



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

2400 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Drawer 330005 Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233
Office: (904) 246-6014 Hall: (904) 246-8771 Fax: (904) 246-1219
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Rev. Rafael Lavilla, Pastor

paengosj@gmail.com
(904) 496-2539

Parish Office

Samantha Matthews

Secretary and DRE
(SAMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com)

Kathryn LaPointe

Bookkeeper, Records
(sjccbookkeeper@gmail.com)

Monica Trinidad

Administrative Assistant
Bulletin & Outreach
(mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com)

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7am, 9am & 11am

Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM

Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

Parish Webpage

<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>

Parish Email

StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.



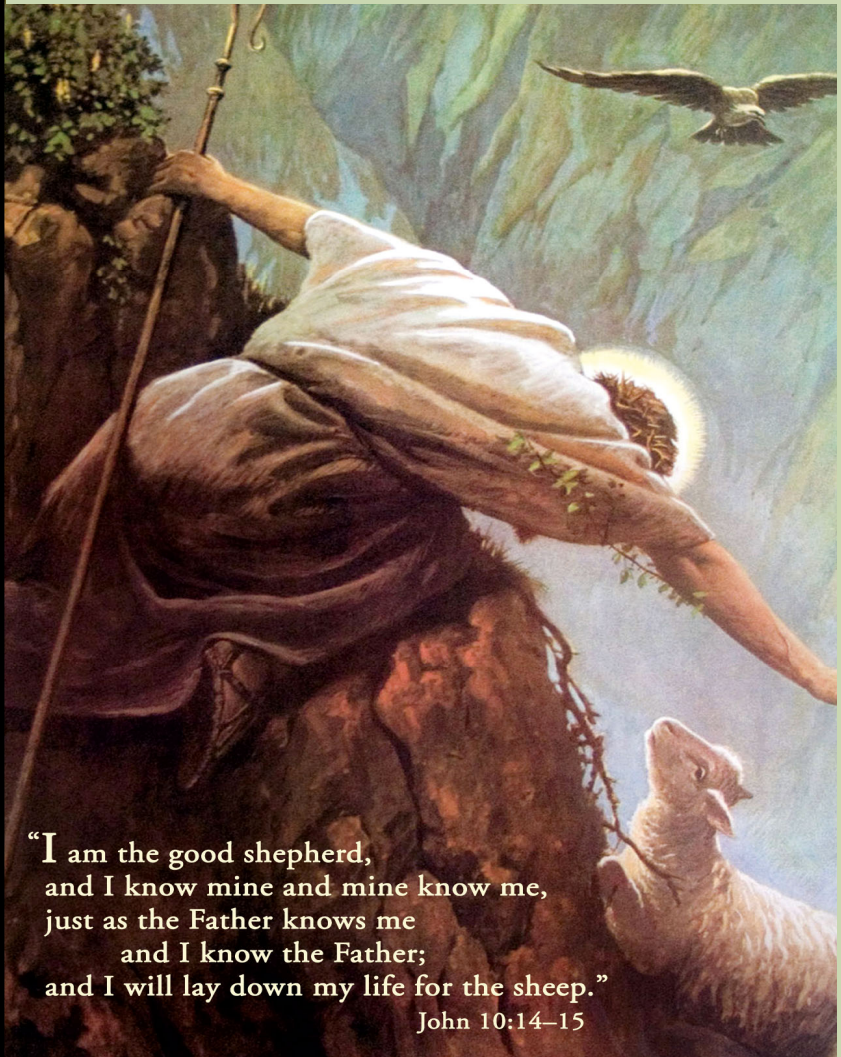
Facebook
@ stJohn.atlanticbeach



Instagram

Instagram
@StJohns_atlanticbeach

Fourth Sunday Of Easter



April 25, 2021

*"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

John 10:14-15

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50
Thur: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:8-12- There is no salvation through anyone else.
Psalm 118— The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2- See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
Gospel Jn 10:11-18— The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

There is nothing like belonging. Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are "at home" in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God's children, precious in God's sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us. Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.

Text to Give

All you have to do is text the word "Give" to (904) 441-8646. You will then be sent a link by text where you can sign in to your online giving account and donate or give a one time gift. You can pick where you want your donation to go regular offertory, building fund, EAM or any other offering on the list.

