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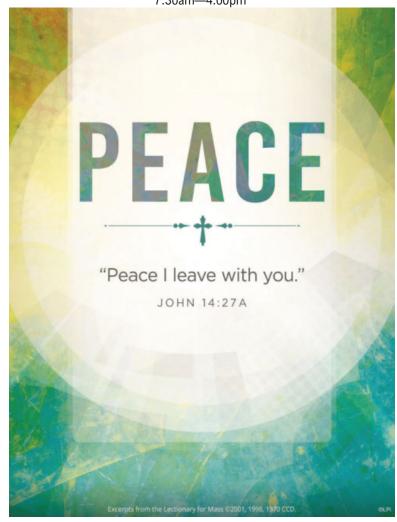
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** 

7:30am—4:00pm



CHURCH HOURS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER 8:00am—3:00pm | Monday through Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm | Thursday & Friday

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MONDAY, MAY 23—SUNDAY, MAY 29

Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church:

8:30am: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

11:30am: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Tuesday: 7:00pm en Espanol

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:45pm | 7:00pm en Espanol

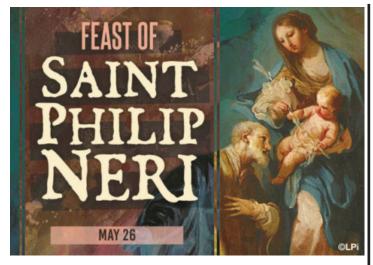
Sunday Mass: 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm

Confession: 15 minutes before daily Mass in the Church

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm in the Church, or by appointment

# Readings & Intentions for May 22—May 29, 2022

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|---|---|---|--|
| 5/22 Sunday<br>6th Sunday of Easter   | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>12:00pm        | John W. Russell   | First: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Second: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 Gospel: John 14:23-29     |
| 5/23 Monday   | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | Mary Parrella &<br>JonPaul Gonzalez &   | First: Acts 16:11-15<br>Gospel: John 15:26-16:4a                                       |
| 5/24 Tuesday  | 8:30am<br>11:30am<br>7:00pm <i>En Espanol</i> | Bob Gaddis ម<br>William McIvor ម  | First: Acts 16:22-34<br>Gospel: John 16:5-11   |
| 5/25 Wednesday<br>St. Bede, the Venerable, Priest<br>& Doctor of the Church<br>St. Gregory VII, Pope<br>St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin | 8:30am  | Ed Bradford &   | First: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1<br>Gospel: John 16:12-15                                    |
| 5/26 Thursday<br>St. Philip Neri, Priest  | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | Bobby Ryals &<br>James O'Neill &  | First: Acts 18:1-8<br>Gospel: John 16:16-20  |
| 5/27 Friday<br>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  | 8:30am<br>11:30am                             | Juanita Cleveland   | First: Acts 18:9-18<br>Gospel: John 16:20-23   |
| 5/28 Saturday   | 8:30am<br>4:45pm<br>7:00pm <i>En Espanol</i>  | William McIvor �<br>Edwin Fuertinger ਚ  | First: Acts 18:23-28<br>Gospel: John 16:23b-28   |
| 5/29 Sunday The Ascension of the Lord 7th Sunday of Easter  | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>12:00pm        | Peter & Helen Ozelski ਚ<br>Margaret Hiebendahl ਚ<br>Amy Casavant ਚ<br>Lee Sturm ਚ | First: Acts 7:55-60<br>Second: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20<br>Gospel: John 17:20-26 |



Born in Florence in 1515, Philip was educated among the Dominicans at San Marco. He spent time with the Benedictines at Monte Cassino and then pursued solitary study in Rome. Philip received many mystical graces, the most telling of which was a mystical "enlargement" of his heart, which he described as being ignited with God's own Spirit. In 1551, he began his priestly ministry in Rome, spending long hours hearing confessions. With joyful energy Philip drew people from all walks of life to the Oratory, for meetings that combined spiritual reading, prayer, and music. Soon, other priests joined him in a loose association, the Congregation of the Oratory. Philip died in 1595.

