

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Welcome to St. John's Church*

### **Mass Schedule**

#### Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)  
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm  
12:30pm (Spanish)

#### Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am  
Monday - Friday: Noon  
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

### **Sacraments**

#### Confession:

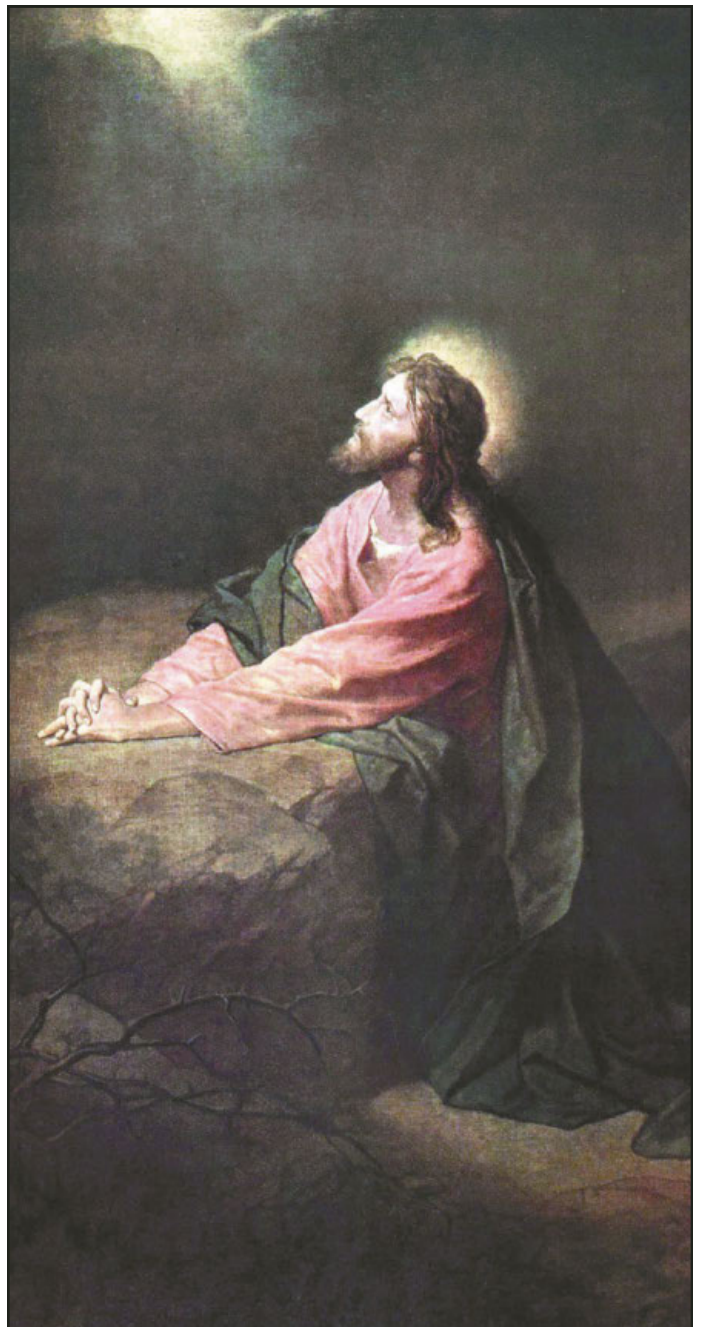
Monday-Friday, 8:30am  
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm  
Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

#### Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am  
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

#### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 ~ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
February 19 - 25, 2024

**MONDAY FEB 19**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Presidents' Day*

8:30am Adam Emmons

12:00pm Howard Runge

**TUESDAY FEB 20**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am Stan Spiewak

12:00pm Carol Runge

**WEDNESDAY FEB 21**

*Lenten Weekday / St Peter Damian*

8:30am Special Intention

12:00pm Runge Family

7:00pm Malia Furtado

**THURSDAY FEB 22**

*The Chair of Saint Peter*

8:30am Jill Pogue

12:00pm Patrick Pilon

**FRIDAY FEB 23**

*Lenten Weekday / St Polycarp*

8:30am +Ward Sager

12:00pm George & Dawn Datento

**SATURDAY FEB 24**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am Greg & Emily Costello

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Tim McMahon

**SUNDAY FEB 25**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +Frank & Dorothy Serrao

8:30am +Zsuzsa Ungvari

10:30am Parish Family

12:30pm Alfaro Family

5:00pm +Sharon Ann O'Connell

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Monday - Friday:  
8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday:  
8:30am & 3:30pm

