St. John the Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1968 SANDBRIDGE ROAD • VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23456

February 27, 2022 • 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Parish Office: 1968 Sandbridge Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Monday & Thursday: 9 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Friday: 9 am–Noon • Closed weekends
Phone: 757-426-2180 • Fax: 757-426-6857
Website: www.sjavb.org
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Parish School: 1968-B Sandbridge Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Monday–Friday: 7:15 am to 3:15 pm
Phone: 757-821-1100
Fax: 757-821-1047
Website: www.sjavb.org
Principal: Ms. Miriam Cotton
Email: mcotton@sjavb.org

Luke 6:41

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Parish Administration
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Bookkeeper.....bookkeeper@sjavb.org
Young Adult Ministry email.....YAM@sjavb.org

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:15 am, and 11:00 am
Weekdays: Monday through Friday at 7:30 am

Penance
Thursdays 5–6:45 pm; Saturday 4–4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays beginning at 8:00 am. Benediction at 6:45 pm.

Infant Baptism
Normally celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents must first attend a baptism preparation class. Please call the office for information. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Marriage
In this diocese, couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should notify their pastor at least six to nine months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date. At least one party in the couple should be a registered parishioner for six months prior to requesting a wedding date.

First Communion
Celebrated during the Easter Season.

Confirmation for Youth
Celebrated during the Easter Season. One-year preparation is normative, beginning in 10th grade.

Christian Initiation of Children or Adults
Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church or entering the catechumenate, please contact the parish office. Inquiry welcomed at any time.

Mission Statement
The mission of St. John the Apostle Catholic Parish is to grow in faith and union with Jesus Christ and one another. We strive to be a place where all are welcome as we respond to the needs of our community and the world through Word, Worship, Stewardship and Service.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 am Masses
9:15 Mass — Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:30 pm Confirmation Class #6
5:30 pm Sunday Theologica
7:00 pm CIA Youth Group

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2—ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT BEGINS
7:30 am Mass with Ashes followed by Rosary
10:00 am Truth Among Us Bible Study
12:15 pm Mass with Ashes
1:00 pm Quilters
5:00 pm Teen Core Team Meetings
7:00 pm Mass with Ashes

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary
8:00 am Adoration
6:45 pm Benediction
7:00 pm Young Adult Ministry Room A
7:00 pm Men of St. Joseph in Room B

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary
9:30 am Women of Grace
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
9:00 am First Communion Parent Meeting #2 (Church)
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Knights of Columbus Assembly #1505 Presents

FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Fish Fry

Homemade

FRIDAYS: MAR 4th THRU Apr 8th
1236 Prosperity Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

5:00-7:00 PM

Come Join US!

CARRYOUT & CURBSIDE PICKUP AVAILABLE!

Donation of:
Adults: $10.00 (13 and Over)
Youth: $5.00 (7 to 12 Years)
Kids 6 and Under Free

Fried Fish Fillet, French Fries, Homemade Coleslaw, and Hushpuppies
or
Baked Fillet of Fish, Rice Pilaf, Homemade Coleslaw, and Hushpuppies
or
Chicken Nuggets (for children only) and Fries
and
Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea
also
Other Beverages & Desserts Available

Please extend a kind, hospitable SJA welcome to **Deacon Glenn Bailey.**

Deacon Glenn comes to us from the Diocese of Erie, PA, where he was ordained nearly three years ago. He has been married to Diane (Schlosser) Bailey for 45 years, and together they enjoy three children and six grandchildren. The Baileys have relocated to Virginia Beach to be nearer to their grandchildren.

Deacon is a licensed psychologist (in PA) and is in the process of obtaining his VA license in order to establish a practice here. His academic background includes an undergraduate degree from Gannon University, a Master's degree from Edinboro University, and a PhD from Walden University.

Deacon Glenn specializes in trauma and marriage counseling, does some family counseling, and particularly enjoys integrating psychology with spirituality. His hobbies include photography and building models.