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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Gospel: John 14:23-29

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him"

#### **Gospel Teaching:**

In John's Gospel, Chapters 13 through 17 relate what happened on Holy Thursday prior to the Passion. This week's Gospel is part of those discourses. Jesus continues the theme of the past few weeks of the unity between himself and the Father. In a prediction of Pentecost, Jesus tells the Apostles that "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit" will be sent to them from the Father to teach and remind them "of all I told you." He offers them the peace of the Kingdom of Heaven, but not peace in this world. He also reminds them again of the coming Passion and says, "I have

told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe." As Lent was a period of preparation for the Passion, we should use the Easter Season as a preparation period for the Holy Spirit's arrival at Pentecost.



# Stewardship

# Weekly Giving

#### Week of May 11-17, 2022

| Weekly Offertory Envelopes | \$21,073 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Loose                      | \$5,098  |
| Online Contributions       | \$5,330  |
| Total Offertory            | \$30,831 |
| Repair & Replacement       | \$130    |
| Envelopes Issued           | 1291     |
| Envelopes Used             | 318      |
| Electronic Giving          | 60       |

# May Diocesan Assessment (\$17,331)

#### **May Charitable Giving News**

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory

| Catholic Relief Services | \$500   |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Catholic Communication   | \$3,000 |
| SFO SFO                  | \$5,350 |

#### **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

Have you considered donating stock to St. Francis? All donations of stock are processed through the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact Kelsey Shooter at 843-261-0468 or kshooter@charlestondiocese.org to facilitate your gift.

#### **FUNERAL MASS PRE-PLANNING**

Percentage of Envelopes

& Electronic Giving

Our funeral Mass pre-planning packet is available online by visiting: www.stfrancishhi.org/funerals

Once you have completed the funeral planning worksheet that is included, you may submit it online via the Google form or drop it off at the Parish Office, to remain on file.

#### IN MEMORY OF...OR IN HONOR OF...

For \$150, parishioners can contribute to the two altar flower arrangements in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



29%

#### **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

Have you recently moved to Hilton Head? Please visit our website: www.stfrancishhi.org to register; or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our quick and easy registration form.



#### **BAPTISM**

For additional information about the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, please visit:

https://www.stfrancishhi.org/baptism-preparation. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

# **Faith Formation**

#### THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS!

Thank you to the WOSF for hosting the ice cream social for the Religious Education students, and for their assistance in distributing awards on the final night of class for the 2021—2022 class year. Fun was had by all, and Father Mike also stopped by for the festivities!



#### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are looking for volunteer catechists, lead teachers, and aides for our Religious Education program. Sessions are on Sundays from 10:15-11:45am starting in August, with an informational session. This allows catechists and families flexibility on attending the 9:00am or 12:00pm Mass. The calendar for the school year is posted on the Religious Education page of our website. Interested individuals should be Catholics in good standing and must participate in our Safe Environment program,

which includes a successful background screening and completion of an on-line course that takes about an 1½ hours. Volunteers do not need to be teachers by profession. For more information or to volunteer contact our Director of Religious Education, Mitzi Weaver, by at 843 681-6350 x248, or to volunteer scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.





# **Holiday Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Please note only the 8:30am Daily Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th.

BRIAN POPE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL bpope@sfcshhi.com MELISSA MARKEY
SAFE ENVIRONMENT
COORDINATOR
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#### **NEWS**

#### ADMISSIONS OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment has started. St. Francis Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. To schedule a tour please contact the school office at 843-681-6501.

# BECOME A SFCS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SPONSOR IN THE MONTH OF MAY <u>AND</u> SAVE SOME MONEY

Join the SFCS Booster Club in the month of May and save 10% on any sponsorship level! The school sports programs rely on the generosity of our sponsors to help with such things as new team uniforms and equipment repairs. If interested, please contact Coach Weaver at mweaver@sfcshhi.com. Would love to have you join our Wolfpack in 2022-23!!