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Mon Feb 19**

Parish Office Closed

Presidents' Day

**Tues Feb 20**

WOSJ talk

7:30pm in FRH

Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

7:30pm in chapel

**Fri Feb 23**

Lenten Soup Night

4:30-6:30pm in FRH



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Keep in Touch**

Sign up to receive St John's email updates

by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.

[www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org)

**Second Collection**

The Second Collection on Feb 24/25

will be for Parish Improvements

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEB 24/25**

5:00pm	Greg, Luke, Mark & Isaac Hsu
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Kyle & Patrick Foltz
8:30am	Max & Dominic Kelly, John & Andrew Mavretich, Declan & Christopher Uhlenkott
10:30am	John, Sebastian & Raphael Durgin, Cajetan, Crispin & Leo Lemmon, Benedict Keough, Austin Russi
12:30pm	Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles, Geovanni Miramontes
5:00pm	Finn Sweeney, Brendan Purciel

Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!



## ST JOHN'S STAFF

- Rev. Daniel Gee**  
*Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com*
- Rev. Tom Shepanzyk**  
*Parochial Vicar*  
firtom@sjtb.org
- Rev. Michael Duesterhaus**  
*Parochial Vicar, frmrd@sjtb.org*
- Deacon Rafael Goldsmith**  
*Permanent Deacon*
- Deacon Mark Jerge**  
*Permanent Deacon*
- Deacon Gerald Solitario**  
*Permanent Deacon*  
Gerry.solitario@arlingtondiocese.org
- Patty Sonak**  
*Administrative Assistant*
- Karen Pondo**  
*Parish Secretary*
- Tina Furtado/Michelle Bodoh**  
*Parish Secretaries*
- Phil Rexrode**  
*Facilities Manager*
- Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban**  
*Director of Music & Organist*
- David Wallace**  
*DRE/Business Manager*

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm  
540-635-3780 (phone)  
540-635-2683 (fax)  
stjohns@sjtb.org (email)

**Parish Membership**  
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

**Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners**  
Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.

### LENT

Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446*).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. *USCCB*  
*Lenten Resources: www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent*

### Fridays of Lent at St. John's

Our annual Lenten Soup Nights have begun! Join us each Friday from 4:30 - 6:30pm. Six nights of fellowship, soups, pasta and sides. Donations will support St. John's Social Outreach programs. Volunteers are needed for soup and pasta making, serving, setup/clean up: please contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com to help.

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm (Spanish)

### Benefit for Our Linden Dominican Nuns

Sunday, March 10, 2024 For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com  
For other ways to help go to: www.lindenopnuns.org/how-to-help





**2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL**

*Behold, I make all things new*



This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the BLA. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds.

You may mail in your pledge, go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift

**WORKCAMP 2024: CONTRACTORS NEEDED**

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need. Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp](http://arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp) for more information.

**Donate Your Vehicle to St. John's**

Help out St. John's by donating your vehicle. Go to [www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html](http://www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html)

**10th National Eucharistic Congress**  
You are invited to join the Diocese of Arlington for the historic 10th National Eucharistic Congress to be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. Tour packages including accommodations and a ticket to the Congress are available through Corporate Travel Services. For pricing and more information, check out our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/).

**Vocation Awareness**

"Wash away my iniquities cleanse me my sins" asks God to forgive sins and cleanse the soul; a request for mercy and forgiveness and reminder to live purely and devoutly, avoiding all sin. Those whose sins are pardoned must pray that the pardon may be more and more evidenced to them.

Sin is actions or thoughts that violate God's laws. As humans, we are naturally inclined toward sin. We are born with iniquity and our unrighteousness has separated us from God. We cannot overcome sin on our own.