We wish Deacon Glenn well and welcome him and family warmly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes start at 12:45 p.m. (Sunday) and 6:15 p.m. (Monday)

Dismissal of grades will be staggered as last year: Kindergarten & First Grade 15 minutes prior; Second & Third Grade 10 minutes prior; Fourth & Fifth Grade 5 minutes prior; Middle School at the traditional dismissal time. The traditional dismissal time for Sunday is 2:00 p.m. and Monday is 7:30 p.m.

February 27 & 28 Class

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are a ***baptized Catholic who has already celebrated their First Communion, is over the age of 18, and has not been confirmed***, please contact John Domingo for more information on a prospective class with preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Class dates will be determined based on interest.

Young Adult Ministry at St. John the Apostle encompasses any young adult ages 18 – 39. We have two monthly meetings, separate groups for men and women (i.e. moms), social events, and service opportunities.

Our next gathering will be this Thursday, March 3, for our monthly Adoration, Testimony, and Fellowship. Come to Eucharistic Adoration and then meet in Activity Room A at 7 pm for the testimony of a young adult. Fellowship time including an opportunity for dinner and drinks. All are welcome!

THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Men of St. Joseph is a national movement of Catholic men who gather every week to prayerfully read and discuss Sacred Scripture and call each other to holiness. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church Activity Room B.

https://www.menofstjoseph.com/

Sunday Theologica returns in February

"Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion" is the latest series from Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University, and his ministry, WildGoose. Metanoia means conversion but it much more than that. It means to change, to repent, to turn, to think differently. Metanoia is an ongoing process. As Christians we are to live a life of metanoia. This 10-week series intersperses teaching from Fr. Dave and personal testimonies to challenge each of us in deeper conversion.

Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Room.

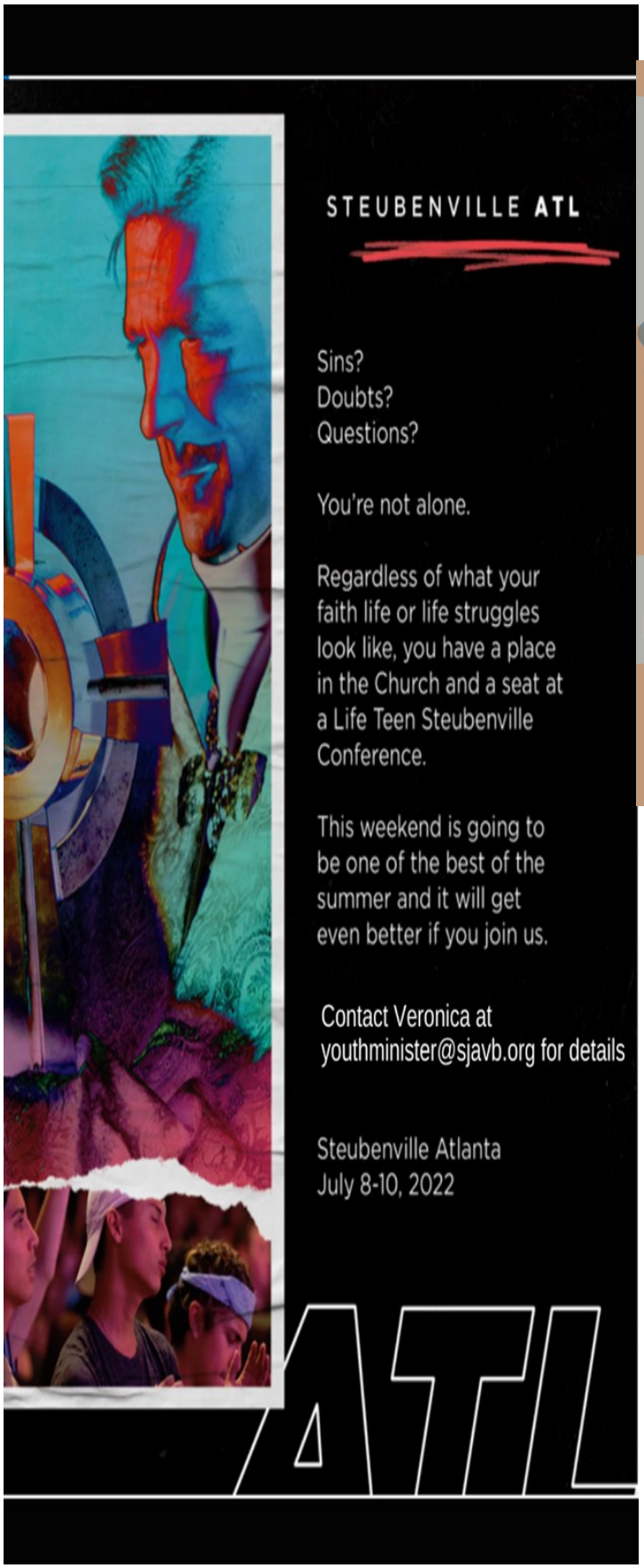
$20.00 registration fee. Contact John for more details.

