



St. John the Evangelist

LONG GREEN VALLEY

TAKING PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Our Mission—Love God, love others, proclaim the good news and make disciples.

Our Vision—A vibrant Catholic community of growing disciples, witnessing the Gospel and leading all to Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:00 AM (also on Facebook Live)
Sunday at 11:30 AM

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Sacraments at St. John Parish

RECONCILIATION—By appointment or Saturdays via drive-up from 4-4:30 PM in parish office parking lot.

BAPTISMS—Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All parents are asked to attend a Baptism Registration session. Also, a Baptism Preparation class for parents of first-born children is scheduled monthly. Advance registration is necessary for the session, the preparation, and the sacrament. Contact the parish office about Baptism of children aged 7 and older.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST—Preparation for children begins in 1st grade, and the sacraments are received in the fall and spring of 2nd grade, respectively. Preparation for adults and older children is done through the RCIA program. Preparation begins in September, and the sacraments are received during the Easter Vigil Mass.

CONFIRMATION—The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to anyone in High School who has completed their 8th grade year of Catholic Religious Education. Preparation takes place through the *Teens in Ministry* program. The sacrament is conferred in October. Confirmation for adult Catholics is celebrated in the archdiocese twice a year. A period of preparation includes prayerful discernment and catechesis. Adults who desire to become members of the Catholic Faith receive the sacraments through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

MARRIAGE—Couples preparing for marriage should contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of their desired date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOME COMMUNION—The Anointing of the Sick is available on the second Sunday of the month, following the 9 AM Mass (SUSPENDED). Please notify the parish office if a member of the parish is ill and would like to receive Communion at home.

May 2, 2021—Fifth Sunday of Easter

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: "I AM THE TRUE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."



Last week we pondered the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for us, as His sheep. Now we are given a new image in order to recognize the necessity of our relationship with the Lord, as that of a vine and branches. Unlike the shepherd and his sheep, a vine and its branches cleave to each other in such a way that it is impossible to say where one ends and the other begins. This is the closeness Jesus desires to have with each of us - that His life-giving Spirit might flow from Him to us as effortlessly as the sap of a healthy vine plant grows through the veins of the branch, allowing it to produce fruit.

The key to spiritual growth is living our lives connected with Jesus. He is telling us that we need Him when we are young or when we are 60 or 70 or more. We need Him all the time. There is a necessary power, the necessary presence that we need to depend on and that we constantly need to sustain us. Jesus lets His Spirit flow through us. Our connection is a gift we received when we were baptized. When we received the Sacrament of Baptism, each of us was entrusted with the divine life - our connection with Him. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw spiritual life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist. And to refuse the truth of the Word and life in Eucharist would simply be a recipe for disaster and disconnection.

I pray for you that all our parishioners may remain in Him by taking the partnership with Jesus seriously and living our lives driven by His mission. We do this by keeping His commandment of love, by working on His mission, by pondering His words, and by letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16). Driven by His spirit, we will always seek to do the mission entrusted to us. I suggest humility in everything. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him, we can do nothing.

MOTHER'S DAY IS FOR PRAYING FOR OUR MOTHERS

Mothers are the most reverend of humans who make us what we are, help us visualize things in a broader way and, above all, understand us like no one else can! It is only proper to thank them by praying for them every day, but most especially on Mother's Day.

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us; when troubles thicken around us, she is the one who will still be on our side, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. — Washington Irving (1783-1859)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION AND REFLECTION

The theme of First Friday in May is *"Breaking Bread Together."* I invite you to the celebration of First Friday Mass and the Holy Hour Adoration on **Friday, May 7** beginning at 8:30 AM. I will provide a brief reflection on the significance of breaking of the bread together before Benediction.

From the Pastor's Desk, Continued

SJE PARISH HISTORY EXHIBIT GIVES US A HISTORY OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

On behalf of the SJE Church community, I want to thank all the people who worked behind the scenes in making the Koontz House into an excellent repository of historical facts, pictures, and artifacts about St. John the Evangelist Church.