Iniquity refers to an inborn unrighteousness and predisposition to sin, our sinful nature. Iniquity burdens us and keeps us apart from God. We are brought forth in iniquity. Our attempts to cleanse ourselves are futile.

Through Christ, God provided a way for us to be freed from sin and iniquity. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, defeat sin, and cleanse us. His bloodshed washes us clean, as if we have not sinned at all.

Christ's sacrifice offers redemption and freedom from sin and iniquity. Through Him, we find restoration and reconciliation with God.

Turn to Jesus - place your faith in His finished work, that you may fulfill yours.



**Vocations Crucifix**

Vocations Crucifix host family sign up is now available by using this QR code or by following this link:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AC2CABFDC52-47616384-vocations](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AC2CABFDC52-47616384-vocations)



**RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Arlington Diocese

*"Christ suffered for sins once for all."*

Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenburg at 703-841-2514 or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)

**Lights-Camera-Action FIAT Day**

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5pm at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Deadline to register: February 19. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT) or contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

**Vocation Retreat with the Nashville Dominicans**

March 7-10, 2024 for young women who are discerning their vocation and to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. To register Contact Sr. Mara Grace, the vocation director, at 615.256.0147 or through email at [vocation@op-tn.org](mailto:vocation@op-tn.org). Space is limited and an interview is necessary.

## Activities & Events

### Annual Diocesan Retreats

Men's Retreat: March 2 Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men)

Women's Retreat: March 9 Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women)

### Wonderfully Fashioned

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th from 7:30 -9:30pm in Father Ruehl Hall.

### Women of St. John's

We're happy to say, we were able to reschedule guest speaker, Shannon Whitmore for Tuesday, February 20. Doors open at 7pm, talk begins at 7:30. See Yourself As God Does.

### Women of St. John's

#### Advent Retreat

Please save the date for our annual Women's half day silent Lenten retreat: March 2nd with Father Duesterhaus.

### Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

A Rosary Holy Hour marking the 107th anniversary of the first apparition of the Angel of Portugal at Fatima will be offered on the Feast of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, TUESDAY, FEB 20th, from 7-8 pm in the CHAPEL. Please come to pray for world peace.



**Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm (Spanish)

### Open Houses at John XXIII Montessori Center

February 18 & March 17  
Open Enrollment begins March 1!  
Come visit the 20+ acre farm campus of John XXIII Montessori Center, located at 1401 Linden Street, in Front Royal, by attending one of our Open Houses on Sunday, February 18 or March 17, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Discover our beautiful Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atria, Montessori Academics + Atrium programs, plus more formational options for children ages 1 - 16 as well as their parents. Our experienced Good Shepherd Catechists & AMI Montessori-trained teachers will be on hand to answer your questions and share our engaging environments for toddlers through Elementary with you. This Open House is only for parents; nursing babies are always welcome. For more information, contact [admin@john23mcc.org](mailto:admin@john23mcc.org).

### Christendom College Open House

Christendom College will be hosting an open house on Feb 24. [www.christendom.edu/openhouse](http://www.christendom.edu/openhouse)

### Save the Date!

The SJTB Senior Group is sponsoring a movie in Fr Ruehl Hall: The Scarlet and The Black on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00. Tickets required, but free. Tickets are available at the parish office or [stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com](http://stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com)

### FORMED

Access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
**Parish Code: QBKRGW**  
Lots of great resources for Lent!

## Ongoing Activities

### SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am.

### The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email [thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com)

### Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's?  
Follow event info on FB [@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist), [IG@st\\_johns\\_young\\_adults\\_va](https://www.instagram.com/st_johns_young_adults_va) or to join the e-news-letter email [youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com)

### That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

### RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

### Youth Group

Mondays 7-8:30pm FRH (2xMonth)

### The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

### Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

### Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

### Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

### Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

### Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

### Little Flowers

Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6  
4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

### Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass

**Knights Corner**  
**John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771**  
[www.kofc7771.org](http://www.kofc7771.org)



**DIVINE  
MERCY  
SAID:**

“In return for My blessings, I get ingratitude. In return for My love, I get forgetfulness and indifference. My heart cannot bear this.”



(St. Faustina Diary, 1537)  
*(Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)*

**Thank you!**

Thanks to all parishioners who bought our world-famous Super Bowl Subs last weekend!