https://thewildgooseisloose.com/metanoia

Thursday Theologica Lent 2022

Starting March 10 and running for six weeks, we will be studying one of the shortest but most profound of St. Paul's letter – that to the Church of Philippi. Written while he was in prison, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ. Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute, will be our teacher as we prayerfully read the Letter to the Philippians. Study Guides are available for $25.00. Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

C.I.A. Youth Ministry Program (Grades 8-12)



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Pastoral Council

Chair, Maria Bair	573-8853
Vice-Chair, Murray Curtis	642-7084
Convener, Tommy Irving	439-3304

Parish Finance Council

Chair, Jim Manger	689-4826

Liturgy, Prayer & Worship

Altar Guild, Marianne Kirby	472-7551
Altar Servers, Fr. Rob	426-2180
Baptisms, Office	426-2180
Choirs, Dr. Brandon Spence	426-2180
SCHOLA (Men/boys Chant), Dr. Spence	426-2180
CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Emily Desouza	619-9026
CRHP, Deacon Mac McClelland or gmccelland@sjavb.org	426-2180
Eucharistic Adoration, Rosemary Smith	375-1908
Extraordinary Ministers—Mary Humphrey	239-4247
Funeral Planning, Office	426-2180
Funeral Team, Mike Walsh	544-1678
Greeter Ministry, Joy Catalano	635-7679
Lectors, Liz Newby	430-8229
Little Company of Mary, Joyce Leotta	427-1604
Marian Prayer Group, Lois Bonner	777-6732
Legion of Mary, Suzanne Shick	876-1307 suzaneshick73@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Office	426-2180
Prayer Chain, Mary Ellen Roemer	roem3@aol.com or 732-299-4165
Ushers, Jim Snead	427-2855
Weddings, Office	426-2180

Faith Formation for Adults

Truth Among Us Bible Study/Billie Sullivan	689-1183
Women of Grace Group, Jaci Brandwein	412-370-5910

Parish & Community Life

Art & Environment, Karen Tenney and Andrea Lopshansky	651-3714 472-0472
Bereavement Hospitality, Jamie Ridgway	573-8871
Boy/Cub Scouts, Jerry Kane	427-3860
Children's Nursery, Amy Kirner	732-809-9211
Knights of Columbus Council 13467	
Shawn Hutchings, Grand Knight	718-2668
Patrick Mayette, Deputy Grand Knight	394-2992
Ministry to the Homebound, Deacon Joe Grillo	jgrillo@sjavb.org or 426-2180
Advocates for Persons w/Disabilities... Margo Perry	408-5234
Money Counters Patti Crimmins	737-0783
Respect Life Barbara Firich	301-3924
Parish Social Events, Jeri Kislow	427-9646
Welcome Desk, Betty Rosignolo	437-8662

Outreach

Co-Chairs: Lisa Rohrer	lisalrohrer@yahoo.com or (757) 617-0657
and Kirsten Lundquist	kslundquist@gmail.com or (412) 400-4024

Additional Ministries

Gift Shop Bobbie Vinsand	717-4601
or email	gsmanager@sjavb.org
SJA Quilters Christina Echevarria	635-5731 christinaech@yahoo.com
Natural Family Planning, Chris/Stephanie Finocchio	430-1493
Social Media, Office	426-2180
Meals on Wheels Dennis Hartig	404-7953

For information on additional ministries, please visit our website at www.sjavb.org.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:
Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak. How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?