The idea was originally conceived by the History Committee and acted upon by the Parish History Exhibit Team, led by Joe Wenderoth, Tom Zaegel, Sue Feild and the support of members of the Knights of Columbus, Long Green Valley. The work included the gathering of historical information, pictures and artifacts started by Chris Deaver and Matt Gutberlet in the past, and followed up by Richard Walter, Celeste Walter, Sr. Carol Czyzewski and their team members in the History Committee, including, John Francis Kearney, Joe and Peg Lins, Gina Pippin, Mike Schmitz, Carol Buckley, Mary Ann Balog, Gail Bailey, Anne Shanahan and Joe Wenderoth.

Many of the displays were prepared by framing all the historical pictures, arranging things in the rooms, placing signs that would explain historical significance, and placing the picture in a most artistic manner by Sue Feild. We thank also Denise McCloskey, Paul and Jean Wimmer, Ted Hartka, Peter and Katie Butler, Melissa Fowler, Chuck Bogdanowicz, Martha Schumacher, Jeanine Smetana, and Theresa Konitzer.

This is a powerful indicator of what we can do. Taking our collaboration into another level would always yield great fruit for the mission and the community of St. John. That all may know: WE ARE ST. JOHN, WE HAVE 200 YEARS OF HISTORY, WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL: THIS IS OUR MISSION.

I suggest that you bring your family, your class, your children to the Parish History Exhibit, and learn the history of St. John the Evangelist Church. This is our story to tell others. This is evangelization.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT BICENTENNIAL EVENTS?

Now that we have opened the year of our Bicentennial Celebration, people are asking, "What is next?"

The most immediate is **"MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE"** pickup on **Friday, May 7** from 1-5 PM. Celebration of Mother's Day is included in the Bicentennial Celebration to highlight the role of mothers in building and forming our faith community. The sacrifices shared and the dedication of mothers in sharing their faith and forming the family give way to the kind of families St. John the Evangelist has become. We owe them to mothers and fathers who deserve our thanks and flowers.

On **Saturday, June 19, 2021** the Father's Day celebration will become a **"FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL"** on campus after the 5 PM Mass. For this Festival, we invited several Food Trucks and plan to bring music, beer/wine, a movie and fun for children for all the families of St. John the Evangelist to gather and have an evening of fun and laughter. Come and celebrate our community of joyful families.

We're starting our **"TREASURES IN THE HALL"** a little earlier than scheduled - call Pat Loeffler now for an appointment to shop in the church hall, where you can find beautiful treasures, furniture, tools, kitchen wares, books, DVDs, sports equipment, arts, crafts, etc.

Then on **September 18, 2021**, we are going to have an outdoor event called, **"NORTH BALTIMORE COUNTY WINE FESTIVAL."** There will food, drinks, music, and a lot of fun for this evening. This is the time to come and stock up your wine cellar for the approaching holidays. More information to come as the event gets closer.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 2, 2021

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - John 15:1-8

*Welcome...
... to all visitors. Thank you for worshipping here at St. John the Evangelist parish.*

Join Us in Community

Mass Intentions

Mon	May 3	8:30 AM	✠ Barbara Ebersberger
Tue	May 4	8:30 AM	✠ Elaine Houlik
Wed	May 5	8:30 AM	✠ John Hughes
Thu	May 6	8:30 AM	✠ Julia Helen Nowakowski
Fri	May 7	8:30 AM	✠ Danny Beckenholdt
Sat	May 8	5:00 PM	St. John Parishioners
Sun	May 9	9:00 AM 11:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena and All Nurses

Bicentennial History Exhibit Tours

St. John History Exhibit Tours in the Koontz House / Ministry Center can be requested for dates starting **May 1**. Call the Parish Office at 410-592-6206 for your tour appointment. The Exhibit is displayed in five rooms, each a different era, using automated slideshows, photographs, guide interpretation and artifacts. Our history starts with the settlement of the Maryland Colony, progressing to our first church on the Ridge, our Chapel, the Modern Church and finishes in the present. Maximum of four people or one family on a tour. Masks and social distancing will be practiced.

Pray For...

... the sick of our parish:

Lindy Kness, Susan Rye, Dorothea Green, John Alvather, Thomas Weber, Phillip Reier, Bill Davison, Carey Kness, Brenda Sochurek, John Stansfield, Michael Bathon, Kathryn Fishelman

... our beloved deceased:

Teresa Louise Lynch (daughter of Barbara & Thomas Lynch, Sr.; wife of Steven Gordon)



Altar Flower Donations

A loved one, a birthday or an anniversary may be honored by making a donation of \$50 for altar flowers. Contact the parish office at office@sjehydes.org if interested.