**Join the Knights!**

The Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 here at St. John The Baptist is more than 200 members strong. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic Faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better providers for the financial protection of our families and better citizens here in Front Royal. Contact Grand Knight John Stieb at 703-755-5345, or Council Membership Chairman Leo Carling at 540-631-7555 for more information.

**Firewood Project:**

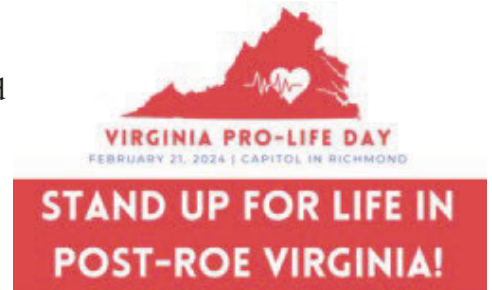
The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. If you would like to help or if you know of a parishioner in need, please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555).

**Contact us:** Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or [gknightjs@gmail.com](mailto:gknightjs@gmail.com). Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or [cory.cook@kofc.org](mailto:cory.cook@kofc.org).



**Bus Ride Opportunity to the Virginia March for Life 2024**

Feb 21, 2024, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 1000 Bank St, Richmond, VA  
St. Bridget of Ireland Church has reserved a bus for their parishioners and other community members. If you would like a ride to the VA Pro-Life Day in Richmond, they will swing by St. John’s for pick up. Contact St. John’s parish office to sign up.  
Bus departs St. Bridget’s 7:45am and returns 4:45pm  
Wear warm clothes and good walking shoes. Pack a lunch to eat on the bus.. To learn more about the event go to: [www.vaprolifeday.org](http://www.vaprolifeday.org).



<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<a href="mailto:outreach@sjtb.org">outreach@sjtb.org</a>
<b>Church Flowers &amp; Decor</b>	<a href="mailto:julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com">julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com</a>	<b>Parents’ Support Group Children w/Special Needs</b>	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
<b>Divine Mercy for the Dying</b>	<a href="mailto:mbodoh@sjtb.org">mbodoh@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 <a href="mailto:setonmom@gmail.com">setonmom@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dominicans Third Order</b>	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 <a href="mailto:rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com">rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com</a>	<b>Prison Ministry</b>	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<a href="mailto:adoration@sjtb.org">adoration@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Religious Education</b>	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
<b>Fasting Brothers</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>	<b>RCIA</b>	Parish Office, 635-3780
<b>Flame of Love</b>	Boots Sargis <a href="mailto:bootssargis@yahoo.com">bootssargis@yahoo.com</a> .	<b>Seven Sisters</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	<b>Saint Johns Athletics</b>	<a href="http://www.saintjohnsathletics.com">www.saintjohnsathletics.com</a>
<b>Legion of Mary/Adults</b>	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	<b>That Man is You!</b>	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
<b>Legion of Mary (Juniors)</b>	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	<b>Vocations Liaison</b>	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 <a href="mailto:sjtbvocations@gmail.com">sjtbvocations@gmail.com</a>
<b>Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)</b>	<a href="mailto:littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com">littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com</a>	<b>Youth Drama Club</b>	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdrama.org">www.stjohnsdrama.org</a>
<b>Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support</b>	<a href="mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com">thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com</a>	<b>Front Royal Pregnancy Center</b>	(540) 635-6181 <a href="http://frontroyalpregnancy.org">frontroyalpregnancy.org</a> <a href="http://abortionpillreversal.com">abortionpillreversal.com</a>
<b>Music &amp; Choirs</b>	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

*For full list of ministries, go to [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org) or call the parish office for specific inquiries.*



## PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Gary Garcia	Judy Ratigan
Nellie Adkins	Paul Gerrick	Manuel Reyes Avila
John Alsberry	Michael Greco	Shoana Riccio
Allison Andrews	Eileen Hawkins	John William Rice
Brenda Bailey	Cecilia Hawkins	Mary Alice Rice
Rozie Baker	Nancy Heywood	Maggie Roberts
Rose Britain	Billy Hooten	Gabbi Rodgers
Elijah Carino	Norman Hunt	Elaine Ryan
Mary Ann Carlson	John Janaro	Judy Samborsky
Tony Casarotti	Stephen Jerome	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Joseph Centrella	Erik Jurek	Dan Schneible
Jorge Daniel Chang	Donald Kerns	Mary Shaffer
Dominique DeClue	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Linda Donahue	Peggy Leonardi	Sophie Sheppard
Clara Anne Duda	Maureen Lewis	Robin Spencer
Al Dudeck	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Wendy Stout
Kelly Duvall	Carol B. May	Anee Stanford
Ignatius Ehlinger	Laura McMahon	Deby Stears
Kathy Elar	Edward Meinsen	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Maggie Elliot	Merridee Michelsen	Judith Thompson
Ned Farinholt	Marie Miller	Karen Waldron
Mike Ferris	Peter Monfasani	Kathy Winkle
Tahlia Fernandez	Barbara Ann Orozco	John Yarborough
Laura Fusto	Kris Pondo	Geneve Yarborough
	Carmela Rao	

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of

## CHERYL SPEED RAYMOND EHLINGER

### Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Jason Pugh
Brady Anderson	Jasmine Frank	Chris Reinhard
Colin t. Barrett	Dustin Goard	Michael Reuwer
Nick Barton	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	Lxav Robles
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	David Schmitt
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	Forest Selby
Joseph Buono	David Kelleher	Paul Shannon
Paul Buono	David Larsen	Andrew Shorter
Ben Cabreva	Glen Lash	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Christian Carino	Timothy Marra	Devon Smith
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Timothy Smith
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Sean Smith
Sean Conroy	Matthew Mooney	Keegan J. Thomas
Robert Cooke	Emma Morgan	Brian Tilley
Kevin Corella	Clement M. O'Reilly	Jamie Troutman
Rory Crooks	Daniel Nejia	Manuel A. Vicente
Vince E. Cruz	David Parnes	Kieran Vieira
Trey Dusseault	Justice M. Parrott	Samatha Wilkinson
Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Michael Wood
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Mark Zepeda

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023

#### FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

## AVAILABLE NOW!

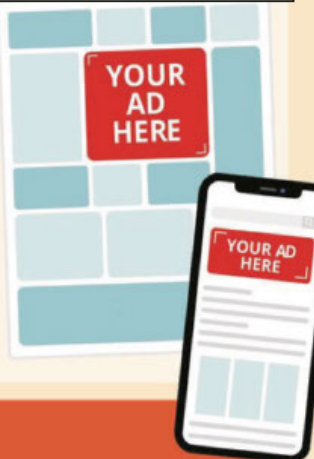
### PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

#### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

**Mike McAleer** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract cus-

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**Mike McAleer**  
412-855-8013

## The Women of St John

Join us in welcoming Shannon  
Whitmore, author of  
"See Yourself As God Does"  
Books available for purchase \$16

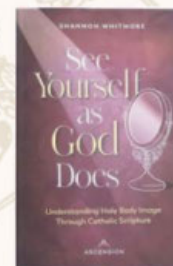
Tuesday February 20

Fr Ruehl Hall

Join us for coffee & refreshments

from 7pm.

Talk begins at 7:30pm



# AUDITIONS

for Jordan River's Spring Musical

Monday, Feb 19  
Tuesday, Feb 20  
7-9 PM  
at Seton Home  
Study chapel

## JANE AUSTEN'S EMMA

Performances  
Friday-Sunday,  
April 19, 20, & 21  
St. John the  
Baptist Church

Attention Jane Austen lovers! We are pleased to present *Emma* by Paul Gordon, a 2006 musical adaptation that brings the wit and romance of Jane Austen's classic 1816 novel to life as the endearing but misguided matchmaker Emma Woodhouse navigates the complexities of love and friendship in regency England.