Second Reading:
Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself. In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?

Gospel:
Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and to bear good fruit with their lives. Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends. ©LPi

MEALS ON WHEELS — TEAM 1A

Week of February 28-March 3, 2022

Monday: Dennis Hartig & Wayne Lombardo

Tuesday: Arlene & Ron Polizzi

Wednesday: Bill & Mary Anne Cupper

Thursday: Tim and Sue Bradley

WANT TO HELP DELIVER MEALS?

Call 757-404-7953

MEALS ON WHEELS — TEAM 2

Week of March 7-10, 2022

Monday: Amy & Tom Musselman

Tuesday: Dave & Kathy Traynor

Wednesday: Joe & Bonnie Kuhn

Thursday: Tom & MaryAnn Carini

VOCATION CORNER

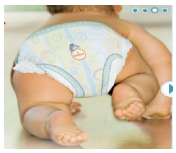
"Therefore...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest? Call the Vocations Office to speak with *Fr. Brian W. Capuano at 804-359-5661 or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org*.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Question: What did Judas receive as payment for betraying Jesus?

Answer: Thirty pieces of silver

2022 DIAPER DRIVE



Our annual Diaper Drive in support of The Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank starts this weekend! Diapers of any size, through adult, are needed! We are especially in need of newborn, size two, and size six at this time.

Because of the expense of disposable diapers, some babies are kept in the same diaper all day, and sometimes caretakers are even reusing diapers. Many families are simply unable to afford to purchase disposable diapers. Most daycares require a full day's supply of disposable diapers or they will not accept the child. If parents don't have daycare they can't go to work, and if they can't go to work they can't buy diapers. For many, cloth diapers are not a solution because they either don't have a washer/dryer or don't have money for the water bill. Government assisted programs like WIC and Food Stamps will not allow you to purchase items such as diapers.

We appreciate your generosity! **Checks must be payable to The Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank, *not* to SJA. Please return all donations by March 6 to the "Diaper Drive" box in the commons.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated Pro-Life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion. Knowing that "with God, all things are possible". People of faith and conscience are praying and fasting that this effort will bring about the end of the tragedy of abortion.

Our local prayer vigils will take place at Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility located at 515 Newtown Road, Virginia Beach. St. John's time will be on Mondays from 1:00 – 2:00pm starting Monday, March 7 with our last Monday on April 4.

Parking: Park on the side street, Lake Edward Drive, going past the 7-11 store.

This is a peaceful witness in which all are encouraged to participate. Please contact Barbara Firich at 757-301-3924 (h) or by email at bfjmj0481@hotmail.com for more information. Bring your Rosary!

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

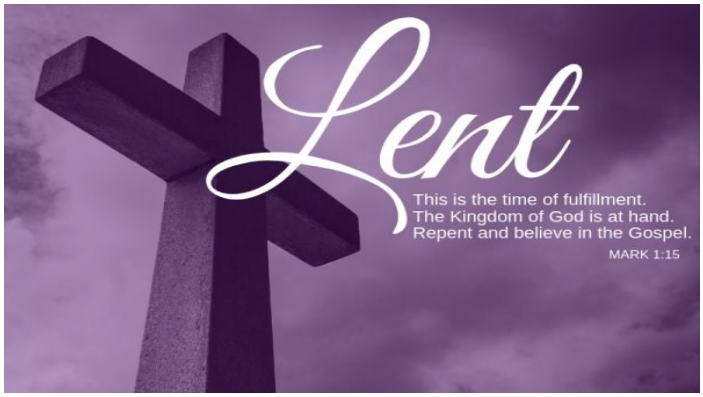
Parish Announcements

Enjoy Doughnuts on Sunday?

We're looking for a leader (or co-leaders) of our once-a-month Doughnut Ministry! We'd like to go back to offering donuts, coffee and juice the first Sunday of each month - but we need your help to do it! Responsibilities are simple and include picking up the donuts and other supplies as well as set up, serving, and clean up. You could even recruit a small team to share the responsibilities. ***"Many Hands Make Light Work"***. Please consider the opportunity and reach out to Lisa Rohrer at lisalrohrer@yahoo.com with questions or interest!

