

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

14 February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 February 2021
Genesis 9:8—15
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



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THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
(WWW.STJOHNEVAN.COM)
OR JOIN US FROM YOUR
HOME BY LIVESTREAM**

CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST / MASS:

Occasionally due to funerals or other unforeseen and extraordinary events, even sometimes at the very last minute, the schedule may have to be modified. Please contact the parish office to make certain.

Weekday & weekend Masses are recorded and available on the parish website after.	Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 AM (L) livestreamed
	Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (L)
	Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
	Ash Wednesday: 9:00 AM

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IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR EVENTUAL MOVE to 301 Sheppard Court, we are looking for volunteers for a new Ministry of Digital Communications to assist with website management and live-streaming. If interested or for more information, contact the Pastor.

... IN THE NAME OF
Jesus the LORD. AMEN.

Private Prayer in church:

Arrange with the Parish Office in advance.

Eucharistic Adoration:

One hour after the Friday 9:00 AM Mass. First come to Mass. No one may be admitted after Mass since there is no opportunity to sanitize the church in between.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 PM in the patio under the wing of church; or as always by appointment. Call Fr. Rolo for an appointment at a different time.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Parish Office if you are aware of parishioners who are in the hospital or are sick, frail, or grieving at home, or in an area rehab, convalescent, or retirement facility.

The Prayer Tree:

Call (540) 949-7611 or (540) 221-4162 for special prayer requests

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**We strive to Proclaim the Gospel & to Love One Another
... RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW.**

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS: 344 Maple Avenue, Waynesboro VA 22980

WEBSITE: www.stjohnevan.com

OFFICE: (540) 949-6145 M-F / 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR & STAFF BY PHONE OR EMAIL ONLY.

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS CALL: (540) 324-3146

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: In the event of inclement weather during the week, we follow the Waynesboro School System closings. If the city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will also be closed.



"DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD."

Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest?
Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

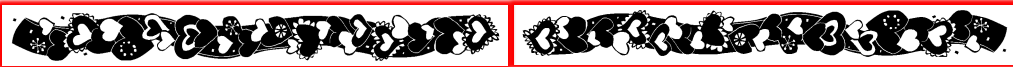
FEBRUARY 13 SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 14 SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 15 MONDAY	FEBRUARY 16 TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 17 WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 18 THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 19 FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 20 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Joe Molony	8:30 AM † Joseph Chen 11:30 AM People of the Parish	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY	9:00 AM † Joseph Wong	9:00 AM People of the Parish	9:00 AM † Virginia & Harry Endres	9:00 AM † Peggy Perkins	5:00 PM † Jimmy Cook
3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word	7:00 PM Virtual Haiti Ministry meeting	6:00—7:30 PM, FR Scouts	ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00—8:00 PM, FR Cub Scouts 7:00—9:00 PM Confirmation Parents Zoom Meeting	10:00—11:00 AM, CH Eucharistic Adoration	3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Janine Blanchet, Lisa Birchler, Cindy Edwards, Eric Gunderson, Rita Handley, Judy Hull, Kevin Humphreys, Maggie Loh, Anne Mahoney, Donald Narducci, Kathleen Snead, Kim Van Nguyen, Karen Valente; Elizabeth Welch, Cindy Williams; **DECEASED:** Chris Thompson;

IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, Maj. Shawn Pardee, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN, LCDR David Piotrowski USNR, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.



pray



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15 — FEBRUARY 20, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • Genesis 4:1—15, 25 • Psalm 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21 • Mark 8:11-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 • Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 • Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 • Mark 8:14—21

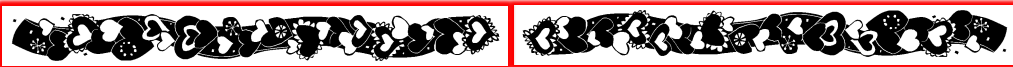
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • **Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:12-18 • Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 • 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Psalm 1:1-4, 6 • Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 • Isaiah 58:1—9a • Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19 • Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • Isaiah 58:9b-14 • Psalm 86:1-6 • Luke 5:27-32



FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

This year for Lent not only can you give something up, but you can use the money you save to help others out. The money you spend on your morning latte or biscuit can simply and easily be given to the fund of your choosing when you use our Online Giving. It's so easy simply visit St. John's website at www.stjohnnevan.com and click on the Online Giving icon at the bottom of the home page. You can choose to sign up to use it often or click Quick Give for a one time offering. Thank you for your generosity.



