

St. John the Baptist

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Schedule of Masses

(August 25/26)

5:00 - Fr. Ochu

Sunday

7:30 - Fr. Rodriguez

Den. McCormack

9:00 - Fr. Kozubek

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10:30 - Fr. Kozubek

12:00 - Fr. Brault

Baptisms in the Church

5:00 - Fr. Nitz

Dcn. Gorman

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Baptism

Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office for the times of the monthly liturgical celebrations and to arrange for classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4 - 4:45 p.m. & after daily Masses.

Marriage

Parishioners requesting a marriage date must have been registered in the parish for six months.

Phone Numbers

Parish Office & Rectory: 301-622-1122 Fax: 301-625-9266 School: 301-622-3076

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Sunday, August 19, 2018

Ordinary Time: Twentieth Sunday

This week's readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58



St. Augustine is often quoted: "If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying 'Amen' to what you are."

That's amazing stuff. But it's what Jesus keeps saying. Throughout the Gospel of John, **remaining in Jesus** is perhaps the most important duty of a disciple. Later in the Gospel, Jesus will use the word

"remain" 12 times in 17 verses in the parable of the true vine. When we say "Amen" as we receive "the body of Christ" and "the blood of Christ," we are not only saying that we believe that the bread and wine have in fact been transformed into the sacred flesh of Jesus, but also that this is our own true nature and who we are called to be, the body of Christ alive and active in our world.

Next week's readings: Ordinary Time: 21st Sunday Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

In the Words of Pope Francis ...

Excerpts from the Pope's apostolic exhortation, <u>Evangelii Gaudium</u> (The Joy of the Gospel) The full document can be downloaded from the Vatican website.

Chapter Two – Amid the Crisis of Communal Commitment, continued Section II: *Temptations Faced by Pastoral Workers*:

* No to selfishness and spiritual sloth

We're up to paragraphs 81-83 of this 288 paragraph document, and Pope Francis continues to speak bluntly to all of us. In speaking of selfishness, he writes:

"It has become very difficult today to find trained parish catechists willing to persevere in this work for some years. Something similar is also happening with priests who are obsessed with protecting their free time. This is frequently due to the fact that people feel an overbearing need to guard their personal freedom, as though the task of evangelization was a dangerous poison rather than a joyful response to God's love which summons us to mission and makes us fulfilled and productive."

He then lists activity undertaken badly, unrealistic projects, lack of patience, vain dreams of success, and loss of real contact with people as examples of hindrances to missionary dynamism. The Pope speaks of the biggest threat of all when he states: "A tomb psychology thus develops and slowly transforms Christians into mummies in a museum."

Next week: No to a sterile pessimism

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, August 19

9:00 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel

2:00 p.m. - Catholic Spiritual Teaching

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Cookout - Field & Lyon Center

Monday, August 20

9:15 a.m. - Book Study - Kazista Center

7:30 p.m. - Men's League Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, August 21

7:30 p.m. - Meditation - Chapel

Wednesday, August 22

9:15 a.m. - Spiritual Talks - Kazista

6:00 p.m. - Community Fund Mtg. - Kazista Center

7:00 p.m. - Sister Parish Mtg. - Kazista Center

Thursday, August 23

7:30 p.m. - Men's League Basketball - Gym

Friday, August 24

9:00 a.m. - Adoration - Chapel

Saturday, August 25

9:00 a.m. - Catechist Workshop - Kazista Center

Summer Hours at St. John the Baptist

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (August 20 through August 24 only)

Church Hours

Monday - Friday - Closed except on a Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Chapel Hours

Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Children's

Liturgy of the Word

Looking Ahead: School Starts Wednesday, August 29.

Starting August 29, please remember to park to the left of the vellow line to leave room for cars to unload the children. If you come to SJB during the school day, parking will be available along the White Oak side of the parking lot.

Reminder for Daily Mass Attendees:

Daily Mass will resume in the Church on Tuesday, September 4.

Mass Intentions (August 20 - August 26)

Monday 7:30 - Preston Nichols (Plumb Family)

8:30 - John Lopes (J. & R. Gramlich)

Tuesday 7:30 - Rev. Winthrop Brainerd

(SJB Parishioners)

8:30 - Jack Thearle (L. Krolikowski)

Wednesday 7:30 - Kosin Rattanavadee -L- (Peach)

8:30 - Zeamer Family (Kuzemka Family)

Thursday 7:30 - Rev. Hilarius Tran-Khac-Hy (Parishioners)

8:30 - Sylvester J. & Philomena Aquino

(D. & J. Aquino)

Friday 7:30 - Private Intentions

8:30 - Private Intentions

Saturday 8:30 - Gorgonia & Reynaldo Mojica (M. Rory)

