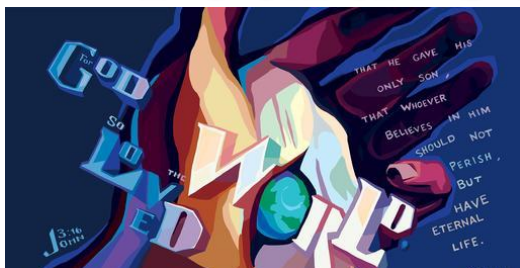


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

14 March 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21 March 2021  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33



**SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS  
THROUGH OUR WEBSITE  
([WWW.STJOHNEVAN.COM](http://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
Easter Vigil (3 April)	8:00 PM (No 5:00 PM)

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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:

Thursday: 6:00—7:00 PM & Saturday: 3:00—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](http://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 city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will also be closed. Check parish website & Flocknote updates.



**"GOD DID NOT SEND THE SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM."** Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest? Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

MARCH 13 SATURDAY	MARCH 14 SUNDAY	MARCH 15 MONDAY	MARCH 16 TUESDAY	MARCH 17 WEDNESDAY	MARCH 18 THURSDAY	MARCH 19 FRIDAY	MARCH 20 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Ken Kramer	8:30 AM † Marian Tapas 11:30 AM People of the Parish		9:00 AM † Rena Mitchell	9:00 AM † Peggy Perkins	9:00 AM Diane Butler	9:00 AM † John Deutsch	5:00 PM † Joan Phillips
3:00—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions <i>Just a Reminder!</i>	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word 10:00—11:30 AM Virtual The Journey Pt. 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Lent</h1>		7:30 PM Virtual Music Songs & Prayer	6:00—7:00 PM, CH PATIO Confessions 7:00—8:00 PM, FR Cub Scouts	 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:45—10:45 AM, CH Eucharistic Adoration	3:00—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Susan Barb, Carol Barber, Janine Blanchet, Lisa Birchler, Marian Calder, Nancy Fitzgerald, Agnes Gleason, Eric Gunderson, Dennis Hill, Judy Hull, Anne Mahoney, Claire Mielak, Donald Narducci, Marie Overstreet, Kathleen Snead, Kim Van Nguyen, Karen Valente, Suzie VanValkenburg, Cindy Williams;

**DECEASED:** Ruth Bailey, Eileen Tokunaga; **IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:** Sr. Airman Michael Brown USAF, Sgt. John Burns, LCDR Christopher Farkas USN, Sgt. David Grennan US Army, Col. Brent Harms USAF, Maj. David Hildebrand US Army, Sgt. Christopher Kennedy, Jimmy Negrete, Maj. Shawn Pardee, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN. LCDR David Piotrowski USNR. Mai. Benjamin Sprouse. and all who go unnamed.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 8 — MARCH 13, 2021** (view online at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings))

MONDAY, MARCH 8 • 2 Kings 5:1—15ab • Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4 • Luke 4:24-30  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 9 • Daniel 3:25, 34—43 • Psalm 25:4-9 • Matthew 18:21—35  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 • Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 • Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 • Matthew 5:17-19  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 11 • Jeremiah 7:23-28 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 • Luke 11:14—23  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 12 • Hosea 14:2—10 • Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17 • Mark 12:28-34  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 13 • Hosea 6:1-6 • Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21 • Luke 18:9-14



**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 you choose when you use our Online Giving. It's so easy. Simply visit St. John's website at [www.stjohnnevan.com](http://www.stjohnnevan.com) and click on the Online Giving icon at either the top or 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.



**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



**LENTEN RESOURCES.** Please visit our website [www.stjohnnevan.com](http://www.stjohnnevan.com) and scroll down the home page to our Lent 2021 section where you will find a link to join us in pray with "The Way of the Cross" and for our weekly Waynesboro Community Ecumenical Lenten Series on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Join us and enrich your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION:**

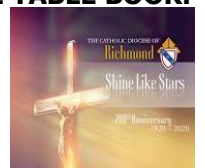
Thursdays (March 18 & 25) 6:00—7:00 PM in the patio under the wing of church;  
 Saturdays (March 13 & 20) 3:00—4:30 PM in the patio under the wing of church;  
 Or call for an appointment at a different time. Don't wait till HOLY WEEK please.



**SHINE LIKE STARS: 200<sup>TH</sup> 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 200<sup>th</sup> 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.



**PICK UP YOUR 2021 CHURCH CALENDAR** 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.

**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

**HAITI MINISTRY.** During Lent we examine ourselves for ways in which we need to change as individuals, but rarely do we take stock of how our collective actions affect our brothers and sisters, both near and far away in foreign lands. As we journey with Jesus through our Lenten practices, think and pray about the struggles of our Haitian brothers and sisters, asking God to help you to understand the world through their eyes. Our Lenten fasting, sacrifice, and almsgiving, helps to increase our sense of justice in the world, especially when we contribute to feed and shelter those in need. The many “small” donors in the parish collectively make a much larger impact in the number of meals and available housing provided. As we near the end of our Lenten journey and await with hope our Paschal Joy, we should reflect on how our good works and sacrifices are impacting our world here and beyond.