Sullivan House Birthday Party Ministry

is in need of a leader/co-leader. If you are interested in a fun ministry and a chance to hone your hosting skills, please contact Suzanne Shick at 757-876-1307 or suzaneshick73@gmail.com.



WANTED: SMILING FACES

No skill needed just a smiling face and 15 minutes of your time once a month.

Contact Joy Catalano @ catalanojoy@gmail.com or call/text (757) 635-7679.

O Clement! O Loving! O Sweet Virgin Mary!

Please join the Marian Prayer Group on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm to pray the Rosary.

For information and location of meeting, call Lois Bonner at 757-777-6732.

This Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of Fast and Abstinence. What does this mean?

Fasting *is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.*

Abstinence *is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.*

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Masses with ash distribution will be offered at 7:30 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm throughout Lent.

Parish Support

Due to an early transmission deadline for President's Day, the financial report is unavailable this week. We appreciate your ongoing support and generosity.

Everyday Stewardship

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please pray silently:

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Parishioners who are unable to walk in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during weekend Masses are asked to inform an Usher ***before*** Mass begins each week. This will ensure that the head usher directs the Deacon to your seat with the Host and that you do not miss the opportunity to receive Our Lord.

If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery, and would like to be anointed, please contact the office. When it is not an emergency, please call the office before going to the hospital. Our number is 426-2180.

Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before the 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year at various Masses. Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday). Before scheduling their child's baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. Please visit our website (sjavb.org) for dates and times and then phone the office to register for the class of your choice. Parents are encouraged to pick up a copy of our brochure, "Having Your Child Baptized at St. John the Apostle," which is available online and in the office.

Next Class: April 5, 2022

Couples who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. John's must contact **Carole Romanini, Office Manager,** at the parish office (426-2180 or parish@sjavb.org). **A minimum of six to nine months is normative for the preparation process *after* completing and submitting the parish wedding application and reviewing our policy booklet. We strongly encourage visiting the Marriage section of our website under Sacraments at www.sjavb.org prior to calling or emailing.**

Flowers for the Blessed Mother and/ or Saint Joseph can be requested in honor or memory of a loved one. Flowers are not displayed during Lent.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

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					Mass Intention
Monday	28	Weekday	7:30 am	✞	Angelina C. Mones
Tuesday	01	Weekday	7:30 am	✞	Jane Newbury
Wednesday	02	Ash Wednesday	7:30 am	✞	Julia Gameros
			12:15 pm	✞	Nancy Meyers
			7:00 pm		Joseph Kelly
Thursday	03	Weekday	7:30 am		Ramon S. Garcia
Friday	04	Weekday	7:30 am	✞	Catherine Jennie Gray
Saturday	05	1st Sunday of Lent	5:00 pm	✞	John J. Quigley
Sunday	06	1st Sunday of Len t	7:30 am	✞	Debbie Mingoia
			9:15 am		People of the Parish
			11:00 am	✞	Mario Lupo

Please pray for the recently deceased,

John P. Kearns, Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

~ Sanctuary Candle ~

Please stop by the office if you would like to reserve the sanctuary candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.

The 2022 Mass book is open for the month of April.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, only six (6) memorials (Mass, Candle, or Flowers) *per family* will be allowed per year. Requests are on a first come availability basis.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Names of individuals in need of prayer are published for four consecutive weeks. If the person continues to need prayers after the fourth week, the requester will need to notify the office either by phone or email (parish@sjavb.org) to reinstate them to the list.

Please remember that only an immediate family member may ask to have someone added to the sick list.

Let us pray for:

Joseph Vitello, Genevieve Kelly, Jeanne Pinkston, Joe and Fran Ragusa, Gary Boryk, Jr., Dolores Kerr, Lynn Stanley, Kenneth Sayler, Maria Aguilar-Coton, and Charles J. Cunningham.

If you need Communion brought to the homebound, please contact Deacon Joe at jgrillo@sjavb.org.

Readings for the Week

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Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1 -13