- Roland & George Davis (Family)

Sunday 7:30 - Private Intentions

9:00 - Parishioners

10:30 - Apple Rattanavadee -L- (Peach)

12:00 - Margaret & Janet Harper (Family)

5:00 - Private Intentions

Parish Clergy

Rev. Y. David Brault Pastor Rev. Cezary Kozubek Associate Pastor Rev. Glen Willis Weekend Associate Rev. Austin Charles Ochu Weekend Associate Rev. Eliot Nitz Weekend Associate Rev. Nicolás Rodriguez Weekend Associate Deacon James Gorman Permanent Deacon Deacon Ed McCormack Permanent Deacon

Parish Directory

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School Website www.sjbsilverspring.org

Bulletin Deadline

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Registration for 2018 - 2019 Faith Formation:

Please fill out a registration form

 Bring the form and a check for the appropriate amount to the Parish Office (see page four)



- Questions? Email:
 lj.milone@sjbcatholicchurch.com
- All families will be automatically enrolled in Flocknote for all Faith Formation communication.
- Faith Formation Classes (Sunday School classes) begin <u>September 9, 2018</u>. Please see pages four and five of this bulletin for registration forms and more information.

Pre-kindergarten students (age 4) are now accepted into the Sunday Faith Formation Program.

Parents can now register their Pre-K/4-year-old children in the Sunday Faith Formation (religious education or Sunday School) classes at St. John the Baptist. Register them as normal, by following the steps outlined above.

Bible Study returns this Fall

SJB Bible Study will be walking through the Book of Genesis, "The Beginnings," from September 13 to November 8. Bible Study will meet for 8 weeks on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. There will be prayer & reflection, background information, worksheets, and small & large group sharing. For more information or to register, please contact Alicia Urban: 301-879-4368 or urban261@gmail.com.

Some Significant Theological Themes in Genesis are:

- 1. Creation is divinely planned, ordered, and good.
- 2. Humans are in God's image and are God's servants.
- 3. God has blessed humanity.
- 4. Sin is turning away from God.
- 5. God, however, both punishes and forgives.
- 6. Israel has been specially chosen by God.
- 7. The story is a story of promise.
- 8. God uses crooked lines to write straight. To see this lesson one only need to reread Jacob's deception of Fsau
- 9. Genesis is a story of faith.
- 10. Don't forget the importance of worship.

Giving made easy Online!

Support our mission and vision — anywhere, any time. This QR code is linked to Faith Direct. You may give a one-time donation or create an account for giving. Thank you for your support.

<u>To make a donation,</u> <u>scan the QR-code below:</u>



Is Your Child Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server and is a 4th grader (or older), please send his or her name along with contact information (parents'/guardians' names, phone number & e-mail) to the altar server schedule coordinator, Anne Thomas, at anne.thomas@grace.com. Training will take place in early October. Training details will be provided in an e-mail message (if you provide your e-mail address) and in future issues of the parish bulletin.

Bereavement Ministry

Our support group is available for anyone who is grieving because of the loss of a loved one. Come join us this month as we focus on the topic, "Coping with Emotions While Grieving – Where to Begin." We will meet on Monday, August 27, at 7 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. All are welcome to attend – drop in for one meeting or as often as you may want or need. For further information, please call Ruth Anne McCormick at 301-622-0664 or email her at drram612@gmail.com or call Eileen Bonhag at 301-421-9065.

Mass Intentions:

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for the living or deceased member of a family or a friend.

If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date/intention, please come into the Parish Office to select a Mass date and time. Mass intentions are filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Next Week's Altar Servers - August 25/26

5:00 p.m. - Caroline & John Hechinger

7:30 a.m. - Reese & Ryan Kim

9:00 a.m. - Angelina & Bella Calis

10:30 a.m. - Adrian & Amanda Anthony

12:00 p.m. - Eleanor Brown & Madison Taylor

5:00 p.m. - Jesse Vega

Try eGiving through Faith Direct

Thank you for being a part of our St. John the Baptist family! As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD300. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Weekly Stewardship Report

Offertory Sunday, August 12

\$10,625.50

Please note monies given via Faith Direct are not included in the Offertory above.

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Social Concerns

Cynthia Norris, 301-622-1122, social concerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Calling all parishioners!

So -- you've got a heart for Haiti. You know of its suffering, past and present. You feel bad when people insult Haiti, one slam after another.

