



St. John the Baptist

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Sunday and Daily Masses have been suspended until further notice.

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

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a confession.

Marriage

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

Phone Numbers

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Sunday, June 14, 2020

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)

This week's readings: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a Psalm 147 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51



Since today's feast celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, it would seem that the Gospel would be taken from the Last Supper. Instead, it comes from the "bread of life discourse" of the Gospel of John. The eucharistic theology is up-front and paramount. Jesus proclaims that he is the living bread come down from heaven. And to be certain that his listeners understand, he states clearly that this is true food and true drink. Jesus tells us that those who consume this bread will live forever.

This promise is not to be understood as some magic potion. The Eucharist nourishes us so that we may live as followers of Jesus and emulate the life he led. We are called to become bread for the world and nourishment for those in need. We are to allow ourselves to be broken for others, to be poured out. In this way, we emulate Christ and live the Paschal Mystery. In this way, we have eternal life.

Next week's readings - Ordinary Time: 12th Sunday
Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home)

CHAPTER THREE – *The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*

II. The Globalization of the Technocratic Paradigm



Pope Francis devotes 14 paragraphs to this topic. He acknowledges that many technological advances that might end up doing more harm than good were brought about with good intentions. For a long time intervening with nature meant being in tune with and respecting the possibilities offered by the things themselves. Now, by contrast, we are the ones to lay our hands on things, attempting to extract everything possible from them while frequently ignoring or forgetting the reality in front of us. This has made it easy to accept the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry beyond every limit.

Some maintain that current economics and technology will solve all environmental problems, and argue that the problems of global hunger and poverty will be resolved simply by market growth. By itself the market cannot guarantee integral human development and social inclusion. We are all too slow in developing economic institutions and social initiatives which can give the poor regular access to basic resources.

Continued next week.

As we comply with the directive of the Archbishop and the request of the Montgomery County Executive, no Masses will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist until further notice.

How to Keep Informed of SJB Parish News

Flocknotes: Visit our SJB website, www.sjbssparish.org, and on the first page enter an email address to receive Flocknotes through email.

Bulletin: Visit our website bulletin page at <https://www.sjbssparish.org/bulletins> to access the latest SJB bulletin. To have a link to the latest SJB bulletin sent directly to your email from our bulletin printer (FATA), visit <https://www.fataonline.com/bulletins/StJohntheBaptistSilverSpring> and enter your email address.

Previous Bulletins: Previous bulletins can be viewed by visiting <https://www.sjbssparish.org/bulletins> and selecting a bulletin date.

Our accountant, Karen Kuzemka, is in the Parish Office from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The rest of the Office and School is closed. Please contact staff via emails listed below. To reach Father David or Father Cezary, please call 301-622-3935.

ADW Information Resources

As Catholics, caring for our spiritual and sacramental lives is paramount. Therefore, the Archdiocese is providing the following pastoral guidance and resources for your use:

The Archdiocesan website has a page with informational resources on coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.

The Archdiocesan website has resources on how to receive spiritual communion: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.

Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at usccb.org and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our [YouTube channel](#).

Our Archdiocesan Sunday TV Mass is available online: <https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/>.

Here is a prayer by Pope Francis to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic: <https://adw.org/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>.

Pastoral care to the sick will continue incorporating protocols recommended by health professionals.

The Archdiocese will continue to make additional spiritual and informational resources available and provide regular updates on their website, www.adw.org/coronavirus. Please know of Archbishop Gregory's prayers and love for you.

Mass Intentions (June 15 - June 20)

- Monday - Rev. Dominick Mammarella (Parishioners)
- Mary Sudassy (J. & F. Hrastar)
- Tuesday - Jim Putnam (K. Asdorian)
- Jane Mack (D. & J. Aquino)
- Wednesday - James Michael Potts (Hechinger Family)
- Jimmy Carr (L. Amador)
- Thursday - Anthony Frizalone (E. Bente)
- Joseph Nwabude (V. Obikweku)
- Friday - Dcn. John J. McGinnes (SJB Parishioners)
- Mary Kate Beckman (K. Asdorian)
- Saturday - Rosa Delva (Family)

The Mass Intentions for the week will be prayed by both priests.

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 Rodríguez	Weekend Associate
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****Bulletin Deadline****

June 28 Bulletin & Website deadline
Friday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m

Send Bulletin announcements to
sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org
Send Website announcements to
kbrown@sjbssparish.org

SJB Exposition/Mass Live Streamed

All are invited to join Fr. Cezary as he streams Mass every morning at 9 a.m. on our St. John the Baptist Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/sjbcc>.



The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be live streamed on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Reconciliation/Confession

Confessions are available by both priests by calling the SJB emergency line, 301-622-3935.