Bicentennial Spirit Merchandise

Celebrate our 200th Anniversary and showcase your SJE Spirit with some amazing items, including shirts, a tote bag, glasses, mugs and more! Special value bundle packages available. See the enclosed flyer/order form for more information. Questions, contact Martha Schumacher at schumacherml@sjehydes.org.



*Flowers in the sanctuary this weekend
are in loving memory of*

Evelyn M. Torr

donated by

Bob Torr

Bicentennial Fun Run/Walk

Registration is now open for our Bicentennial Fun Run/Walk on **Saturday, October 2** from 9 AM to noon at DeJon Vineyards. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Hydes/StJohntheEvangelistLongGreenValley5K>.

Mother's Day Novena

A novena of Masses will be said for all mothers beginning **Sunday, May 9**. An envelope for the novena is included in the monthly packet. Extra envelopes are available in the narthex and parish office. Kindly return your intentions to the parish office by **Friday, May 7**.

May Crowning

All are welcome for a special outdoor crowning of the Blessed Mother on **Tuesday, May 11** after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Bless Our Newly Baptized

Special prayers for **Jeffrey Paul Lyons III** and **Maryann Rose Erony**, who were baptized last weekend here at St. John. May they continue to feel God's presence and never-ending love as they grow in faith.



Electronic Worship Resources

In the absence of hymnals and other printed worship aids at this time, there are several electronic resources available to help you follow along with the Mass, prayers, and music.

MyParish App includes the readings, prayers and more. Details on the app and how to download/use it are available on our website at <http://www.sjehydes.org/electronic-worship-resources/>.

The Sunday Worship Music Resource can be found here: <http://www.sjehydes.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Worship-Resource-May-2-2021-Easter-V.pdf>.

Respect Life Corner



Pregnancy Center North (PCN) is holding their 4th annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, May 15** at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. PCN is raising money to fund the free life-affirming services offered to women facing unexpected

pregnancies. St. John the Evangelist will be joining many other local churches to Walk for Life! We are asking our parishioners to consider becoming sponsored walkers to help support this pro-life pregnancy center. Please pick up a brochure in the back of the church after Masses and sign up to walk for the St. John team! For more info contact our church champion, Lois Anne Bullen at labullen@gmail.com.

Counting Our Blessings

Weekend of April 24-April 25

Attendance:

5:00 PM:	114	9:00 AM:	134
11:30 AM:	104	Total:	352

Collection:

Envelopes:	\$4,860.00
Loose:	\$366.00
Online:	\$5,719.50
Total:	\$10,945.50
Poor Box:	\$327.00

Thank You for Your Continuing Support!

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign

This collection is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people around the world through the media and effective communication on important faith and community issues.

Mother's Day Flower Orders

Mother's Day Flower Sale Orders may be picked up in front of the church on **Friday, May 7** from 1-5 PM. Note: all sales were by pre-order only; there will NOT be flowers for sale on-site.

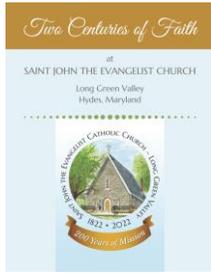
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our members are praying and stitching shawls and lap blankets during this pandemic, for all who are in need of comfort and to feel God's warming love. If you or someone you know is grieving, having a baby, physically or emotionally ill or is getting married, we have garments available and we can do special orders.

Our parish office has four bins filled with blessed garments waiting to be chosen and used for their purpose. The office is open during the week from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Come make use of this ministry's blessings or contact Carol Calvert for personal delivery and more info. 410-592-6696; CCalvert543@aol.com.

We also accept donations of yarn and returned shawls that are no longer needed/used.

St. John History Books



Two Centuries of Faith at Saint John the Evangelist Church is a treasure trove of parish history featuring pastors, families, SJE School with 180 pages including photos, maps, charts and more.

Order your copies soon - limited supply!

The books are available at a price of \$15 each or two books for \$25. Reserve your copy on our website at:

<http://www.sjehydes.org/bicentennial/history-book/>. Cash or check only. Make checks payable to St. John Church and submit to the parish office marked "History Book Sale."