We feel for Haiti, too. We know it's a wonderful country. We're the Haiti Sister Parish Committee of St. John the Baptist. In 1994, our parish entered a twinning relationship with St. Pierre Parish in Baraderes, Haiti. Since then, we've exchanged visits, made lifelong friendships, and provided financial, material, and educational support. Most importantly, we have grown spiritually through our interactions with the people of Baraderes.

We are looking for a few good parishioners. Would you like to join us? Are you worried because you don't speak French or Kreyol, or you can't travel to Haiti? Don't worry, just join us! Many committee members speak only English. Many of us have never been to visit St. Pierre. We meet around 6 times a year. What we do:

- Share fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Baraderes, Haiti
- Stand in solidarity with them as they build a better tomorrow
- Enjoy the hospitality of others in our parish and elsewhere as we celebrate all things Haiti
- Arrange hospitality for the Haitian pastor's visit; some of us travel to Haiti
- Host the Taste of Haiti Festival
- Explore projects and funding resources
- Keep the parish informed about our progress in Baraderes.

We'd love to have to you join our fun and rewarding service work. If you can stuff envelopes, create posters, write bulletin drafts, or invite your friends to an event, you can help our Sister Parish! Our next meeting is Wednesday August 22, 7 p.m., in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. If you have any questions, please email or call Cynthia Norris at 301-622-1122, ext. 108 or socialconcerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Community Faith Formation / Religious Education 2018-2019

Faith Formation for all Grades Pre-K - 8 is on Sunday 10:15-11:30 a.m. Absolute Last Date Registrations will be accepted is Monday, Sept. 24 All Classes (Gr. Pre-K-8) Begin: Sunday, Sept. 9 Confirmation Grade 8 *

*Separate Registration Form and additional \$100 fee
for Confirmation materials

Tuition:

# of Children	Early Discount Registration - through Aug. 13, 2018 -			Regular Registration - after Aug. 13, 2018 -		
	Registered Parishioner	Non-Registered Parishioner		Registered Parishioner	Non-Registered Parishioner	
1 child	\$125	\$225		\$150	\$250	
2 children	\$175	\$250		\$200	\$275	
3 or more children	\$200	\$275		\$225	\$300	

<u>Make</u> checks payable to *St. John the Baptist*. <u>Complete both sides</u> of Registration/Emerg Contact Form. <u>Return</u> all to Parish Office. Tuition supports only part of the program cost. The rest is subsidized by regular envelope collections.

Fees for materials for the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Programs are \$40/program/child. First Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) must be received before First Eucharist (Holy Communion). To register your child for these Sacraments, please call the Parish Office: 301-622-1122.

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Community Faith Formation / Religious Education Registration 2018-2019

Please see separate sheet for times and tuition.

Attach a copy of baptismal certificate if child was not baptized at SJB or if you have not sent in one during the past 4 years.

Return completed registration form with payment by Aug. 13, 2018 to: St. John the Baptist Parish Office -12319 New Hampshire Ave. - S.S., MD 20904 Deadline for Registering for the 2018-19 Faith Formation Year is Monday, September 24, 2018.

Communication: All families will be signed-up automatically with Flocknote to receive free text message and e-mail updates: www.flocknote.com/SJBCatholicChurch

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5. Do you need to apply for tuition assistance?		YES	NO	(Please turn o	over)	Parish	Registration	n		

St. John the Baptist Catholic Community Faith Formation / Religious Education Emergency Information Form 2018-2019

Does your child have an IEP or 504 Plan?

Describe any learning * If "yes" you must

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Consent to Treat: I authorize the staff of St. John the Baptist (salaried and/or volunteer) to administer First Aid and/or take my child to a physician or hospital for emergency treatment in the event it appears necessary and neither parent nor guardian can be contacted. (St. John's staff may contact the Rescue Squad in emergency situations.)										
Signature of Parent/Guardian: Da										

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Mystical Word

L.J. Milone, Director of Adult Faith Formation

One of the reasons, in my view, there is so much polarization in our country is, so few people are willing to admit they are wrong. Very few people are willing to say, "I am not sure" or "I don't know." Our problem, not limited to the political polarization in the U.S., is that we think we know. It is hard to have civil conversations about anything political these days.

Criticism of right or left is received as insult upon insult. The experts and heads of governmental agencies appear on television and assure us they know better. Qoheleth wants to smack them in the face and shout, "You know nothing!" This admission of not knowing is key to accepting the main message of Ecclesiastes: hevel, which is that life is impermanent, meaningless, and an enigma within which, paradoxically, lies the divine

nothingness. Thus, we continue our reflection on Ecclesiastes with a look at Chapter 10 – Chapter 11:6.