Fr. Cezary is available for Confession by calling 301-622-1122 and leaving a message on his voicemail at extension 142.

SJB Men's Group

Attention men over 18 years old. Scripture is packed with action, drama, and incredible power. Join us Saturday mornings to connect with the Word and your brothers in Christ.

Deacon Ed McCormack facilitates as we unpack scripture in an atmosphere of fellowship and community. Get your scriptural questions answered and share your faith journey. The ZOOM room opens at 7:15 a.m. and we get under way at 7:30 a.m. Guys say it's the most fruitful one hour they experience all day. To join us with video & audio just go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/873867511>.

Meeting ID: 873 867 511

For audio only by phone, dial: 301-715-8592

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For more information, please contact Dave Michaels at invitedtolife@gmail.com.

SJB CYO Soccer - Fall Registration

CYO Soccer Registration is now open for the Fall. Teams will be formed for SJB Parish and School boys and girls in the 14U, 12U, 10U, 8U, and 7U age groups. Registration closes June 12. To register and to learn more, please visit www.sjbathletics.org or contact SJB Soccer Commissioner Eoin Fitzgerald at mailto:fitzgerald_eoin@hotmail.com.



Important Update on the Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Mass has been postponed to the Fall. More information will be available in upcoming weeks.

Summer starts
Saturday, June 20.
Have a Happy
Summer!



When We Can Resume Masses...

Due to COVID-19, there are many precautions we must take for the health and safety of all as we prepare to once again begin public celebrations of the Mass. To insure proper social distancing between people we will need to limit the number of seats available at each of the five Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
(no evening Mass)

Once Montgomery County permits Church services to resume, we will start a weekly sign-up for every individual member of your family who wants to attend one of these Masses. Sign-up will open each week starting on Mondays at 12 noon and ending on Thursdays at 12 noon immediately preceding the upcoming Weekend Masses.

To sign-up to attend a Mass, please visit our website at www.sjbssparish.org or call the Parish Office at 301-622-1122.

Please know that when you come to attend Mass:

- A mask or facial covering must be worn.
- Entry will be through the main, front, wrought iron doors – only.
- Ushers will direct you to a seat.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new normal together.

Our 2020 Graduates

While in the midst of the Covid19 pandemic our graduates have completed their requirements at home, but will be unable to attend any graduation ceremonies. If you would like the accomplishment of your high school or college graduate listed in the June 21 bulletin, please send their name, school name and degree to sjbulletin@sjbssparish.org by tomorrow, June 15.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Our Weekly Stewardship Report will be suspended until our Masses resume.

While we are temporarily not celebrating Mass, your weekly donations to help keep our bills paid are appreciated. Please mail them to St. John the Baptist, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Thank you to all who have sent their weekly donations to the Parish Office. It is greatly appreciated.

Social Concerns

Cynthia Norris, 301-622-1122, socialconcerns@sjbssparish.org

Community Fund update

Thank you for your continued generous support of those in greatest need in our community. Parishioners' contributions allowed us to fund more of our supported agencies during this critical time. The agencies that are being funded are those who continue to provide direct service to clients. Once the other agencies resume services, we will reinstate their grants.

Agency Grants *temporarily* suspended:

Centro Tepeyac

Colesville Clothes Closet

MUSST

Agency Grants continued:

Catholic Charities Medical Clinic

Chrisma Charities

Colesville Meals on Wheels

Gabriel Network

EMEAN

MidCounty United Ministry

Shepherd's Table

St. Camillus Food Pantry

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You can support agencies by sending your financial donations to SJB via mail or Faith Direct on the www.sjbssparish.org website. Checks should be made payable to **St. John the Baptist** with **Community Fund** listed on the memo line. If you would like to target your donation for a specific agency you can list the agency name on the memo line i.e., **CF, St. Camillus**, or send them directly to the agencies.

MidCounty United Ministries (MUM) - P.O. Box 1924, Silver Spring, Md. 20910

Since the arrival of COVID19, their numbers have skyrocketed. Effective through June 30, 2020 the main office is closed. However, clients are still being served Sundays via the mobile pantry.

Current needs include:

- Protein:** Canned tuna, Salmon, or chicken; Dry or canned beans, Nut butters, i.e., peanut
- Grains:** Breakfast cereals, Oatmeal, Rice (1, 2, or 3-pound bags), Pasta
- Canned goods:** Vegetables, Fruit, Soups, Pasta sauces
- Miscellaneous:** Oil, Shelf stable milk, Infant formula and baby food, toilet paper, bleach, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes & sprays, detergent, soap

St. Camillus Food Pantry - 1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903

They have seen a tremendous increase in the number of individuals in our community utilizing the resources of the St. Camillus Food Pantries.