# HAVE A UNIQUE WAY TO YOU TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL?

The Athletic Department is looking for a donor, or two, to help with a COOL new camera installation project in gym! It would allow parents to be able to watch their child's games in live action on a mounted TV while working the concession stand and give SFCS coaches access to games for video replay for video training sessions. This project will allow us to take our Program to the next level! If interested and would like to find out more, please email me at <a href="mailto:mweaver@sfcshhi.com">mweaver@sfcshhi.com</a>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| 1:00pm & 2:00pm        | 2nd Grade Play  |  |  |
|                        | 8th Graders Last Day of School                            |  |  |
| 1:00pm                 | 8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal                            |  |  |
| 2:30pm                 | 8th Grade Send-off  |  |  |
| 10:00am                | School Mass   |  |  |
| 1:00pm                 | Talent Show (Gym)   |  |  |
| 9:00am                 | Kindergarten Celebration (Gym)                            |  |  |
| 6:00pm                 | 8th Grade Graduation (Church)                             |  |  |
| •                      | Last Day of School  |  |  |
| 10:15am                | End of Year Assembly & Moving Up                          |  |  |
|                        | Ceremony (Gym)  |  |  |
| 11:30am                | Dismissal   |  |  |
|                        | 1:00pm<br>2:30pm<br>10:00am<br>1:00pm<br>9:00am<br>6:00pm |  |  |

#### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022—2023 ISLAND VALUE DISCOUNT CARD

The NEW St. Francis School Island Value Card is available! Present your card at area restaurants and retailers to save, all the while supporting our school! Cards are \$20 each and cards are available for purchase in the Parish and School Offices. The new card will expire on April 30, 2023.



#### SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS LUNCH

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Spirit of St. Francis award winners were treated to lunch, by Mr. Pope, on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Marley's Shrimp and Burger Shack. Each quarter, a student is chosen by their teacher for this award. These students exhibit the qualities of our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. Way to go, students.



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCREENING

To volunteer at St. Francis Catholic School or many of our ministries at St. Francis Catholic Church that have incidental contact with minors, vulnerable adults or money, you will need to complete Screening Paperwork that is required by our Diocese and take the Safe Haven, "It's Up To You" online class. If your ministry requires you to drive, you are also required to be screened for driving and take a Safe Haven Online Driving course. For questions and registration, please contact Colleen Rzeczycki or Melissa Markey, Safe Environment Coordinators.

#### PHONE NUMBERS

**SCHOOL OFFICE** 843.681.6501 **SCHOOL FAX** 843.689.3725

### CONNECT WITH US







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St. Francis is a Pre-K-4 through 8th grade Catholic School that is fully accredited through

AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact the School Office.

# Prayer & Worship

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

The 11:30am daily Mass on Wednesdays will resume on June 1st until Wednesday, August 10th.

#### **DURING THE MONTH OF MAY...**

During the month of May, please feel free to leave flowers on Mary's side table. NO candles, please.



# BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday from 3:00—4:00pm, there will be Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, Father Max will be available for confession.



#### **DAILY ROSARY**

The Rosary is prayed each morning at 8:00am, except for Sundays.



The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.

#### CENTERING PRAYER/LECTO DIVINA



Centering Prayer always welcomes new participants. Centering Prayer is a remarkably simple method that opens one to the presence and activity of God in one's life. Sessions take place on Mondays from 11:00am—Noon in the Family Center. For more information, please contact Janet Dobbs at 843-290-1056 or at jdobbsRN@gmail.com.

#### **PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**

Whenever emergency prayers are needed, or if you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Kathy Sheehan at 843-422-3565 or kayshee@aol.com.



Please welcome our new members to the St. Francis by the Sea community...

John & Mary Teresa Lewis



Please keep St. Francis by the Sea students and area high school students in your prayers as they graduate this week.