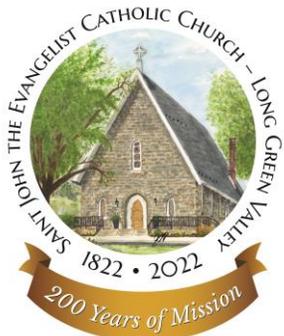
SJE Bicentennial Prayer

Son of God, we are so grateful for you. You have sent your Spirit upon this community of St. John the Evangelist to accompany one another in encountering your love and peace for 200 years.

Jesus, we turn to you and look for your guidance so that we may work together, as a community, to support the mission of St. John the Evangelist Long Green Valley to "Love God, love others, proclaim the good news and make disciples," for at least 200 more years.

Ever-faithful are your works, O Lord. We are truly blessed and encouraged to continue to serve you and your people.

Amen!



The Year of St. Joseph

May 1 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Pope Pius XII established the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on **May 1** as a counter-celebration to the Communists' May Day.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having death always before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch St. Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death.



"Treasures in the Hall" is Back!

Now Open!

Pat Loeffler has already opened shop for this year's "Treasures in the Hall." Shop for a wide variety of items in the church hall on Saturday from 4-6:30 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 1 PM or by appointment.

Call Pat at 443-417-5665 for more info. Face masks and social distancing are required.



Religious Education Faith Formation

Theresa Konitzer 410-592-6206, Ext. 107
konitzermt@sjehydes.org

Religious Education Faith Formation

Registration for the 2021 - 2022 Faith Formation instruction is underway. If you would like to register your family, please see the parish website. Completed forms can be e-mailed to konitzermt@sjehydes.org, or sent to the parish office attention Theresa Konitzer.

First Communion Celebration

Families are to arrive at the Church by 9:45 AM on **Saturday, May 8** so we can begin the First Communion celebration promptly at 10:00 AM.

Teachers and Assistants Needed

As we begin making plans for in-person learning in **September 2021**, we will need catechists to lead our children in learning about Jesus and growing in their faith.

If you are a practicing Catholic and feel that you would like to share your faith with the youth of this parish, please call Theresa Konitzer at 410-592-6206, Ext. 107.

Youth Ministry

Colleen Sisolak 410-592-6206, Ext. 108
youthministry@sjehydes.org

TIM, Sr. Topic Night

Join us for our next Topic Night on **May 4, 2021** beginning at 6:45 PM, outdoors if possible.

Confirmation

Our next Confirmation session is via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 11** at 6:45 PM. We will be discussing the Gift of the Spirit: Understanding. All those enrolled in the Confirmation program are expected to attend. Login information will be emailed to you.

Confirmation 21-22

Letters of invitation have been sent to those entering High School in the Fall. If you have a young person who will be in 9th-11th grade this upcoming school year, who is interested in Confirmation Prep, please join us on Zoom **May 23** at 10:30 AM for information. ZOOM link will be posted the week before.

Uncork Your Faith

Young Adult Ministry for young professionals, (anyone ages 21-29) - Are you interested in connecting with others that are navigating this challenging world, while recognizing you not only can't do it alone, but can't do it without Jesus? Please contact Colleen Sisolak so that she can assist in connecting you with others in our community looking to take this journey together:
youthministry@sjehydes.org.

Please pray for all our college students who are preparing for and taking finals in the next few weeks.



Holy Hour & Marian Retreat

The Knights of Columbus, Council 2521, Cardinal Gibbons, will sponsor a regional Holy Hour and Marian Retreat on **Saturday, May 15** at St. Ursula Church. Mass will begin at 8:30 AM, the Holy Hour will follow until 10 AM, then there will be a Marian Retreat until 2 PM.

Come Back to me with all your heart...

Friday, May 7

Can you spend an hour with me every First Friday of the month?

ENCOUNTERING JESUS
...on First Fridays

Join us in the church on the
First Friday of Every Month
May 7 Schedule

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour
9:50 a.m. Talk by Fr. Pete:
"Breaking Bread Together"
10:00 a.m. Benediction

A Period of Prayer, Fasting & Penance

- For the protection of families from COVID-19
- For deliverance from evil spirits
- For a successful Bicentennial Celebration
- For the renewal of the hearts of all at St. John the Evangelist Church

St. John the Evangelist Bicentennial

Celebrate our 200th Anniversary and showcase your SJE Spirit with these amazing items!