BECOMING GOOD SHEEP

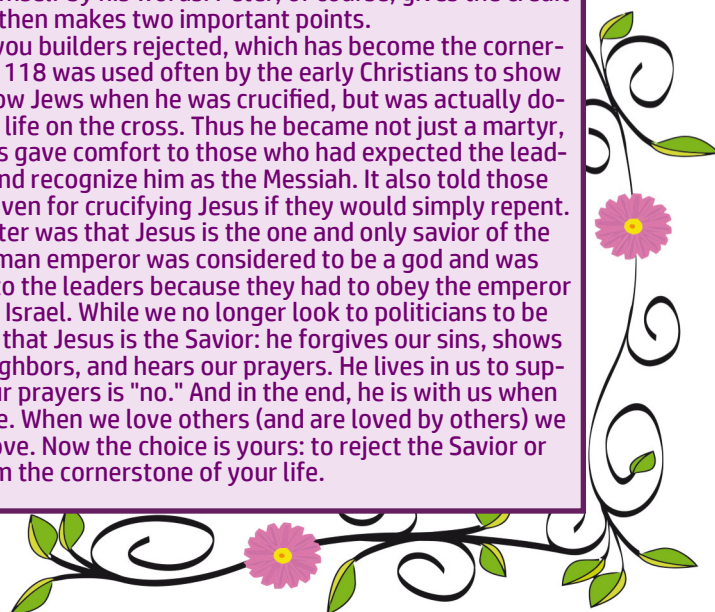
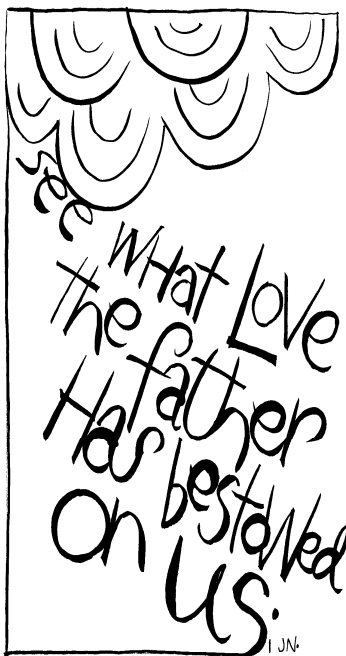
No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

The Rejected Savior

In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points.

First he calls Jesus the "stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." This quote from Psalm 118 was used often by the early Christians to show that Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when he was crucified, but was actually doing God's will when he gave his life on the cross. Thus he became not just a martyr, but the savior of the world. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah. It also told those leaders that they could be forgiven for crucifying Jesus if they would simply repent.

The second point made by Peter was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. Peter says this to the leaders because they had to obey the emperor and his appointed rulers over Israel. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is the Savior: he forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. He lives in us to support us when the answer to our prayers is "no." And in the end, he is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. When we love others (and are loved by others) we experience a taste of God's love. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.



MINISTERS SCHEDULE

May 1st & 2nd

Sorry if some names were wrong in previous bulletin. Please, always look at schedule in Sacristy. Thank You Monica

EUCCHARISTIC:

5pm
David Grimes*
Valerie Matta
Larry KcKay
9am
Kathy Pundt
Linda Trinidad
Ann Crowder
11am
Aida Masinsin*
Jane Hart
Rose Rickert

LECTORS

5pm
1 Mike McPherson
2 Tita Agustín
7am
1 Jeanne Dias
2 Denny Foster
9am
1 Scott Imray
2 Rose Imray
11am
1 Dan Emnas
2 Edna Silang

HOSPITALITY

5pm
Corinne Hundley
Maryann Speckman
Reggie & Cindy Dubay
7am
Fred Hidalgo
Corinne Hundley
9am
Jim & Bonnie Feazel
Mike & Barbara Schuman
11am
Nelia Flores
Cristina Suyat
Ramon Reyes
Suzie Reyes


ALTAR SERVER

5pm
Brynn Von Seggern
9am
Ryan Feazel
James Lingerfelt
11am
Christie Cabrera
Gian Suyat



MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat April 24 † Doreen Costa By Frank & Barbara Binghi</p>	<p>Sun April 25 7am: † Dora Hidalgo By Jim & Corinne Hundley 9am St John's Parishioners 11am † Barbara T. Ezelle By Ezelle Family</p>	<p>Tues April 27 † John Ormond By Marilyn Ormond</p>	<p>Wed April 28 † Richard Oulette By Tom & Ann Crowder</p> 
<p>Thu April 29 † Carmelita Quedado By Gasper & Vicky Quedado</p>	<p>Fri April 30 † Richard "Dick" Oulette By Dottie Klein</p>	<p>Sat May 1 † Kurt Speckman By Frank & Barbara Binghi</p> 	<p>Sun May 2 7am: † Conal & Anne Quigley By Ann Linn 9am St John's Parishioners 11am † Bettylou Pielin By Inez Higgenbotham</p>



Offering: 19,217.20
BF: 905.00
EAM: + 827.00
Total: **20,949.20**

Matthew 25:35-40

PRAYER REQUEST

Donna Cappock
Novalee Sanchez
Lily Rodriguez
Delores Fox
Albert Wagner
Loretta Wagner
John Weitort
Nanette Franzuela
Bob Pote
Eleanor Guzman

Rina Hopkins
Glenn Young
Jim Driscoll
Ron Keese
Mario Amayo
Don Cozine
Ernesto Budang
Aurea Silang
Bernadette Maron
Denise Jones
Daniel Lerin
Christie Lerin
Sandy Barata
Sarah Faith Collins
Mario Sayoc

THE GOOD SHEPHERD
The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him - not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

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. Donation is \$40.00

Beaches Lodge #2821 of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America is holding our very first **Gift Basket Raffle!**
The basket(s) will be filled with wonderful & delicious Italian items..
This Raffle will help us find our Charities account, The bulk of our charities is provided to local agencies.
Raffle will be held on May 27th at 6pm.
Raffle tickets are \$10 for one or \$20 for 3 tickets.
See Bill Johnson at St. John's for tickets; deadline is May 14th. Checks can be made payable to: Beaches OSDIA 2821
You do not need to be present to win this basket...



What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

**Wednesday Kinder-5th
Sunday 6th-Confirmation
6:15-7:30pm**
**We will have Mass followed by
Dinner on April 28th**

Religious Education Director:
Samantha Matthews 246-6014

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** (904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.



**Tuesdays
6:30-8:30pm**

**April 27
Discernment M4
May 4
Our Call to Holiness M5
May 11
Living the Virtues M6
May 25
Evangelization M8**

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information. James Ezelle (904) 412-6548 Parish office (904) 246-6014.

Attention: Liturgical Ministers
Ministry Schedules for April- June are available on Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP). If you do not have internet access, please sign the yellow sheet on the counter in the Sacristy. Thank You!

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.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

**Ladies meetings
@6:30PM**

May 4th June 1st

The mission of the St. John's Ladies Guild is to render spiritual and social services within our parish and community and to lovingly nurture a spiritual and social life among our members.

THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

**Men's Club meetings
@ 7PM**

May 20th June 17th

WEEKLY ROSARY:

A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Marian Chapel (If we need to spread out more we move to the main Sanctuary).

This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

CHOIRS:

There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions

RESPECT LIFE

respect · love · protect

The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Support,
The Respect for Life Committee

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.

Knights of Columbus

#14866

**KofC Meetings Tuesdays
@7PM**

April 27th May 11th & 25th



Mary, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace eve to exemplify in our public

and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus.

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.

St John's EAM

is collecting **UNEXPIRED** canned vegetables & fruit for our food Pantry. Please bring any items to the Parish, during office hours 9am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Any Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated as well.

St John's EAM:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach & surrounding area. New members are always needed and welcomed, call office for more info.

Food distributions:

Every Tue. 3-4pm (setup starts about 2pm in Parish Hall)

1st Sat. of the month 8-10am

3rd Sat. of the month 6-about 9am
This is our big outside drive-thru distribution. Please call the parish office to sign up to volunteer.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.



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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received a week prior to the bulletin date.

You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Interested in exploring ways to get closer to the Lord through prayer, scripture and contemplation? Contact Dennis Stone (dennisistone@comcast.net) or Kathleen Patneau (kpatneau@comcast.net) both are certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. During the pandemic, sessions are conducted in person or virtually.

