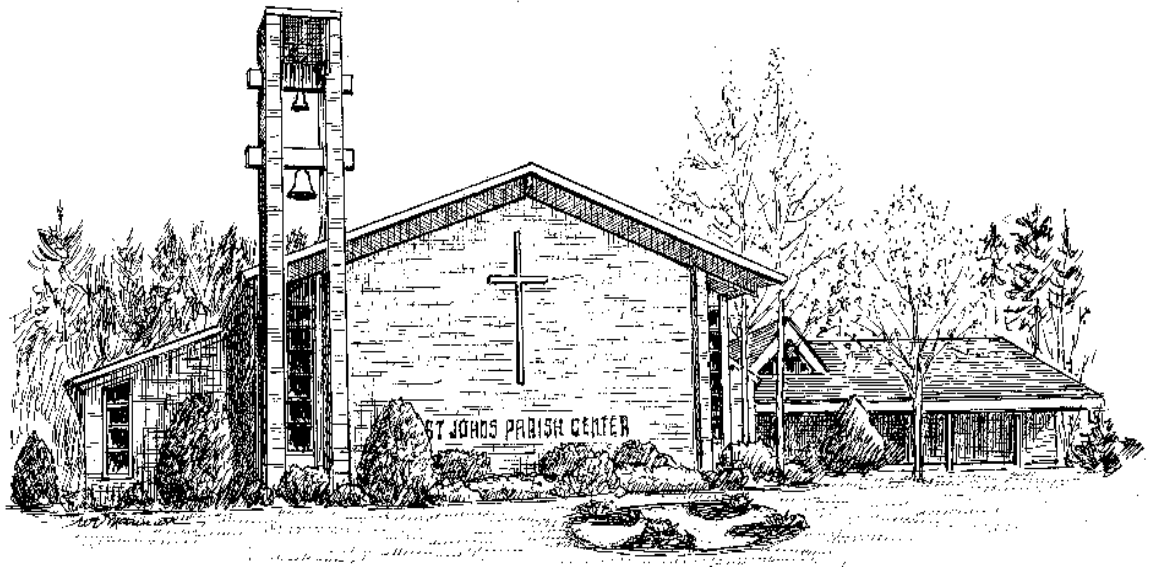




WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 © 2017, J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

5/21/2017

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

St. John's Church

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass 8:00, 11:00 am
Mass 9:00 am on Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, & Friday
Eve of Holy Days 5:30 pm
Holy Days 9:00 am and 7:30 pm
Penance 4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturdays

St. Augustine's Chapel

Sunday Mass 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month.

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Jr/Sr High: Mon....9th Grade.....7-8:30 pm
Tues....8th Grade.....7-8:30 pm
Wed....7th Grade.....7-8:30 pm

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS.
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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you .
the Spirit of truth."
— John 14:16-17

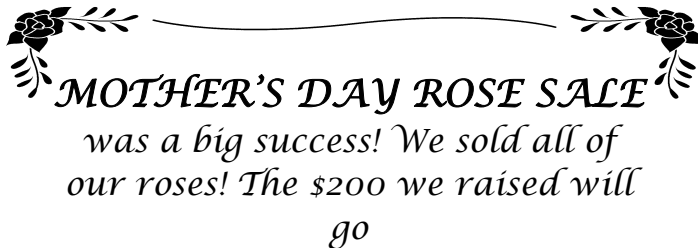
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 25, 2017 is a
Holy Day of Obligation.



This Holy Day of Obligation refers to
the ascending of Jesus' risen and
glorified body into heaven.

Mass will be at St. John's as follows:
Wednesday, May 24th Vigil at 5:30pm
Thursday, May 25th at 9am & 7:30pm



toward The Ulster Vicariate
Respect Life Committee.
Proceeds to benefit
The Education Fund.

Thank you to all those who helped



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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Confirmation Retreat, May 20th 10am-2pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, May 30th at 7pm
- Confirmation Practice , June 4th after 11am Mass

RENEW + REBUILD

St. John's is pleased to announce the
Renew + Rebuild Capital Campaign!