Immediate Pantry Needs

- Oatmeal in canisters not packets
- Canned Goods: Fruit; tomatoes; black, red kidney beans (NOT BAKED BEANS)
- Vegetable Oil
- Sugar, White Flour
- Baby Diapers - all sizes

For more information please contact Cynthia Norris at socialconcerns@sjbssparish.org. *Continued on page five.*

SJB Parish 'Drive Out Hunger' Food Drive

The SJB Parish Food Drive will be on the first and third Saturday morning of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The next Saturday drop off will be June 20. Please drive to the table in front of the Lyon Center and as you stay safe in your car, just pop your trunk or tailgate and your donation will be unloaded. Dry goods are preferred. Food donations will be distributed to the St. Camillus Food Bank and MidCounty United Ministries. Thank you for your generosity. This Food Drive is being organized by the SJB Men's Group and SJB Knights of Columbus. If you have a question or need more information, please email Rob Farrell at ROB@sjbknight.com



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Shepherd's Table

8106 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Shepherd's Table continues providing free meals and other essential resources to our community. Due to the current situation of COVID-19, they have made some changes regarding hours of meal services. The clothes closet is closed until further notice.

Brunch and Dinner only. Brunch: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Dinner: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Resource Center will be open once a day, Monday-Friday: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Current needs include:

Purchase items on their Amazon Wish <https://www.amzn.to/2X3mxkv>

- Homemade peanut butter and jelly sandwiches individually packaged in a baggie

- Desserts: cookies, brownies, muffins, cupcakes

[individually packaged in a baggie](#)

- Quart size Milk cartons and 10 oz juice boxes

If you cannot drop off your donations, contact Silver Spring Cares, 301-565-2523 Ext 115, to schedule a pick-up. In-kind donations are accepted at 8106 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and between 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the weekends. Go to their website to get detailed information about all support: <https://www.shepherdstable.org/we-need-your-help-here-are-how-you-can-support-us/>

If you are unable to bring food donations during the Knights of Columbus food drives, food items may be dropped off at the front door of the Kazista Center-Parish Office-Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 12 - 4 p.m.

If you would like a receipt for your donation, please include your name, address, phone number along with a list of the donations and we will mail you a letter of acknowledgement.

If you are in a position to donate the following items, please drop them off at the front door of the Parish Office.

- 1 liter or 32 oz empty pump bottles for hand sanitizer
- Purell® NXT Instant Hand Sanitizer Refill, 33.8 Oz.
- Cotton or disposable face masks
- Heavy Duty reusable Latex Gloves for cleaning

*****Around Town*****

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

At the Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, Maryland, a window for 24/7 Adoration of the Tabernacle has been set up in the upper parking lot of the Church. Also, every Friday, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and priests will be available for confession between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please stay in your cars and remember to physically distance yourselves.

Scam Emails Increasing

The Archdiocese warns of a new wave of scam emails using archbishop's name. During the COVID-19 crisis, email scams have been multiplying, and the Archdiocese of Washington is again warning priests and parishioners to be wary of recent bogus emails from senders falsely claiming to be Archbishop Gregory or parish priests that sometimes seek donations.

Experts warn people to be wary of unsolicited email appeals for financial donations, to treat email attachments with caution, and to be careful about clicking on links in email messages. They say if you've clicked on a wrong link or realize that you have provided a password, user name or other personal information in response to a scam, to change your password immediately. More information at: <https://cathstan.org/news/local/update-archdiocese-warns-of-new-wave-of-scam-emails-using-archbishops-name>

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. Assistance is provided while following safety precautions recommended by health authorities during the pandemic. We collect new and gently used clothing throughout the year to provide wardrobes, baby items, small toys, and books for newborns through teen size 14/16. We are especially in need of girls' size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 4 summer clothing (especially shorts), boys' size 12-month summer and winter clothing, and boys' size 5 summer clothing. We are also in need of newborn caps and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact us at www.gpmoco.org or e-mail Diane at Isabelle49@aol.com.

Maryland Assistant – Apply Now

Do you need help paying your gas and electric bill or to afford food right now? You may be eligible to apply for financial assistance to purchase food for your household through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

You may also be eligible to apply for utility bill assistance through the State Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP).

- Apply at www.mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us. Best way.

- Apply by Phone: Call 1-800-332-6347 Mon- Fri, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. if you need help with an application by phone.

- Apply by Mail: No internet access? Call 1-800-332-6347 Mon- Fri, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. to request an application by mail.