SHINE LIKE STARS: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND COFFEE TABLE BOOK.

If you are looking for a fantastic gift for someone special or maybe yourself, pick up a copy or two of the limited edition commemorative book marking the 200th Anniversary of the Richmond Diocese. This condensed history of the Diocese of Richmond, a hard cover limited edition compilation lavishly illustrated with over 1,000 photographs and illustrations which include interactive pockets and flaps await you!

Shine Like Stars is the most comprehensive history of the Diocese of Richmond ever printed. Its depth of research and discovery spans more than 400 years of the Catholic faith in Virginia. One of our parishioners stated: "The book of the history of our diocese is fascinating. I had always thought that Arlington came first. I have learned so much and am about half way thru." The books are available for only \$38. A donation of \$20 will help us clear them out of the parish office as we prepare to move to the new church. Contact Jennifer at the Parish Office if you are interested.



2021 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CALENDAR may be picked up at the main entrance of church. Or stop by the Parish Office porch on Wednesday and Thursday this week between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.

LITTLE BOOKS can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to www.littlebooks.org/app.



MUSIC MINISTRY invites you to join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM for communal singing as we pray the music for the upcoming weekend. A Zoom link is available on the parish website. Meeting ID: 856 3042 0095 Password: Ministry

CONFIRMATION PARENT VIRTUAL MEETING. A ZOOM meeting for the parents of youth Confirmation candidates will take place on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. Contact mkresge@stjohnnevan.com for the ZOOM link. Candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation are both at least 15 years of age and enrolled in at least the tenth grade and have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist.

HAITI MINISTRY. Please join us in a prayer for our Haitian friends in their native Creole:

Sign of the Cross: O non Papa-a, ak Petit la, Ak Lespri-Sin-an. Amen.

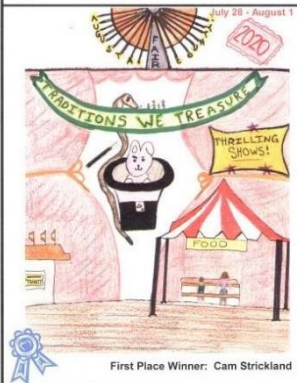
The Lord's Prayer: Papa nou ki nan syel la, Nou mande pou yo toujou respekte non ou, vin tabli goudenman ou, pou yo fe volonte ou sou late, tankou yo fe l'nan syel la. Manje nou bezwen an, ban nou l' jodi a. Padonnen tout sa nou fe ki mal, menm jan nou padonnen moun ki fe nou mal. Pa kite nou nan pozisyon pou n'tonbe nan tantasyon, mem, delivre nou anbe Satan.

Pray with

HAITI

Augusta County Fair

At Expo in Fishersville
(540) 245-5627
augustacountyfair.com



Congratulations to Cam Strickland, whose artwork would have appeared on the 2020 Augusta County Fair Book. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, the fair was canceled. 2021 brings new hope in a different outcome for THIS year. The deadline for participation in the 2021 Fair Book Cover Contest is April 1. Go to <https://www.augustacountyfair.com/> for details. Though most will not have seen the book cover, your parish family celebrates your achievement with you, Cam!

I received a package containing a beautiful olive wood cross made in Bethlehem from the parishioners at St. John in memory of Matt. I am very touched by this and so appreciate their kindness and prayers. I'd never heard the words "Parish Family" until we were at St. John's. I was not sure what that meant, but learned very soon, the true meaning of "Family". Thank you for celebrating Mass on January 12, 2021 in his memory.—*Palma Matera*

Dear parishioners of St. John, Thank you for the Christmas card and olive wood cross in remembrance of my husband James. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and we will keep you in our prayers.—*Margaret Sarsfield*

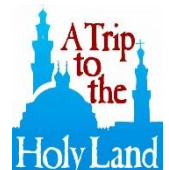
JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This Sunday's Gospel is about the leper who touches Jesus' heart. While leprosy isn't rampant in our communities today, many people suffer from the poverty of relationships which lepers suffered in Jesus' time. There are people in our own communities who have no one who loves them except God. Sadly, they may not even experience God's love because they have no human love to help them recognize God's love. They are the lonely, the alienated; some are scared, angry, or wounded. Your challenge this week is to take the love in your heart beyond your immediate circle of loved ones and extend it to someone who is alone. What can you do as a family or household to bring love into this person's life? And can you commit to making it more than a one-time act of kindness and care? How can you continue to let this person know that he or she is not alone in this world, that God loves them, and that you do, too?

