

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

21 March 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Lent



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28 March 2021

Mark 11:1—10 or John 12:12-16  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1—15:47



**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) <b>Not 3 April</b>
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Easter Vigil (3 April) 8:00 PM (No 5:00 PM)

Parish Staff

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**Building Committee Chair:** Phil Thorpe ([build@stjohnevan.com](mailto:build@stjohnevan.com))



**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.



**"MORNING BY MORNING HE WAKENS - WAKENS MY EAR TO LISTEN AS THOSE WHO ARE TAUGHT."**

Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If God is asking you to consider the priesthood, contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

MARCH 20 SATURDAY	MARCH 21 SUNDAY	MARCH 22 MONDAY	MARCH 23 TUESDAY	MARCH 24 WEDNESDAY	MARCH 25 THURSDAY	MARCH 26 FRIDAY	MARCH 27 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Joan Phillips <b>HAITI</b> Perkins family members living & deceased	8:30 AM † Marilyn Batts 11:30 AM People of the Parish		9:00 AM † Betty Hennelly	9:00 AM † Robert Weiss	9:00 AM † Peggy Perkins  ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9:00 AM † Richard Baker	5:00 PM † Elizabeth Koehler
3:00—4:30 PM, <b>CH PATIO</b> Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word 10:00—11:30 AM Virtual The Journey Pt. 3 4:30—6:00 PM Virtual RCIA		6:00—7:30 PM, FR Scouts	7:30 PM Virtual Music Songs & Prayer	6:00—7:00 PM, <b>CH PATIO</b> Confessions 7:00—8:00 PM, <b>FR</b> Cub Scouts	9:45—10:45 AM, CH Eucharistic Adoration 	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Susan Barb, Carol Barber, Dale Black, Janine Blanchet, Lisa Birchler, Marian Calder, Nancy Fitzgerald, Agnes Gleason, Eric Gunderson, Dennis Hill, Judy Hull, Claire Mielak, Donald Narducci, Marie Overstreet, Kathleen Snead, Kim Van Nguyen, Karen Valente, Suzie VanValkenburg, Cindy Williams;  
**DECEASED:** Larry German, Stoner Drumheller; **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, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 22 — MARCH 27, 2021** (view online at [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings))

MONDAY, MARCH 22 • Daniel 13:1—9, 15-17, 19—30, 33—62 • Psalm 23:1-6 • John 8:1—11

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 • Numbers 21:4-9 • Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21 • John 8:21—30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 • Daniel 3:14—20, 91-92, 95 • Daniel 3:52-56 • John 8:31—42

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 • **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 • Psalm 40:7-11 • Hebrews 10:4-10 • Luke 1:26—38

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 • Jeremiah 20:10-13 • Psalm 18:2-7 • John 10:31—42

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 • Ezekiel 37:21—28 • Jeremiah 31:10-13 • John 11:45—56



**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.stjohnevan.com](http://www.stjohnevan.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.stjohnevan.com](http://www.stjohnevan.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:**

Saturday, March 20 from 3:00—4:30 PM and Thursday, March 25 from 6:00—7:00 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 compilation lavishly illustrated with over 1,000 photographs and illustrations including interactive pockets and flaps awaits 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 says: "The book ... is fascinating. I always thought Arlington came first. I have learned so much and am about half way thru." These books are available for pick up on the Parish Office front porch on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A donation for the book would also be much appreciated. Contact Jennifer at the Parish Office if you are interested.



**2021 CHURCH CALENDARS** are available at the main entrance of church; or stop by the Parish Office front porch on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.



**HAITI MINISTRY.** Dear Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the grace-filled love and care that Fr. Augustin kindly shares with the residents of St. Anthony House, the Community of St. Louis King of France parish, and Chapels. We are grateful to able to stay in some contact through modern technology allowing us to communicate by phone and share pictures. We are grateful for the many generous benefactors at St. John the Evangelist church who help to provide food and shelter and jobs for so many of the local people. The ministry couldn't exist without this abundance of sharing. We are grateful for those who opened our eyes to the needs of the people of Haiti and established this conduit to help our brothers and sisters so far away. Amen. May God bless you! Bon Dye Beni Ou.