Here at St. John's parish, we identified several important projects that will be addressed through this effort.

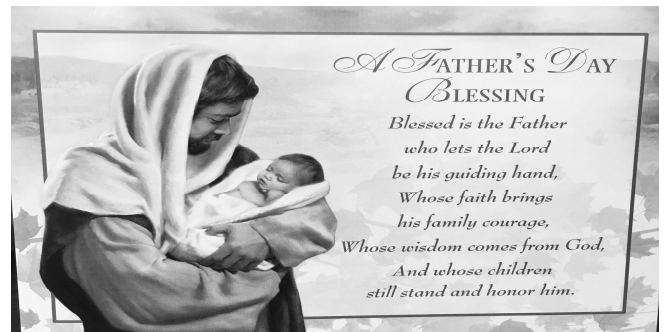
- ♦ Outreach Coordinator
- ♦ Spring Lecture Series
- ♦ St. Augustine's Chapel
- ♦ New Pews & Kneelers and Paved Parking Lot
- ♦ Media Upgrades
- ♦ Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Our goal is \$413,000. This amount includes the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Our parish will keep 74 cents of every dollar we raise. Upon reaching our goal, this parish will receive at least \$296,000!

**I am pleased to announce that we are
already over 55% of our goal!!!**

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of
our parishioners thus far!!

Please pray for the success of this campaign.
Thank you and God bless,
Fr. George



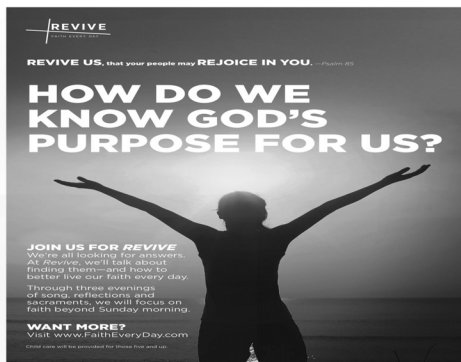
**ANNUAL NOVENA OF MASSES IN THE
OBSERVANCE OF FATHER'S DAY**, will
start on June 18th and go through June 27th!

During this time we ask for God's blessing for our
father's to whom we owe so much.

Honor your father by including him in our parish
prayer, by giving him the most precious gift of all,
your heart and prayers.

*You may place your offering envelope in the basket
during Mass. Your intentions will be placed on the
altar during the Novena of Father's Day Masses.*

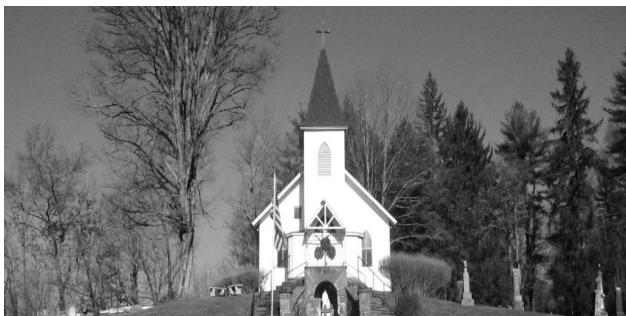
BEYOND ST. JOHN'S



The Archdiocese of New York launched an exciting mission and evangelization program called ***Revive: Faith Every Day***, throughout the parish clusters. The three-day program will be led by a priest from one of our religious communities that specialize in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday-Wednesday from 6pm-9pm. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it!

We have a link to this event on our webpage at <https://sjwoodstock.org>. Click on the ***Revive Banner*** or ***About—News/Events—Revive***.

Our cluster will Revive at: St. Mary's of the Snow/St. Joseph on 6/12-6/14 at 6pm. RSVP today!



Saint Ann's Church,
located on Sawkill Rd. Sawkill, N.Y.
will be having their
Memorial Day Mass
on
Monday, May 29th at 12 Noon.



PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

—Father George

 **Pray for ...**



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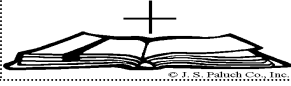
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Theresa A. Fauci
Michael X. Fauci/Dell
Lori Wright
Cindy Dwyer
Glen Patrick
Jim
Fr. George
Bob Barringer
Ken H.
Sarah H.
Frannie Flavia
Kathy P.
John Suzuki
Bill Dean

Added in April

Craig Entwistle
Tory Entwistle
Nancy Bernard
Merrilyn McComiskey
Diane McComiskey
Howard McComiskey
Mikey Shultis

Kathern B.
Laura F.
Isabelle Lacassagne
Andrew S.
Michael Lockmiller
Al Schwab
Nancy Oswald
Bill Kinslow
Cecile
Theresa Ortenzi
Carole Smith
Mary
Patricia Blackford
Added in May
Marilyn Cashen
Gene Molinelli

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 20th

5:00 PM **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Sunday, May 21st

8:00 AM **JOE CARMODY**

Bernadette Poremba

9:30 AM **ELMO TINTI**

Luisa Tinti

11:00 AM **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Monday, May 22nd

9:00 AM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE**

Alice Haberski and Kathy Renaud

Tuesday, May 23rd

9:00 AM **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Wednesday, May 24th

9:00 AM **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

5:30 PM **VIGIL** OPEN INTENTION

Thursday, May 25th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM **OPEN INTENTION**

7:30 PM **OPEN INTENTION**

Friday, May 26th

9:00 AM **THERESA MASON**

Her Family

Saturday, May 27th

5:00 PM **DARYL ANN FLORIO**

Her Family

Sunday, May 28th

8:00 AM **PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

9:30 AM **JULIA RIVERA**

Kathleen Ruiz

11:00 AM **GLORIA TRAPASO**

Michael Coughlan



Our Military, especially for Joseph Turck,
James Mault, Johnathan Schwab and Danny
Brennan (Navy)

...Repose of the Soul, especially for



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Altar Servers	Cindy Frisbie 246-1819
Altar Society	Christine Molinelli, 679-5332
Baptismal Committee.....	Francine Carmody 679-7205 and
.....	Bernadette Poremba, 679-7643
Beautification	
Church	Brian and Joan Hagedorn, 679-7622
Grotto	John Spindler/Julie Middleton, 679-4462
Bereavement Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205
Bulletin	Jeanine Meisler, 679-7696
Crafty Ladies.....	TBD
CCD Classes 1 - 6.....	Cindy Frisbie, 246-1819
CCD Classes 7 - 9.....	Alice Haberski, 679-6791
Eucharist Ministers/Lectors	Bob Dietrich, 657-8556
Food Pantry	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Holiday Food Baskets.....	Harold & Cindy Frisbie 246-1819
Liturgy Committee.....	Sue Curran, 679-8617
Maintenance Committee.....	David Sudlik, 657-6782
Music Group	Dave Christi, 430-8040
Newsletter	Colleen Mountford, 679-8546
Parish Council	John Spindler 679-4462
Parish Nurse	Colleen Short, 417-4522
Pins and Needles.....	Pat Lindtveit, 338- 1720
.....	Helen DeVoe, 679-5947
R.C.I.A. and Respect Life.....	TBD
Secular Franciscan Order	Lorraine Pioli Sciarrino 626-7000
Social Committee	679-7696
Soup Kitchen	Barbara Runz 251-1174
Tree of Life	Dolores Hagedorn 679-7607
.....	Jeanine Meisler 845-853-3042
Ulster Vicariate	Tim Cyr, 679-6872
Wedding Committee.....	Alice Haberski, 679-6791
.....	Sandi Armstrong, 679-1098
Youth Ministry/Activities	Harold & Cindy Frisbie 246-1819

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday) Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday:	St. Philip Neri
Saturday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury