* site. For those who do not have internet access or who need a printed schedule, please sign the yellow tablet in the sacristy.

AMUSING ANECDOTE

Good News: There is golf in heaven. It never rains, and you can play as long as you like!
Bad News: You’re scheduled to play next Tuesday.

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 dennis-jstone@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