

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Community since 1932

9 May 2021



Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

16 May 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19



**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

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

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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.



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.

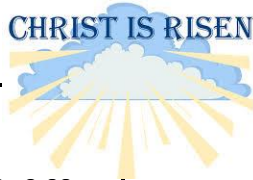

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY AFTER OFFICE HOURS CALL: (540) 324-3146

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.



"GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM."

Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Brian Capuano (804)-359-5661 or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MAY 8 SATURDAY	MAY 9 SUNDAY	MAY 10 MONDAY	MAY 11 TUESDAY	MAY 12 WEDNESDAY	MAY 13 THURSDAY	MAY 14 FRIDAY	MAY 15 SATURDAY
5:00 PM † Richard Crotty 	8:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM † Marilyn Batts		NO MASS 	NO MASS	9:00 AM † Joe Maloney	9:00 AM † Alice Polintan 	5:00 PM † Joan Phillips 
3:30—4:30 PM, CH PATIO Confessions	10:00—11:00 AM Virtual Breaking Open the Word 4:30—6:00 PM Virtual RCIA	7:15—8:15 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 PM Ferrara-Hershey wedding	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, Joan Bascom, Dale Black, John Butler, Arthur Cacula, Jr, 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:** Patricia Golden, Jane Loney; **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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 10 — MAY 15, 2021 (view online at www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

MONDAY, MAY 10 • Acts 16:11-15 • Psalm 149:1-6, 9 • John 15:26—16:4a
TUESDAY, MAY 11 • Acts 16:22—34 • Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8 • John 16:5-11
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 • Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 • Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 • John 16:12-15
THURSDAY, MAY 13 • Acts 18:1—8 • Psalm 98:1—4 • John 16: 16—20
FRIDAY, MAY 14 • **ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 • Psalm 113:1—8 • John 15:9—17
SATURDAY, MAY 15 • Acts 18:23-28 • Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10 • John 16:23b-28



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.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.

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 your continued prayers for Haiti. Fr. Augustin gave us good news, letting us know that the remaining Catholic kidnap victims have been released, though insecurity in Port-au-Prince continues to have impact on LaGonave, especially with the availability of food. Father had some bad news as well as he explained he had arranged a large food shipment from Port-au-Prince, but the boat that was carrying the food capsized and all the rice, beans, oil, etc. were lost. Thankfully, the passengers survived. Due to your generous support, we were able to send additional funds with our May distribution to help Father pay for a new order for food. Your great generosity means we were able to respond quickly. Thank you for continuing to share and give to these Haitian families. Mesi Anpil! Thank you!



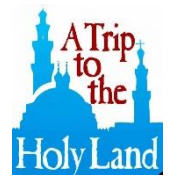
GRADUATE INFO WANTED! We would like to share the accomplishments and achievements of our graduates! If you or a family member are graduating from high school or college this spring, please give us the details: name of school, date of graduation, future plans, special achievements or awards received,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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend, you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. 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.



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.

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 is open.



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. 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 events online at the moment over Zoom, and it is open to the whole diocese. Check out their [Facebook page](#).

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

Visit kofc.org/joinus enter the code **RHOWARD**



FIAT DAYS RETREAT is July 22—24 for rising 10th—graduated 12th grade girls. "Fiat" is a Latin word that refers to Mary's response to the angel Gabriel, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). The goal of Fiat Days is to bring high school-aged women together who desire to grow in faithful discipleship and personal holiness to be better able to discover

their vocation from the Lord, with a particular focus on the call to religious life. Do you know a high school girl who is interested in learning more about the lives of religious sisters while growing in holiness with other young women her own age? Consider inviting her to Fiat 2021! This 3-day hybrid retreat will include 2 virtual days over Zoom and 1 in-person retreat day at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. Girls who come to Fiat love the female friendships they make and the witness stories of the nuns. Register by clicking or going to <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/fiat-days-3/>.

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!





ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR ONE MORE. May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. This month please consider how you can help. Would you become a foster parent, a mentor, or a tutor for one of the thousands of foster care children in Virginia who need security, stability, and love? Commonwealth Catholic Charities provides FAQs and information about fostering, visit www.cccofva.org/foster-care. To learn how you can change the world for a child in need, please contact Foster Care Specialist Bebe Tran at bebe.tran@cccofva.org or at (804) 545-5949.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF AMAZONSMILE? It is an opportunity to support organizations like Commonwealth Catholic Charities while you shop on Amazon—with NO extra cost to you! You can select CCC as your charity of choice and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to CCC. If interested, please visit smile.amazon.com. In addition, check out this flyer for a quick [How-To-Guide](#).

JUSTICE CHALLENGE. St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their illness which many erroneously feared was contagious. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected people, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

May 9, 2021 • 6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9–17

The Greatest of These is Love

Once again Jesus tells his disciples how essential love is to being his followers. And again he tells them that they need to accept his love if they are to love others. Jesus tells them that the reward if they remain in his love is a joy that is complete.

Love is an important theme throughout John's writings. In the first four verses of this reading Jesus uses the word love seven times. In the first verse he tells us, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." The love Jesus is talking about is the key to understanding his ministry.

It is different from the love we read about in romance novels. It goes beyond that quick surge of chemistry that draws two people together. The love Jesus talks about is more than a feeling. It's even deeper than the love of a bride or groom on their wedding day.

God's love is a bond. It is a bond so deep and so strong that three Persons become one in the Trinity. God's love is a bond so broad and so encompassing that it takes in all of creation including (thanks to Jesus) all of us. This love requires only one thing: Love God with all that you are, and love your neighbor as yourself.

We don't have to feel loving toward everyone to stay in God's love, but we do have to accept the loving bond that connects us all together. As parents we have to share that loving connectedness with our children. All people are equal in God's eyes, and we need to help them accept and respect everyone regardless of age, color, economic status or even personal goodness. This is the love Jesus invites us to remain in, and with this love come the peace and complete joy of living in harmony with God's heart.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss the ways people are different from each other. Remind your child/children that God loves everyone the same. Ask someone to say a prayer asking God to help you accept and respect everyone you meet this week.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Prejudices are often the result of our upbringing. Are there any prejudices that you feel toward any group or class of people? If so, what can you do about it? If not, why is this so? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?