The wisdom sayings in Chapters 10 and 11 reflect Qoheleth's view that true wisdom is not as easy a thing to acquire as many might think. He criticizes the sages of his day who presume they are wise, that they know the truth. A note in the New American Bible says it quite well. "The collection of proverbs and sayings in Chapters 10 and 11... adds weight to his critique of the wisdom tradition's tendencies to self-assurance and naive optimism." This is the view Qoheleth presents in 10:1, "Dead flies corrupt and spoil the perfumer's oil; more weighty than wisdom or wealth is a little folly" (10:1)! Just as dead flies spoil perfume, a little bit of folly spoils wisdom. This little bit of folly might be the very large presumption that we think we know.

Likely someone comes to mind when we think "presumptuous" or "pompous." We tend to think of someone else – a family member, a friend, a co-work, or a politician. Of course, who is the one person who never comes to mind? Rarely do we think we are presumptuous, when, in fact, we often do not know. Our knowledge, even when we are experts, is still very limited. It would be a robust spiritual exercise for each one of us to imagine Qoheleth talking to us when he says, "The lips of fools consume them. The beginning of their words is folly, and the end of their talk is utter madness; yet fools multiply words. No one knows what is to come, for who can tell anyone what will be? The toil of fools wearies

them, so they do not know even the way to town" (10:12-15). When do we multiply words? It might be a sign we don't know what we're talking about! Listening to another's perspective or story might be the antidote, and listening requires that we admit, at least internally, that we do not know.

Qoheleth reminds us that there is so much we do not know! He says, "Just as you do not know how the life breath enters the human frame in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God" (11:5). This might be the essence of *hevel*. God is incomprehensible mystery and the only way we truly get to know the mystery is by faith. Now, faith is not believing in spite of reason or facts but going beyond them. The mystic Dionysius the Areopagite calls it

"unknowing" and says it means to "know beyond the mind by knowing nothing." To accept *hevel* is to accept that we do not know, that we have to transcend our minds by knowing nothing.

Qoheleth says, "In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hand be idle: For you do not know which of the two will be successful, or whether both alike will turn out well" (11:6). We don't know with any real certainty how anything will turn out. Reality has a way of thrashing our expectations and our desires, though. Hevel rears its truthful head! Chapters 10:5-7 reveal a kind of disdain Qoheleth harbors for things that should not be, that upset his notion of the status quo. It shows us reality can surprise and can reveal how little we know.

He has a curious set of verses at the end of Chapter 10, which concern politics. He expresses hope that our ruler may be noble and not a young, naïve king "whose princes feast in the morning," an image suggesting a ruler who does not know how to rule. For such a presumptuous and pompous king, money is the bottom line. "Money answers for everything," says Qoheleth (10:19). And, this can mean that money makes us feel powerful and feel like we know. It is a clear theme in Ecclesiastes that wealth does not give wisdom. Instead, humbly accepting we don't know, and connecting with the divine nothingness in that specific experience of *hevel* provides lasting wisdom. Then, we may truly know.



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Faith Formation Ministry

L.J. Milone, Director, 301-622-1122, adultdre@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Faith Formation Summer Calendar

SJB Christian Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Chapel. All are welcome – those of any or no faith.

Spiritual Talks

Wednesdays, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., Kazista Center.

Catholic Spiritual Teaching

Sundays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (except holiday weekends) in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. **The next meeting is, today, Sunday, <u>August 19</u>.**

Please contact LJ Milone, the Director of Faith Formation, <u>lj.milone@sjbcatholicchurch.com</u>, 301-622-1122., with questions.

SJB Athletic Ministry News

Little Feet Soccer & SJB Flag Football



Registration for Little Feet Soccer (Pre-K thru Kindergarten) and SJB Flag Football (Grades 3-8) is now open for boys and girls. Learn more and register at www.sjbathletics.org.

Come, TASTE and See!

Looking for ways to grow closer to Jesus and learn more about your Faith? The TASTE

Program is a Catholic Women's program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus and the Church He founded. Engaging priests and lay speakers, on fire for the Faith, come each week to teach us. Mass and Confession offered. Pray for priests. Babysitting is available. TASTE resumes Thursday, September 20, 9:40-11:30 a.m. at St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707. Registration is now open at www.tasteprogram.com.

National Rosary Rally

The National Rosary Rally will take place Saturday, October 7, in Union Square to the west of the U.S. Capitol in front of the Capitol reflecting pool starting at 12:00 noon on October 7 and is expected to conclude around 2:30 p.m. All four Rosaries will be prayed along with intentions which include: respect for life at all stages of development; the sanctity of marriage and families; upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom; and the return of our nation to God and Holiness. Visit www.novenaforournation.com for more information on the Rally and current 54 Day Rosary Novena for our Nation.