Mystical Word

written by L.J. Milone, Director of Faith Formation, ljmilone@sjbssparish.org

We begin a deeper exploration of the Book of Proverbs by reflecting on some verses from chapter 10. If chapters 1-9 serve as the introduction, lengthy as it might be, to the Book of Proverbs, then chapter 10 is where we begin to read collections of proverbs. The book has a few different collections of proverbs, but all emerge from and lead further into the experience of God in daily life.

First, we can reflect on Proverbs 10:3: "The LORD does not let the just go hungry, but the craving of the wicked he thwarts." We are immediately confronted with a question: Is this true? Does the Lord feed the just who are hungry? Does God thwart the mad cravings of the wicked? It would seem, if one perused the papers or turned on the news, that the wicked are not being thwarted. George Floyd was murdered by a police officer who showed no concern for him. This proverb needs a different explanation. On a material level, then, the wicked seem to get away with their crimes all-too-often. We can see this proverb as communicating a deeper truth. Richard Clifford, an expert on Wisdom literature, writes, "One appetite – hunger – is singled out but it stands metaphorically for other desires." Hunger stands for our desires. If our desire is for the ultimate good, the Lord God, we will receive our fill. But the cravings of the wicked, desires that are for the things of this world that pass away and decay, will never be satisfied. For, the wicked are still human, even if they have forgotten, and humanity's core desire is for the Transcendent Mystery. When our other desires are not aligned with the central desire that we are, misery ensues.

Now we turn to Proverbs 10:12: "Hatred stirs up disputes, but love covers all offenses." If there is hatred in our hearts we are like exposed wounds, easily hurt. We are also like threatened animals, ready to lash out at any perceived provocation. Clifford writes, "Love covers sins, either in the sense of disregarding faults...or in the sense of forgiving sins...anger (= hatred expressed) stirs up quarrels. The basic antithesis in our saying is thus between pacifying and provoking."

Then, there is Proverbs 10:15: "The wealth of the rich is their strong city; the ruin of the poor is their poverty." This is one of the most intriguing proverbs.

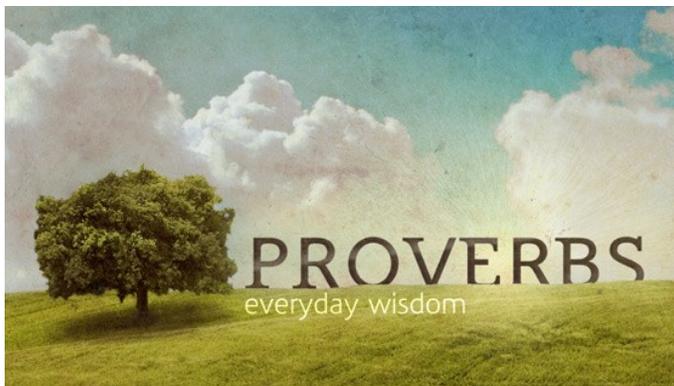
At first, the proverb gives a straightforward observation. Clifford comments, "Using metaphors from warfare, the verse contrasts the relative security of rich and poor folk. Wealth protects a rich person like a fortified city, whereas its absence, poverty, destroys the poor. The word 'ruin' describes a ruined city." But, again, there's a deeper

meaning to the proverb. Ruin is the rubble left over once a city has been destroyed. The message, then, is how thoroughly poverty – not possessing anything physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual – reduces one to nothing, to unity with the divine nothing. This holy poverty ruins the ego. Meanwhile, the wealthy are under a grand illusion, namely, that their wealth

gives them security, lasting security as might a well-fortified city.

Proverbs 10:17 provides a key theme for the whole book: "Whoever follows instruction is in the path to life, but whoever disregards reproof goes astray." In all the various proverb collections, wisdom comes from listening to the instruction or correction of someone else. True wisdom means one holds opinions lightly and is ever willing to be shown the true way. Clifford: "The main antithesis is following and rejecting discipline...The point here is that anyone heeding instruction embodies wisdom and becomes a path to life. Those who reject correction not only do not show the way, they mislead others." Whoever rejects outside counsel, the correction of another, is a fool.

Finally, here is Proverbs 10:25: "When the tempest passes, the wicked are no more; but the just are established forever." The storms of life do not differentiate based on who does or does not fear the Lord. The just and wicked alike undergo pain and trials. But, if the wise person listens to others, practices holy poverty, loves by forgiving, and hungers for the Mystery of God the tempests that inevitably roll through a person's life will not uproot the wise person, for the wise person is rooted in God and can endure the tempests of life. The wicked do not fare so well because they are not rooted in God but in their own egos. As we continue to face the need for and the work of racial justice in our country, let us heed the wisdom of these proverbs.



If you ever have any comments regarding Mystical Word, you are most welcome to contact L. J. Milone.

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