Hallow

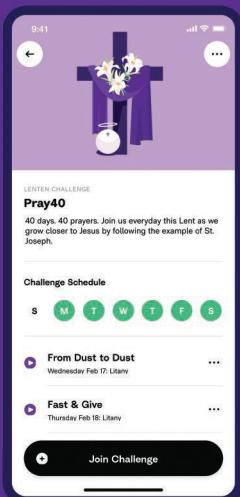
The #1 Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

Join the #Pray40 Challenge

Pray every day this Lent with Hallow Meditations.



Download Hallow from the App Store on your phone.



Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.

(CST 2117990-70)

Catholic Cruises and Tours
and The Apostleship of the Sea
of the United States of America

Catholic Cruises/Tours to Worldwide Destinations

Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

HARDAGE G GIDDENS

FUNERAL HOMES • CREMATION SERVICES

Dignity MEMORIAL
LIFE WELL CELEBRATED®



Serving Your Family at the Beach
Since 1946

904-249-2374

1701 Beach Boulevard
at Beach and Penman

STEEG PLUMBING COMPANY, INC.

Specializing in Repairs • Remodeling
Re-piping • Water Heaters
Serving the Beaches Since 1956

249-5191

Fresh & Salt Water Bait & Tackle

Ice • Propane • Boat Storage

2789 State Rd., A1A

249-3933






Quinn Shalz
A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre
 Serving the Community
 One Family at a Time
 Catholic Owned

Mary Quinn Shalz, President
 Darlene Smith, Managing Director

The expertise, facilities & desire to personalize each service

- Jacksonville Beach's Only On-Site Crematory
- Highly Trained, Professionally Licensed Staff
- Full Service Funeral Home

904.249.1100
 Ponte Vedra Blvd. at A1 A
 Jacksonville Beach
 www.quinn-shalz.com

A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE

ARBORIST ON STAFF

PRESERVATION
 TRIMMING • REMOVAL

24 HOUR STORM SERVICE

LICENSED • INSURED
 SERVING ALL AREAS

241-0008 • 591-0455

Looking to buy or sell Real Estate?

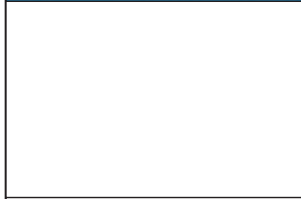
It's a very competitive market,
 let an expert guide you through the process!

SALE

Jennifer Sexton, Realtor
 (904) 463-3326
 SextonSellsHomes@comcast.net
 PARISHIONER



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
 HomeServices
 Florida Network Realty



DONOVAN
 HEAT & AIR




We Want Your Business...
 \$20 Off Any Donovan Service
 For Parishioners, Family & Friends With Ad or Bulletin
give us the opportunity to earn it.
270-COOL/223-4200
 Lic. # CAC039761

Dr. Chris Williams
Cosmetic, TMJ, and Implant Dentistry

391 14th Avenue South
Jacksonville Beach
241-4337

Parishioners

Neligan Construction & Roofing

ROOFING
 SIDING
 GUTTERS

Diocesan Parishioner
904-247-3777

www.neliganconstruction.net

CERT. ROOFER #CCC-1325888 • CERT. BUILDER #CBC-059536
 193 State Rd. 16, St. Augustine, FL 32084
 910 11th Ave S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith,
 find a Mass, and
 connect with your
 Catholic Community
 with OneParish!




Download on the App Store
 GET IT ON Google play


Download Our Free App or Visit
www.MY.ONEPARISH.com

Ferreira Funeral Services at Beaches Memorial Park

V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services




Beaches Memorial Park



Your local neighborhood Funeral Home and Cemetery.
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

904.249.1166
 1500 Main Street
 Atlantic Beach FL 32233

V. Todd Ferreira




MIKE-CELL'S ORIENTAL GROCERY & BAKERY



Store - 904.997.1345
Fax - 904.997.1545

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sun 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Owners: Mike & Mabelle Joya
10730 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225

catholicmatch®
 Florida



CatholicMatch.com/myFL

Knights of Columbus INSURANCE
 YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Daniel Costello, LUTCF, FICF
 Field Agent
 904-637-9223 • daniel.costello@kofc.org

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
 Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



Catholic Foundation
 DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

You can make a lasting difference!

Remember St. John the Baptist Parish in your will.

Learn how at:
 dosafl.com/catholic-foundation

Or call Cliff Evans @
 904-262-3200 ext. 139