Youth Ministry

Marie Ferman, 301-622-1122 youth@sjbcatholicchurch.com



Summer cookout today — <u>August 19</u>, 6-8 p.m., Field & Lyon Center.

Around Town

ADW Small Group Training

"No one is saved alone, as an isolated individual, but God attracts us looking at the complex web of relationships that take place in the human community. God enters into this dynamic, this participation in the web of human relationships." - Pope Francis Calling all present (and future!) small group leaders. Join for a deeper dive into best practices in small group ministry at Holy Rosary Catholic Church (595 3rd St NW, Washington, DC), sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. Sunday, August 26, 12 p.m. optional Mass; 1-4 p.m. Small Group Seminar led by Melissa Overmyer. Contact DCCatholic@adw.org with questions. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-group-leader-training-tickets-48185169138

Into the Deep - Young Adult Retreat

How do I hear God speak? How do I discern a job, relationship, or big decision? "Into the Deep" is a retreat for young adults (college-age through 30s) providing practical lessons on prayer, discernment, and how to listen to the voice of God in the depth of your heart. Friday night, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, at the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center featuring talks by Fr. Mark Ivany, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Washington and Megan Philip, Coordinator of Campus/YA Ministry. Tentative Schedule:

Friday, 6:30-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at 5001 Eastern Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20782, Cost: \$20 Metro: Fort Totten, Parking at Pastoral Center Register: DCCatholic.eventbrite.com Questions or accommodation requests: Email Megan at DCCatholic@adw.org

World Apostolate of Fatima

The World Apostolate of Fatima Archdiocese of Washington Division invite you for the Consecration to Jesus through Mary and Healing Mass at St. Catherine Laboure Church on September 15, at 10 a.m. Confessions will be available before the Mass. Light refreshments provided. For more information contact Monica at 301- 949 5710.

Pallotti H.S. Crab Feast

The Annual Pallotti High School Crab Feast will be Saturday, <u>September 22</u>, 4-8 p.m. at 113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD. Register online at <u>www.pallottihs.org</u>. For more information, please contact Rachel Podorski-Orozco at 301-725-3228, ext. 209 or rpodorski@pallottihs.org.

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Living the Gospel:

Contemplation and Action

A 2018-2019 Adult Faith Formation Series A joint venture of St. Camillus, Resurrection, and St. John the Baptist Catholic churches



This series of retreats, workshops and discussions brings the Gospel to bear on our daily lives. Using the teachings of Jesus, we will personally and collectively ground ourselves in God, becoming more open to the ways God's love can transform us. Participants will learn how living the contemplative dimension of the Gospel can help us more deeply experience God's love. 2019 topics will include Pope Francis' teachings on nonviolence, politics beyond party affiliation, and our parishes' options for responding to local communities' needs.

What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action.

- Meister Eckhart

September 8 ❖ Forgiveness

9:30am - 4:30pm, Amadeo room, Resurrection Parish

Learn ways to practice forgiveness in our workplaces, homes, and in social, political and church circles to satisfy our longing for the mercy of God and desire to be more forgiving. This all-day session will include experiential exercises, talks, group discussion, prayer, and will address the church's sex abuse scandal.

October 3 * Peaceful Parenting / Peaceful Kids

7:30pm - 9:00pm, Gym, St. John the Baptist

Interactive workshop led by Little Friends for Peace (Iffp.org) to help anyone interacting with children. Teachers, parents, grandparents, community workers, and interested others will learn how to "create homes, classrooms, teams, and workplaces where everyone gives, everyone gains, and everyone wins."

November 3 ❖ Healing the Effects of Substance Use Disorders

9:00am - 1:00pm, Knight's Hall, St. Camillus

Substance abuse disorders create pain in the lives of all who are affected. The current opioid crisis has raised questions about the far-reaching consequences of these disorders. This session uses Jesus' teaching to address medical, psychological, and spiritual ways to heal pain and to act with compassion.

December 29 ❖ The Joy of God is Yours

9:30am - 4:30pm, school library, St. John the Baptist

Learn to more deeply experience the Joy of God in the midst of the hustle and bustle of daily life as a New Year approaches. This retreat includes teachings, spiritual practice, and interactive exercises. Let go of common ego attachments to surrender to God beyond the thinking mind through contemplation.

Registration is encouraged; to register for any session or for more information, email L.J. Milone at lj.milone@stbcatholicchurch.com. Please type in the subject line Living the Gospel. Parish staff and parishioners will lead sessions, except where noted. Please bring a bag lunch for the September and December sessions.

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Saint Rose of Lima's Story

The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification.

She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.



Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, MIV are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, MIV $\,$

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