**GRIEF SHARE** has been suspended temporarily. Meetings will not be conducted as originally planned in Waynesboro. The coordinators plan to resume the program later this spring or early in the summer. If you would like information about the program, please contact Janine Blanchet (540) 221-2854 or Renee Beverlin (540) 256-7066.

**FIRST SACRAMENTS.** Any young people at least 7 years of age and in the second grade who would like to begin sacramental preparation for the reception of First Holy Communion, please contact [mkresge@stjohnnevan.com](mailto:mkresge@stjohnnevan.com).

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



## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

March 21, 2021 • 5th Sunday of Lent • John 12:20–33

### Living Life to the Fullest

*Jesus talks to his apostles about his death. He tells them that he must die before he can be glorified, just as a seed must die before it can produce fruit. Jesus goes on to tell them that they too must die to themselves and to what the world considers the good life if they hope to share in his glory, his eternal life.*

After Jesus proclaims, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," he begins to speak to his disciples about his death. He is telling his friends that when he dies, he will be glorified. His death marks the end of all his human efforts. It is the culmination of all his life's actions. It is the completion of all of the little and big sacrifices he accepted. We find Jesus' glory as much in a life well lived, as in a death fully embraced.

We sometimes get so caught up in the bloody sacrifice of the cross as atonement for our sins that we forget Jesus' whole life was the Way. He came to his glory, as we will come to ours, by accepting all the little and big crosses of being human—including the cross of death.

Jesus is the Way because he embraced his life, accepting his human limitations and vulnerability. And we are asked to do the same. This does not mean we need to go out and put on a hair shirt or find some crosses to climb on. The truth is a person can't get through childhood without a few crosses finding them.

It is extremely difficult to give up the illusion that we can control our lives. (Just try planning an outdoor family reunion when you can guarantee no rain.) But that is what is asked of us. It was in accepting that last cross, a cross he begged God to take away from him that Jesus finally came to glory. This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at Easter—the same mystery through which we find our own glory—a life lived fully and given freely even to death.

#### FAMILY RESPONSE

Ask each person to talk about the most difficult thing they had to go through so far in their life. Discuss what they did to get through it.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is the hardest thing for you to give up personal control of? 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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**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.



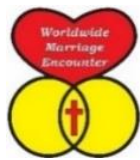
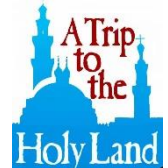
**THEOLOGY ON TAP.** The Richmond-area Theology on Tap group holds their event online right now over Zoom, and it is open to the whole diocese. Check out their [Facebook page](#).



**JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** March 22 is World Water Day. The foundation of all Catholic social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of every human person. Fundamental to both life itself and life lived with dignity is access to clean water. Around the world, millions of people—elderly people, children, and all ages in between—suffer because of a scarcity of water. Your challenge this week is two-fold.

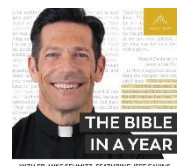
First, examine how your family uses water. Do you conserve it as a precious and God-given resource which is *not* unlimited? Pay attention to how much water you waste (e.g., letting water run while you are brushing your teeth instead of just using it to get your toothbrush wet at the beginning and to rinse at the end). Then on Saturday, discuss how you can limit your use of water and commit to it—at least for the rest of the Lenten season. Secondly, decide on one way you can support people in areas of the world which do not have clean water. You might want to research particular programs of Catholic Relief Services which help people dig wells or purify contaminated water. (Go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for details). Then make a donation on behalf of those denied dignity by helping them receive life-giving water.

**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.** "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in 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!



**SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER:**

From Friday, Jan 1 through 11:59 p.m. ET on Wednesday, June 30 new members get **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** for their first year.

regular dues are \$30/year

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**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 celebrate 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!](#)