SJE Canvas Bag

Ultra Package Includes: **\$50.00**

St. John Canvas Bag
St. John Collared Shirt
Adult Size: ___ Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ XL
Choose One Option:
___ 2 St. John Glasses
___ 15 oz Mug
Pen



11 oz & 15 oz Mug

Premium Package Includes: **\$45.00**

St. John Canvas Bag
St. John Collared Shirt
Adult Size: ___ Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ XL
Choose One Option:
___ 2 St. John Glasses
___ 11 oz Mug
Pen



SJE Collared Shirt



15 oz. Glass

Gold Package Includes: **\$40.00**

4 St. John Glasses
11 oz Mug
Pen



SJE T-Shirt



SJE 3-in-1 Pen
Pen, Stylus and Cellphone Stand

Order Form on Back

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Item	Price	Quantity	Total Price:
Ultra Package – Fill Out Front	\$50.00		
Premium Package – Fill Out Front	\$45.00		
Gold Package	\$40.00		
St. John Canvas Bag	\$18.00		
St. John Collared Shirt	\$20.00		
	Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL (3.00 Charge)		
St. John T- Shirt	\$15.00		
	Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL (\$3.00 Charge)		
St. John Bicentennial Mug -11 oz.			
11 oz Mug	\$18.00		
Set of 4 – 11 oz mugs	\$60.00		
Set of 6 – 11 oz Mugs	\$85.00		
St. John Bicentennial Mug – 15 oz.			
15oz Mug	\$20.00		
Set of 4 – 15 oz Mugs	\$60.00		
Set of 6 – 15 oz Mugs	\$85.00		
St. John Glasses			
15 oz. Glass	\$10.00		
Set of 2 15 oz. Glasses	\$18.00		
Set of 4 15 oz. Glasses	\$35.00		
St. John 3-in-1 Pen	\$1.50		
		Total Due	

NAME: _____ Phone #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

You will be notified when your order is complete and ready for pick up.

Get to Know the 2021 Pastoral Council Nominees

Elections May 22-23, 2021



GAIL BAILEY - Gail Bailey has been a member of St. John Evangelist parish for over 40 years. She and her husband raised their three children in Baldwin while working in Maryland public schools and the Maryland State Department of Education. During that time, Gail has been active in the parish

community. She taught some classes for the religious education program and volunteered in the program office on Sundays. She also served for several years on our parish school board (1994-1997). More recently, she became a member of the RCIA team (2013-present) to help develop and deliver a program that prepares people seeking full membership in the Catholic Church here at St. John's. What began as a personal project to renew and refresh her own faith has become a very rewarding experience. Gail wants to build on her involvement with these various experiences to continue serving the parish community as a member of the Pastoral Council.

Currently, Gail Bailey is a clinical assistant professor at Towson University in the Instructional Technology and Literacy Department. She teaches full-time in its School Library Media Program to prepare graduate students to become certified school librarians. Her doctorate in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration was awarded in 2007 by the University of Maryland's College of Education.



PETER BUTLER - About me: My wife, Katie, and I live in Phoenix and enjoy the rural atmosphere and scenic views of the neighboring horse country. I am a sales executive at a company called DocSolid and provide software solutions to law firms across the country.

My faith journey began at St. John the Evangelist in 2017 when I joined the RCIA program. Taking part in RCIA provided me with a deeper insight and understanding of our faith and its practices. Unlike my wife who has been an SJE parishioner most of her life, as a new parishioner, I experienced the welcoming nature of our faith community and I found a home. I have served as a member of the Pastorate Planning team helping to align SJE's mission and goals with those of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Recently I have volunteered as an usher to accommodate our worship during the post-pandemic services. This has allowed me to meet many more members of our faith family. I look forward to continuing to serve our mission as a member of the Pastoral Council.



RAY DIETZ - My wife, Margie, and I have 40 years as parishioners. We have three adult children who all grew up in our Church. Margie is a long-time choir member and occasionally pinch hits for Doug at the piano. I am a member of Knights of Columbus and current Chairman of the Pastoral Council.

I retired from my 44 years of owning my insurance agency in 2019. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two years and would appreciate your favor for a second term. Working with all the wonderful Parishioners of St. John is a true blessing in my life.