**GRIEF SHARE** has been temporarily interrupted. There will not be any meetings conducted at 6:30 PM at Panera Bread in Waynesboro, as originally planned. They are hoping to resume the program later in this spring or early summer months. If you would like information about the program, please contact Janine Blanchet (540) 221-2854 or Renee Beverlin (540) 256-7066.

**DIRECTORY PICTURES.** If you had your portraits taken last year for the new Parish Directory, you may pick them up at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. Please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office first so she can arrange a safe porch pick-up time for you. Stay posted for updates if you still need your photos taken.

**CONFIRMATION.** Parishioners 15 years of age and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact Michele Kresge at [mkresge@stjohnnevan.com](mailto:mkresge@stjohnnevan.com).



## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

March 14, 2021 • 4th Sunday of Lent • John 3:14–21

### Living in the Light

*John's Gospel talks a lot about light and darkness. In the very first paragraph of his Gospel, John tells us that Jesus is the light of the world. John makes it very clear that we must live in the light, that we must live in Jesus, if we are to have eternal life.*

In this reading we hear the famous quote from John 3:16 that we see so often cited by Christian fans at football games: Jesus came, “so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.” It is important to note that the eternal life Jesus offers us is not just a heavenly kingdom after we die—eternal life means much more.

The life we were born with is limited and finite. We know that every breath we take brings us closer to our physical deaths. The years and gravity take their toll on us, but what Jesus offers us is life outside of time and gravity. It is beyond the wounds and handicaps of our physical world, but it is also very much here and now.

Jesus offers us his life—life with, and in the Triune God in whom we believe. We come to this divine life by fully embracing our human life, just as Jesus did. We accept the limitedness of our humanity with all the pain and joy that entails. We do not suppress our human nature but engage in it fully, always drawn to the light that is Jesus.

We are asked to live each day in the truth of our eternal life so that “... it may be clearly seen that [our] deeds have been done in God” (John 3:21). There is no dichotomy—no spiritual above physical life. Teach your children to value the finite world, especially themselves, body, mind, and spirit—one package—loved by God with all its blemishes.

#### FAMILY RESPONSE

Take turns telling what you like about each other. Talk about each person's physical and spiritual qualities.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

It is so important to always tell our children the truth. Their trust in us, and sometimes their trust in others later in life, is dependent on it. How good are you at always telling the truth? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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**JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** The Gospel reading teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world. The Son brought light into the darkness of sin in our lives. Jesus told us that we also are the light of the world. Your challenge this week is to look at where in our world sin has brought darkness—through greed or hate or violence or prejudice. Then reflect on how you can bring light into this ugly situation. How can you be a light in the world for those who live in darkness?

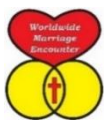
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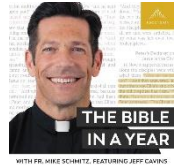
**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE.** We are going to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked! Join the pilgrims of St. John when we travel for 12 days to some of the most sacred sites of our faith. Scripture will come alive as you experience the "Fifth Gospel." A pilgrimage is an ancient spiritual exercise and 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 our 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.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.** "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 15—May 6 in VIRTUAL 3RE, from the safety of your own home. 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.



**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!



**LET'S STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE!** Text **SJEC** 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.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP.** Looking for a place to grab a beer, hang out with friends, and hear someone speak about some Church related topic? If so, then come to Theology on Tap. TOT typically takes place at night in a bar, restaurant, or brewery, however during COVID-19: The Richmond-area Theology on Tap group holds their event online right now over Zoom, and it is open to the whole diocese. Check out their [Facebook page](#).

**VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS,** via Zoom with Fr. Joe Goldsmith, pastor at Sacred Heart in Prince George is bringing that art of slow cooking back with monthly cooking classes for young adults! March 13 at 7:00 PM is the next class. If you would like to register for the next one click [HERE](#) or email Katie at [kyankoski@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:kyankoski@richmonddiocese.org).

**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](mailto: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!



**YOUNG COUPLES RETREAT** at Wintergreen Resort April 30—May 1, 2021. This past year has been a crazy one, and we could all use a moment to rest and refocus. This 24-hour retreat is a chance for you and your spouse to get away together and spend some time refocusing and celebrating your marriage with other young couples. For only \$200/couple, you receive two meals, a room at Wintergreen Lodge, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Keynote Talks by Ennie & Cana Hickman, and access to Wintergreen amenities! All couples who have been married for 7 years or less are invited, so invite your friends and join us for a weekend away! [Register here!](#)