

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

2 May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 May 2021

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98:1-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17



**SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS
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
	Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Rolo B. Castillo (rbcastillo@stjohnevan.com)

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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 city schools are closed due to the weather, the Parish Office will also be closed. Check parish website & Flocknote updates.



"LET US LOVE, NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN TRUTH AND ACTION."

Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest? Love demands truth and action. Contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MAY 1 SATURDAY	MAY 2 SUNDAY	MAY 3 MONDAY	MAY 4 TUESDAY	MAY 5 WEDNESDAY	MAY 6 THURSDAY	MAY 7 FRIDAY	MAY 8 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Mimi Fosnocht HAITI † Ben Glymph	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Gary Kessler	 Feast of St. Philip & St. James	9:00 AM † Alice Huewe	9:00 AM † John Arbia <i>Christ is Risen!</i>	9:00 AM † Ben Glymph	9:00 AM † Rick Baker 	5:00 PM † Richard Crotty 
3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word	7:00—8:00 PM Virtual Confirmation Mystagogia	6:00—9:00 PM, FR Scouts		7:00—8:00 PM, FR Cub Scouts	9:45—10:45 AM Adoration	3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions



UNITED, WE PRAY THE ROSARY. To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, the Knights of Columbus will lead the parish in praying the rosary 35 minutes before each weekend mass during the month of May. Join us.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Carol Barber, Dale Black, John Butler, Marian Calder, Georgette Cote, Margaret Cowan, Sr. Mary Anne Fedor, Patty Fitzgerald, James Garcia, Agnes Gleason, Juan Gonzales, Dennis Hill, Jeremiah Jordan, Donald Narducci, Marie Overstreet, Tom Sanger, Kathleen Snead, Suzie VanValkenburg, Fr. Don Ward, Jenny Ward;
DECEASED: Agnes Beardsworth, Anne Seaton, Cindy Williams; **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, LCDR Megan Piotrowski USN, LCDR David Piotrowski USNR, Maj. Benjamin Sprouse, and all who go unnamed.



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 3 — MAY 8, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, MAY 3 • 1 Corinthians 15:1—8 • Psalm 19:2-5 • John 14:6—14
TUESDAY, MAY 4 • Acts 14:19—28 • Psalm 145:10-13, 21 • John 14:27-31a
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 • Acts 15:1-6 • Psalm 122:1-5 • John 15:1—8
THURSDAY, MAY 6 • Acts 15:7—21 • Psalm 96:1-3, 10 • John 15:9-11
FRIDAY, MAY 7 • Acts 15:22—31 • Psalm 57:8-10, 12 • John 15:12-17
SATURDAY, MAY 8 • Acts 16:1—10 • Psalm 100:1-3, 5 • John 15:18-21



FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.



Have you considered Online Giving? It's so easy and safe. Simply visit St. John's website at 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.

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

is now being offered to you at **no cost**. If you would like a book, stop by the parish office front porch Wednesday or Thursday this week between 9:00 AM—3:00 PM and pick up your copy. This book is a condensed history of the Diocese of Richmond. It's a hard cover compilation lavishly illustrated with over 1,000 photographs and illustrations including interactive pockets and flaps. Its depth of research and discovery spans more than 400 years of the Catholic faith in Virginia.



FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA), St. John's Christian Initiation for Adults is year-round and tailored to each individual's needs. Please contact Fr. Rolo if you wish to explore full and active participation in the Catholic Church. We look forward to assisting you on your faith journey! Don't wait. We will get you started on your journey whenever you (and the Holy Spirit) are ready.



HAITI MINISTRY. Thank you for praying the rosary with us last Monday. We received a note from Father Augustin on April 11 saying "In Haiti, insecurity is very serious. Five priests, two nuns, and two lay workers have recently been kidnapped all together. Until now, they are still in the hands of the kidnappers. They are demanding a ransom of \$1,000,000 for their freedom. The church of Haiti is in a difficult situation. Pray for the release of our brothers and sisters." We have an update saying as of April 23 three Catholic Clergy were released. If you would like to stay up to date on recent news, search the internet for "Haiti news." This will yield updates from several well-known sources. Please join us in praying the rosary for our Haiti brothers and sisters from your individual homes on Monday, May 3 at 7:00 PM or at a time of your choosing. Bon Dye Beni Ou.