ASHLEY HARDENBURG - My name is Ashley Hardenburg, and my husband, Chris, and I have been members of St. John Parish since we moved to Harford County in 2016. We have two daughters, Karen and Audrey. Our older daughter, Karen, has attended St. John preschool for the past two years.

I grew up in Florida in a Catholic parish and was part of the first class of its affiliate school. It was a very tightly knit community powered by involved parents and caring teachers and pastors, and I will never forget the tenderness and sacrifice given to us students over the years. I then went on to the local Catholic high school, received my bachelor's degree at the University of Florida in business, and spent several years as a corporate retail buyer before staying home with my children full time.

As a member of our St. John parish, I have enjoyed meeting some new faces in the pro-life group, Our Daily Bread collection and school-related functions. I have a passion for children and families, and I look forward to all the possibilities and opportunities we have within our parish family to deepen our faith, impact and relationships.

St. John has been a welcome home for my family, and if elected I hope to represent our faith community well on the pastoral council.

We wish to thank each of these candidates for their willingness to put their names forward for serving on the St. John Pastoral Council.

*If you are interested in running for the Pastoral Council, please contact:
Kristen McCormick at kmccor14@jhu.edu
or Ray Dietz at craytrek@comcast.net.*

Get to Know the 2021 Pastoral Council Nominees

Elections May 22-23, 2021



JUDITH KOPP - I have been a parishioner here at our great parish for 38 years (minus five years when I lived in Tucson, AZ!). My husband, Shane, and I have been married for 24 years this June and have two children, Alyssa and Joshua. I work for Northrop Grumman

as a Finance/Business manager and have been in the Defense/Space industry for the past 22 years (and counting). Alyssa and I are graduates of St. John School while Joshua attended from Kindergarten through 5th grade and then graduated from St. Margaret School. Both children are currently at John Carroll and we have begun looking at Catholic and Christian colleges for Alyssa. As you can see, we are strong advocates for Catholic education and fully embrace the benefits of ensuring Christ is at the center of everything we do as a family.

Our family strongly believes in the Church's mission of emphasizing the welcoming of new parishioners, yet also ensuring the youth of our parish become actively engaged in all that we do because they are the future of not only our parish but also our Catholic faith. I am a strong believer in utilizing community service to assist in spreading the word and being an outward sign of how we can help. I have been an active parent at all three of my children's schools as an executive member of the Home School Associations and currently a parent mentor at my alma mater, John Carroll. My daughter has been an assistant teacher in our Religious Education program for the past five years and is currently a Confirmation Peer Leader and lector while my son has been an altar server and is currently a sacristan. If elected to the Pastoral Council, I will bring my passion for serving and engaging the youth to all that I do. I will passionately work as part of a strong team to serve the needs of the community under the strong guidance of Fr. Pete.

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DEAN MANZONI - I have been married to my beautiful wife Mary for 28 years and been blessed with two beautiful children Maddie (25) and Nick (22). We moved to Baldwin 23 years ago and immediately joined the St. John Parish Community. As a family, we have been active members of St. John Parish, with

both Mary and Maddie serving as Eucharist Ministers, Nick serving as an altar server, Maddie doing the liturgy readings and myself being a member of the Knights of Columbus. In addition, we have attended bible study sessions, serving previously as members of the Pastoral Council (Mary and Maddie) and try to volunteer when we can.

When asked if I would consider running for the Parish Council by Ray Dietz, my response was absolutely. How could I not support Father Pete and the energy he has brought to our community, our beautiful church and such a wonderful parish community that we are blessed to worship with and to try and help in any way that God has intended for me.



PAT MARTINO - I am honored to run for the St. John's Pastoral Council for a second term and I am very excited for the opportunity to continue to serve the parish and contribute in any way I can. My wife Cindy, son Jimmy and I have

been St. John parishioners since we moved to Fallston 18 years ago. Both Cindy and Jimmy are very engaged in parish activities and ministries and I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Council and as a lector for weekend Masses.

Some background on me...I am a civil engineer and director of the transportation design group at RK&K in Baltimore. Cindy and I grew up in western Massachusetts and moved to Maryland following college in the mid-1990's, where we have been parishioners at Good Shepherd Parish in Glen Burnie, St. Margaret's in Bel Air and now St. John's.

I am very grateful and look forward to the opportunity to continue my service to St. John's through the Pastoral Council. Thank you!

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