# Parish Life



The sights and sounds of abortion advocates protesting outside the homes of Catholic Supreme Court justices or disrupting Masses provide a vivid, graphic reminder that our true foe in the fight for life is *not* the wounded women and men we see on

our TV screens. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God..." (Ephesians 6:12-13). "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:44. Surely He gives us the best way to calm the protestors' anger, heal their wounds, and open their minds and hearts to His beautiful Gospel of Life.

#### ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH

St. Francis Outreach (SFO) is our parish ministry that provides financial assistance. Year-to-date, St. Francis Outreach has helped 107 individuals, which includes assistance with rent, electric, and water payments. For additional information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact: 843-681-2112 or email sfo@gmail.com.

St. Francis Outreach (SFO) es nuestro ministerio parroquial que brinda asistencia financier de emergencia. Las personas que no hablan inglés puedon comunicarse con Santiago Vera al 901-288-3207.

#### FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

The funeral Mass schedule may be found on our website by visiting <a href="https://www.stfrancishhi.org/current-mass-schedule">https://www.stfrancishhi.org/current-mass-schedule</a>. Please note only funeral Masses celebrated at St. Francis by the Sea are listed on the calendar. Also, when an obituary is available, you may access it by clicking on the individual's name.

#### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The St. Francis by the Sea Bereavement Group will meet in the Family Center on Sunday, June 12th at 1:00pm. All who are dealing with loss issues are welcomed to participate in an atmosphere of love and support. If you would like to attend or for further information, please contact Georgeanne Schopp at 912-658-6728 or georgeanne.schopp@gmail.com



The Women of St. Francis would like you to continue bringing your cell phones to the Parish Office or to the WOSF General Meetings in the Family Center on the second Monday of each month. Any questions, please contact Kathy Struna at: 843-341-2071. Thank you!



"May the Lord bless you and protect you"

Numbers 6:24

Isla Grace Kiewiet May 22, 2022

### News

#### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday will take place, Sunday, June 5 after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. These gatherings provide parishioners and visitors an opportunity to

parishioners and visitors an opportunity to continue the fellowship of the Mass, all the while enjoying coffee and donuts!

Free blood pressure screenings will also be available that morning.

#### WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS SALTY DOG CRUISE

Sixty members of the WOSF set sail on the Salty Dog on Monday, May 9th. Thank you to Vice Presidents, Kathy Struna



Sunday, October 2, 2022 1:00—4:00pm Save the Date!

"Feasting with Francis"

#### ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA PARISH PICNIC



Join our parish family at Honey Horn Plantation for an afternoon of outdoor fun, as we celebrate our Patron!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

#### SHARING THY BOUNTY

The next Sharing Thy Bounty collection will take place on June 4—5th and benefit Sandalwood Food Pantry.

Their greatest food request are for:
rice, vegetable oil, olive oil, condiments, ketchup,
mustard, mayonnaise, jelly/jam, canned corn,
canned sweet peas, tuna, and juice. They are
grateful for anything that the generous community of St. Francis
wants to donate. Thank you for your continued support!

#### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH MISSION

All are invited to attend St. Peter's Catholic Church "God's Healing Love" community-wide parish mission, led by Fr. Greg Bramlage, will come to Beaufort and offer three evenings of prayer and healing.

WHEN: 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church | Beaufort, SC Monday, May 23rd: "Blessed Are the Merciful" Tuesday, May 24th: "Be Filled With the Holy Spirit" Wednesday, May 25th: "Pray That You May Be Healed"

Each night there is a free-will offering to offset the cost of the Mission.

For more information, please scan the QR code with your phone's smartphone:



# **GRADUATION**

#### CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

Is your child graduating from high school or college this spring? We want to hear from you! Please scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera to access the quick questionnaire. Please share your child's plans for next year—college, military, place of employment, graduate school—so that we can recognize this milestone of our young parishioners!





# ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB OF HILTON HEAD SPAGHETTI DINNER

WHEN: Sunday, May 22nd at 5:00pm WHERE: St. Francis by the Sea Family Center

The Italian-American Club of Hilton Head will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner! Menu includes brochette with tomatoes, garden salad, bread, all-you-can-eat pasta, homemade meatballs and sausage, and dessert. Dine-in or takeout, adults are \$15 and children under 10 are \$5—tickets available at the door. All proceeds at this event will benefit local charities and the Italian-American Club Scholarship Program to graduating seniors.



#### **CREATED TO LOVE**

We were created to love as God loves, but what does that mean for our sexuality? How can we share the beauty of God's plan with our family and friends? How can we respond to the challenging

questions our children are asking about marriage, gender, and love? Family Honor invites you to explore these questions by signing up for our weekend course, Understanding the Human Person, to be held at The Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia, SC on June 10 & 11. Co-sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charleston, the course is for those who want to better understand current moral issues regarding sexuality, love, and family from a Catholic perspective. Tuition assistance available on request. Bilingual (Spanish/English) men and women especially encouraged to attend - some full scholarships available for bilingual adults! For details and to register go to: https://familyhonor.org/weekend-course/ Created in 1988, Family Honor provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Questions? Contact Family Honor at info@familyhonor.org or 803.929.0858, or visit our web site: www.FamilyHonor.org



#### PARKING LOT REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

The parking lot renovation has begun with tree mitigation. As part of the renovation we will:

- Bring the parking lot up to the latest ADA standards, including 10 accessible parking spaces at the front of the church. There will be a total of 24 accessible parking spaces.
- Add a new drainage system to remove water from the parking surface.
- 31 new pole lights throughout the parking lot.
- Add walkways throughout the parking lot with additional lighting.
- Repave the parking lot.
- Add a new irrigation system and new plantings throughout the parking lot.
- Replace the sidewalks throughout the Church property.

Stayed tuned for more information over the next several weeks!

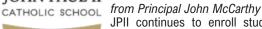


#### **COLUMBARIUM UPDATE**

The columbarium project is progressing along and the brick walkway is currently being installed. If you already submitted your name for the waiting list to the Parish Office, we will be in touch soon. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact Merideth at the Parish Office or by



#### JOHN PAUL II JPII CAMPUS EXPANSION UPDATES





JPII continues to enroll students at record numbers and we are at, or close to, capacity in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. We fully expect to have more than 330 students when we begin school again in August, a growth of greater than 25%. New students are at 110 and growing. Keep in mind this is coming on top of the former record growth of 18% just this year. When we developed our strategic plan two years ago, no one could have forecast this phenomenal growth in such a

short period of time. Therefore, the campus expansion plan originally created to accommodate growth to 400 is no longer viable...we need to go BIGGER and BETTER!

Several designers from LS3P Architects visited JPII for a full-day charette (a collaborative session to draft a solution to a design challenge). Select students and faculty were invited to share their input, along with others in the construction and design industry. The current thinking is that the building we imagined just two years ago will now need to be twice the size.

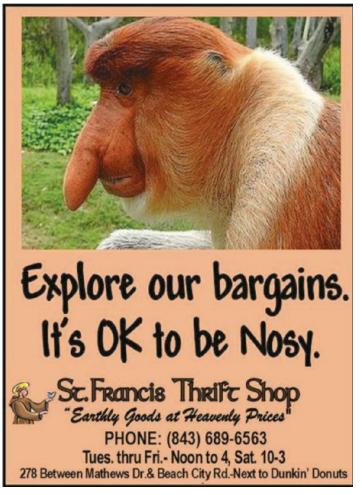
The new site being evaluated for this building is the practice soccer field to the south of the current school. The future chapel site has been relocated to south of the athletic center, or the current grass parking area. Student and event parking will likely be relocated to the current soccer game field once the new fields, tennis courts and stadium are constructed. We expect the schematic design for this plan will be ready for public viewing by mid-August...very exciting!