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DIRECTORY PICTURES. For those who were able to get their pictures taken last year for the new Parish Directory, those pictures are in and may be picked up at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Please call Jennifer at the Parish Office first so she can arrange a safe porch pick up time for you. Thank you for being a part of this directory. Stay posted for updates on when the next dates to take pictures for the directory will happen.

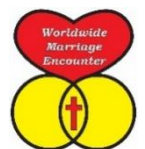
TUESDAY JOURNEY GROUP. The Tuesday Evening group will virtually explore Part II of The Journey beginning Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in growing your relationship with Jesus through membership in His Body, the Church, contact Jeanne Branch (434) 825-5436 for Zoom and book information. You do not have had to complete Part I in order to participate in Part II.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. We are going to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked! Join your St. John pilgrims as we travel for 12 days to some of the most sacred sites of our faith. Scripture will come alive as you experience the "Fifth Gospel." A pilgrimage is an ancient spiritual exercise and our parish pilgrimage will be a time of prayer, reflection, faith sharing, and fun experiences visiting the areas around the Sea of Galilee including the Mount of Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, and Magdala. We will renew Baptismal promises at the Jordan River and visit Jericho and Bethany. Over several days in Jerusalem, we will experience the sacred spaces of Jesus' last days and resurrection. Details including prices are on the parish website and registrations will open after Easter. For additional information, join our Zoom meeting for an overview and question/answer opportunity on Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. (<https://zoom.us/j/93686796766>)



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE! Text **SJECC** to **84576**. The service is free for your use. No downloads, no password to remember in order to participate. Just take a few minutes to sign up, and you're on your way to receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that **YOU** choose. Your personal information remains confidential.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends from the safety of your home on February 22—March 15 in VIRTUAL, NC and April 15—May 6 in VIRTUAL 3RE. Visit <http://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> for more information or contact Mark & Cathy Stangler, Virginia Encounter, Worldwide Marriage Encounter at (703) 378-4150, or local couple Kevin & Angie McFarling at (540) 569-6041.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE will be presented virtually February 19-21. Registration is open, visit www.cdrcmf.org/2021-national-catholic-mens-conference/.



"SHARING OUR STORY: THE HISTORY OF AN ENDURING FAITH," a Virtual Event featuring the Most Reverend Wilton Cardinal Gregory will be held each Saturday in February at 4:00 PM. This in-depth education experience for Black History Month strives to inspire the Christian faithful through the witness of our Catholic candidates for sainthood. You will learn how they triumphed over tragedies and learn how you can do the same. This is a free event. Register by clicking [HERE](#). For questions contact (804) 622-5241 or ethnicministries@richmonddiocese.org.



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST with Fr. Mike Schmitz featuring Jeff Cavins is the #1 downloaded podcast on iTunes this year! The Bible in a Year Podcast guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. The episodes are 20-25 minutes long. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word! Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

HOW THE PHILIPPINES BECAME CATHOLIC. When the Spaniards arrived in the Philippines in 1521, more than 100 ethnolinguistic groups already occupied the archipelago of more than 7,000 islands. While they did not exist as one country, the islands were nevertheless connected to each other via trade routes and slave-raiding that included other territories in the region. Trade, in fact, existed before the 10th century. The islands also teemed with religious diversity. The Ifugao in northern Luzon, the Tagalog in southern Luzon, the Visayan in the central islands, and the various indigenous communities in Mindanao each had their own cosmology, code of ethics, and mode of worship. Muslim communities were also scattered around the islands, including Manila. To learn more: call (804) 359-5661 or email ethnicministries@richmonddiocese.org. On Saturday, April 24 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, the Filipino community will be celebrating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. There will be a mass to commemorate this anniversary followed by fellowship. More information to come!



NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST for Children ages 3 through 8. All Entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2021. Visit www.comcenter.com/christisalive for complete rules. If your child is interested in participating in the Christ is Alive! National Essay Contest please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

February 14, 2021 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:40–45

Retreat and Prayer

Jesus' reputation spreads, and it becomes difficult for him to preach. When he cures a leper, he tells him not to publicize the event. But the man does not listen. He tells everyone about the cure. Jesus is forced to hide in deserted places, and still the crowds find him.

When Jesus began his ministry he worked miracles not to prove who he was, and certainly not to show off his power. Jesus healed people because his heart was filled with compassion. At times Jesus might even have felt that the miracles were getting in the way. Jesus had something important to tell the people, and he didn't need them distracted.

When Jesus heals the leper he asks him to tell no one. He is aware of what will happen if the story of another healing gets around. People will swarm him. And that is exactly what happened. When the leper told people how he was cured, Jesus had to retreat, staying outside of the town.

I know I used to feel like that sometimes when all five children were home. It seemed like there was always someone wanting something from me. The requests were endless. "Mom can you fix this zipper, bake some cupcakes, find my socks, make me a costume..."—and all of that before breakfast. Like Jesus I also had to retreat even if it was just to a locked bathroom. That was the strategy that got me through the day—retreat and prayer. Lunchtime was the best; a few peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and *Sesame Street* would usually give me twenty minutes to pray and get myself centered again. Think about how many times Scripture tells us Jesus left his friends to go off for some quiet and prayer. If Jesus needed quiet prayer time, think how much more we do.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have each person talk about different ways to respond when we are feeling frustrated or overworked.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How do you cope when you are feeling overwhelmed? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

LENT'S COMING!



BACKGROUND FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Understanding Lent

Themes of Baptism and Penance characterize Lent. It has its roots in the second half of the fourth century in Rome as a liturgical season. Imitating Christ's days in the desert, it is the only liturgical season that begins on a weekday, an arrangement made necessary by the desire to have 40 days of penitence without including the Triduum or Sunday. When a parish has catechumens who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil, parishes may choose the Year A cycle of readings. In addition to the Scripture readings, Lent's liturgical prayers help us to understand the grace the season offers. The first preface for Lent gives thanks for this joyful season through which we prepare for Easter with renewed minds and hearts. It goes on to recognize that, as we recall the great events of salvation history, God's grace leads us to reverence and service to our neighbor.

Liturgical Environment

The Lenten liturgical color, as for Advent, is violet. The violet of Lent uses deeper shades of red, in contrast to the blue tone used during Advent. In Holy Week, the most solemn week of the liturgical Year, the color turns to red, beginning on Palm Sunday. White is used on Holy Thursday and red returns on Good Friday. With the Easter Vigil, the use of white for the season of Easter begins.

In addition to using the liturgical colors in your space, you can also use symbols that reflect the three Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Overview of the Readings

In addition to reflecting the Year B cycle of Gospel readings' themes, the First Readings highlight some of the significant events of salvation history. The first three Sundays, we are reminded of God's covenant promise to Noah, Abraham's offering everything to God, and the commandments call to our covenant responsibility. From 2 Chronicles on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we recall the cycle of infidelity, exile, and God's redeeming action. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jeremiah promises a New Covenant engraved on the heart. On Palm Sunday, we hear the song of the servant through whom the New Covenant will be accomplished.

Responsorial Psalms

While the Psalms most directly respond to the First Readings, they also offer us a unique Lenten prayer book when taken on their own. Pray with them throughout the week or join the parish and Music Ministry virtually on Wednesday evenings to gather for both song and prayer.

Second Readings

Unlike the readings in Ordinary Time, in the seasons of Lent, Easter Time, Advent, and Christmas Time, the Second Readings often reflect on the other readings. The second Readings deepen our appreciation of the Sunday theme and taken together; they represent the early understandings of Jesus' identity. We hear that Christ suffered once for all as a sign of God's love. We learn that though the cross seems foolish, it demonstrates God's unfathomable wisdom. Ephesians teaches that believers are renewed in Christ. Finally, we learn how Christ practiced obedience and humble self-giving.

Gospel Readings

The Second Readings could be understood to represent the early Church's developing reflection on Christ. The cycle's Gospel readings are an ongoing revelation of Jesus' person and mission. We begin with the very human Jesus being tempted. The Transfiguration then reveals that the Son of Man was also uniquely the Son of God. We then hear of the cleansing of the Temple and begin to see Jesus as the new Temple. The dialogue with Nicodemus reminds us that Jesus is the sign of God's unfathomable love for humanity. John 12 shows Jesus reflecting on the difficulty and necessity of his mission of suffering and glory. The Passion reading on Palm Sunday draws us into the dramatic narrative about Jesus, the servant who emptied himself in the total self-giving that brought salvation.

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