EXPECTANT MOTHERS. Please pray with us for expectant mothers (connotes eagerness and anticipation). Call Carolyn Lacy (540) 949-7611, or Peggy McGough (540) 337-3536 to share their names with those who pray.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW. Join us to explore our role as Jesus' disciples. WE NEED YOU to help discern the path of ministry and service to which God calls for us, our parish, and our community. During this virtual gathering on May 5 at 7:00 PM we will share scripture, song, prayer, conversation, and introduce an opportunity to examine our Catholic Social Teachings deeply. Join us via Zoom Meeting by clicking or going to <https://zoom.us/j/94380875084> and together we will follow in these **Ancient** footsteps. We will respond to God's call to forge **New** paths for our future. We look forward to discovering with you!

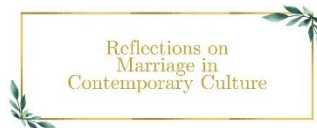


GRADUATE INFO WANTED! We would like to share the accomplishments and achievements of our graduates! If you or a family member are graduating from high school or college this spring, please give us the details: name of school, date of graduation, future plans, special achievements or awards received, etc., by June 4. Email Jennifer Dunford @ jdunford@stjohnnevan.com. We look forward to celebrating with all our graduates!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on July 16-18 in Beaufort SC or August 27-29 in Hickory NC. Early sign up is recommended. 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.



MARRIAGE SEMINAR SERIES. The Office of Evangelizations is hosting a series of Marriage Seminars led by Fr. Tochi Iwuji, Parochial Vicar at Saint Bridget in Richmond. These seminars will focus on Reflections on Marriage in Contemporary Culture. These free Zoom Sessions will start Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 PM. Register beforehand by going to or clicking on <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/reflections-on-marriage-in-contemporary-culture/>.



COOKING 101 WITH FATHER JOE. Stuffed Flank Steak & Risotto. Join via Zoom with Fr. Joe Goldsmith, pastor at Sacred Heart in Prince George as he teaches the art of cooking with monthly cooking classes for young adults! The next class is May 8 at 7:00 PM. If you would like to register click [HERE](#) or email Katie at kyankoski@richmonddiocese.org.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

May 2, 2021 • 5th Sunday of Easter • John 15:1-8

The Vine and Branches

Jesus uses another image in this Gospel to explain his relationship to us. He is the vine and we are its branches. Just as a branch cannot survive apart from the vine, we have no life apart from God. Jesus is the vine that provides that life to us.

This reading gives us a clear picture of who we are as Christians and what is expected of us. When Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches," he offers us a strong metaphor regarding our relationship to him. Indeed, we will know how strong that relationship is by the fruit we bear.

And what fruit do we look for in a Christian's life? Certainly not the same rewards and benefits offered in the secular world. We don't count money, possessions, or position as fruit on Jesus' vine. The blossoms and fruit on Jesus' vine reflect the life force that feeds it. The product of Jesus' vine is the reproduction of his life-giving love in kind acts, healing actions, and our own loving relationships.

This is an important message to hand on to our children. Christians have a different gauge to judge success. It is not how much we have that marks us as a winner; it is how much we love. We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, and as long as we stay connected to Jesus, his courage, his strength, his love will flow through us.

Like all healthy fruit, our actions and relationships will bear their own seeds, and new vines will grow and the branches will multiply. Jesus wants us to know that he is our life force, and with him we are strong enough to overcome anything and accomplish everything.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Decide as a family who the real winners you know are using the criteria of how much a person loves us as a gauge of a person's success.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Do you find it hard to gauge your own success as a person by how much you love others and your loving actions? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWELVE CONFIRMANDS and many thanks to ALL who made our celebration of Confirmation a beautiful evening! Contact Jennifer Dunford for the link to the Livestream for this event.

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”



Confirmation 2021

April 21, St. John the Evangelist
Waynesboro, VA



**Federico Bandoni, Sarah Birchler, Emily Capone,
Seamus Chappell, Catherine Domecq, Derek Domecq,
Jackson Lee, John Mack, Mary McCoy, Yanali Rivas,
Bianca Ruiz, and Harry Warren**

Many thanks to our parents, catechists, sponsors, and friends!

Congratulations Confirmands!!