Auditions will be held at Seton Home Study School, 1350 Progress Drive, Front Royal. Look for the chapel entrance beside the front door. We encourage all interested performers ages 18 and up to come and audition, regardless of experience level. Callbacks will be held the evening of Thursday, February 22nd. Auditioners should prepare a Broadway-style song to showcase their vocal range and ability: please provide your own accompaniment if needed. We will have cell phone speakers available. If you are only interested in a non-singing role, you may prepare a monologue instead. Be prepared to either list your experience on your audition form, or attach a resume, and please bring a list of your conflicts during rehearsal time. If you want to audition, but can't make those times, please let us know. For these or other, email [yadramaofstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:yadramaofstjohns@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you at auditions!

### AVAILABLE ROLES

#### Emma Woodhouse

Female lead, age 20 to 29

Vivacious with comic timing and vocal stamina, soloist  
Vocal range: Mezzo-soprano, alto D#5-F#3

#### Mr. Woodhouse

Male aged 40+

Comic role of an elderly man with slight paranoia, little singing  
Vocal range: Any range, E4-A3

#### Harriet Smith

Female Age 20 to 29

Emma's new friend, needs quirky sensibility, several solos  
Vocal range: Soprano, A5-A3

#### Mr. Knightley

Male lead, Age 30 to 35

Emma's neighbor, soloist comic timing, dry deadpan wit  
Vocal range: Bari-tenor, Ab4-G2

#### Miss Bates

Female age 35+

Talkative comic soloist, also vulnerable & sympathetic  
Vocal range: Comic Mezzo or Alto, E5-Bb3

#### Mrs. Bates

Elderly female

Non-speaking role

#### Jane Fairfax

Female aged 20-29

Foil to Emma, mysterious and reserved, demanding solos  
Vocal range: Coloratura Soprano, B5-Bb3

#### Mr. Elton

Male, aged 25-30

Slightly conceited young vicar, comic soloist  
Vocal range: Tenor G4-Bb2

#### Mrs. Elton

Female aged 20-39, hilariously pompous with comic timing, little singing  
Vocal range: Eb5-Bb3, either Alto or Soprano

#### Mr. Robert Martin

Male aged 20-29

Young farmer, soloist with comic sensibility  
Vocal range: Tenor, Ab4-Bb2

#### Miss Elizabeth Martin

Female aged 18-29, Robert Martin's sister, ensemble

Vocal range: Any range, E5-Bb3

#### Mr. Weston

Male aged 40-60, Even tempered and distinguished, ensemble

Vocal range: Any range, E4-Bb3

#### Mrs. Weston

Female Age: 30 to 50,

Emma's former governess, ensemble with one brief duet

Vocal range: Alto, E5-Bb3

#### Frank Churchill

Male Age: 20 to 35 Smooth, elegant, nuances of a scoundrel, soloist

Vocal range: Bright Tenor, G#4-Bb2



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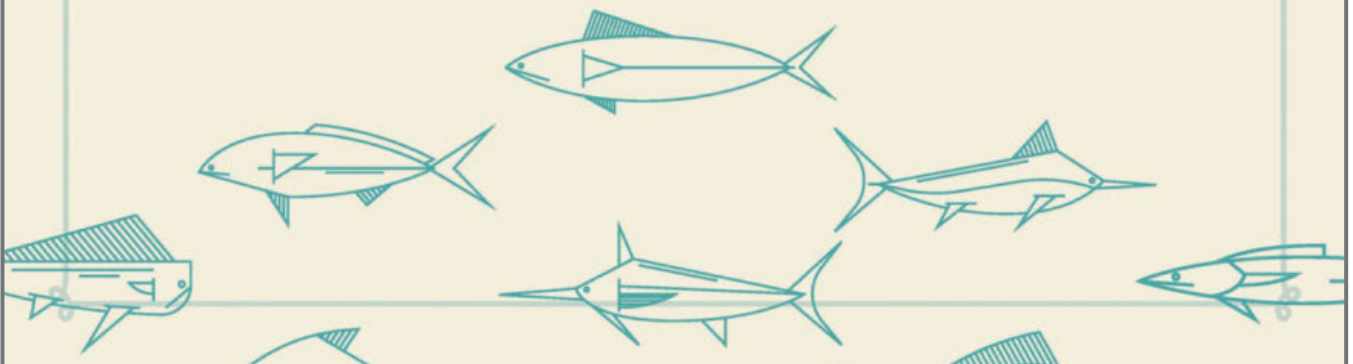
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