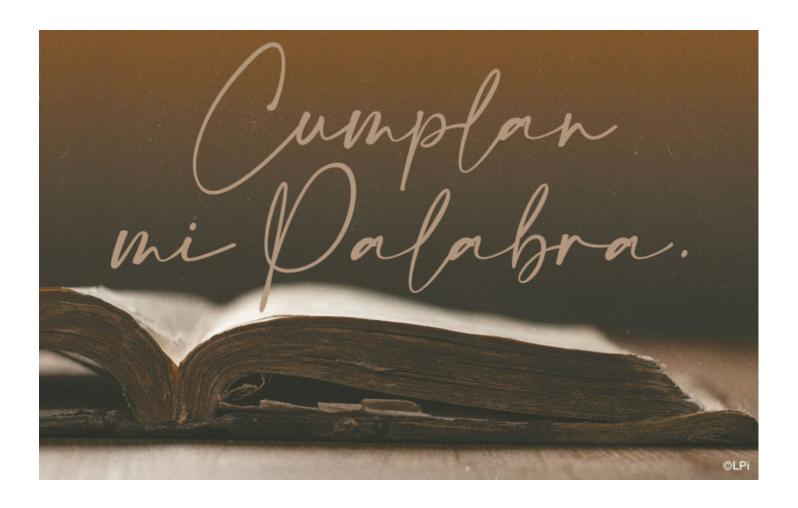
We are also contracting with a traffic engineer to address two critical issues. One is the left turns into and out of our property. Anyone who has experienced this challenge at peak traffic knows the time has come for a signal at our main entrance. In addition, as enrollment increases so does internal traffic on our campus, as well as the need for additional event and student parking. The engineer will study all of these issues and make recommendations to SCDOT and the school on best solutions to address these challenges.

While some may look at the current rate of inflation and uncertainty in the construction industry as a reason not to build at this time, the school has passed the point of no return. Demand for our school far outstrips the capacity and the temporary modular classrooms are not the long-term solution. JPII was always envisioned to grow beyond the original building with a capacity of 240 students. Growth cannot occur without a plan. When the plan gets executed it is based on multiple factors, including economic conditions. If all goes according to our plan at the moment, a capital campaign will kick off this coming fall, with construction starting sometime in 2023.

Under this scenario, the new building would likely be ready for occupancy by August 2025. Faculty, staff and families who have been with us from the early years may be leery of all this growth and change. The simple fact is that growth is needed to occur for the school to remain viable into the future. That viability is now almost a certainty. Change for the sake of change should never be the goal but change for improvement sake is what every organization needs to strive for. Our challenge as we grow is to retain the small school aspects that make JPII stand out as special, while constantly keeping an eye on improvements that make us even better. A strong culture never dies as long as those entrusted in its care remain committed to its core values. This is as true for schools as it is for any business or organization. JPII will always remain the school where faith and innovation meet and our mission is to educate scholars with a soul. In the words of our patron saint, John Paul II, "do not be afraid." If you would like to learn more about JPII and be a part of this exciting time, please call John McCarthy at 843-645-3838.







# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (GOSPEL MEDITATIONS)

22 de mayo de 2022 6º Domingo de Pascua

"Jesús promete a los Apóstoles el don del Espíritu Santo, cuya tarea será enseñar y recordar sus palabras a la comunidad de discípulos. Enseñar y recordar: esto es lo que hace el Espíritu Santo en nuestros corazones" (Papa Francisco). Es muy cierto y se tiene la experiencia, de que, la persona que se abandona al Espíritu Santo, da muchos frutos de continua enseñanza y de obras buenas que el Espíritu de Dios hace en ella. Los santos y santas lo han experimentado en sus vidas, mostrando su fe con hechos. El amor de Dios nunca se cansa, si está presente, suceden cosas maravillosas.

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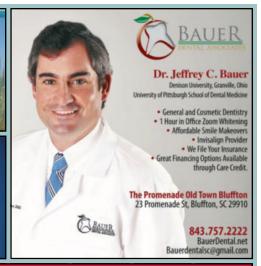
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