Sunday, March 17, 2024



Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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." – John 12:23-24

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Closed for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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LIGHT THE NATIONS





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BECOMING A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN QUARTERLY UPDATE

MILESTONES

- May 2023 Successfully launched pledge phase of capital campaign
- Oct 2023 Raised an amazing \$1MM at Beacon of Light Gala
- Jan 2024 Secured approval from the Diocese for our Phase One site plan

PROGRESS

- 740 total families have pledged nearly \$9MM
- About 40% of our registered families are donating to the capital campaign

- 92% of the registered families who regularly contribute to the offertory are donating to the capital campaign

The SJPII Building Committee is working diligently with the architects and designers to finalize the plans for Phase One.

We expect to have some even more exciting news in the next quarterly udpate.

WE NEED YOU!

The success of our parish depends on our community pariticpating in all levels of stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure.

Your generosity and commitment to St. John Paul II Parish attracts the faithful, ministers to those in need, and answers the call that God has for each one of us.

As Lent brings us to Holy Week and Easter, let us reflect on our participation in the church and the ways in which we use God's blessings to do His work.

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus is inviting me to follow Him? What service is he asking of me?

Prayer & Worship

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, My memory, my understanding And my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY Mabel Acosta, Hillary Barretto, Michelle Beck, Debbie Block, Karen Block, Robert Block, Tom DeMuyt, Maureen Duffy, Debbi Duran, Jadan Grata, Jeremy Grata, Ray Husveth, Pat Mayhew, Riley McCahill, Nancy McTighe, Mason Moore, Donna Pezzuto, Ann Talarico, Carmen Talarico, David Vincent Townsend OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS Elizabeth Alonso, Amanda Burke, Mikaela Drury, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Lieberman, Gaby Malone, Sarah Martin, Gladys Mejia, Addie Menconi, Juliana Vodicka

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY ENS Alyssa Albano, USN; LT Aidan Byrnes, USA; LT Chalin Fairly; SGT Kyle Graves, USA; LCDR Trevor Hoyt; 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; SGT Daniel O'Connor; Cadet 1/C Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN; Command Master Chief Avagayle Williams, USN

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: *nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request*. In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact: **Mary Therese Capone:** *prayershawl@ nocateecatholic.com*; text **631 413-7267** or **Marcia Garrett: 904 373-0786**



Flowers for the Altar, Statues and Ambo are in memory of Ron Shreders †

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

MAR 17	JOE PADDY FESTIVAL
MAR 22	LAST FISH FRY AND LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MAR 24	PALM SUNDAY
MAR 25	COFFEE & CONVERSTATIONS GRIEF MINISTRY AT 10AM
MAR 25	HOLY WEEK BEGINS

MAR 29-31 TRIDUUM & EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 8:30am Saturday Vigil 4:00pm & 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Confessions Saturday 2:30 – 3:45pm Holy Days of Obligation Vigil Mass 6:00pm Holy Day Masses 8:30am, 12:00pm

PRAYER & ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am Daily Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:00am – 4:00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 16 4:00pm † Carole McManus 6:00pm † Maureen James

SUNDAY, March 17 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am † Frances Pesticci 12:00pm † Kay Murray

MONDAY, March 18 8:30am † Patrick Sullivan

TUESDAY, March 19 8:30am Guiseppe & Antonnina LaRussa

WEDNESDAY, March 20 8:30am Victoria Middlesworth

THURSDAY, March 21 8:30am † Tim Dunn

FRIDAY, March 22 8:30am † Charles Garland

Mass intentions through March 2024 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through August of 2024 at this time.

LENT 2024 AT SJPII - LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK *Schedule subject to change MON, MAR 25 - 8:30am Mass TUE, MAR 26- 8:30am Mass WED, MAR 27 - FRI, MAR 29 - NO 8:30AM MASS WED, MAR 27 - 8:00am - Liturgy of the Hours 8:30am - 4:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:00pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction

GOOD FRIDAY

FRI, MAR 29 - 8:30am - Morning Prayer
12:00-2:30pm - Stations of the Cross, Meditation on Suffering of
Christ and Vigil Prayer Service
3:00pm - Passion of Our Lord & Veneration of the Cross

TRIDUUM LITURGIES:

TH, MAR 28 - 6:00pm - Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
FRI, MAR 29 - 3:00pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
SAT, MAR 30 - 8:30pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, MAR 31 6:00am - Sunrise Mass outside (bring your own chairs) 8:00am - Mass in church 10:00am - Mass in church with overflow in the outdoor tents 12:00pm - Mass in church

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - Wed, Mar 20th, 7pm

SAN JUAN DEL RIO

- Every Wed & Thur of Lent at 5 pm
- Thursdays from 12-1pm for seniors
- Saturdays 3:30-5:00pm

LAST FISH FRY

Friday, Mar 22 - 5:30-7:30pm

\$10 per person (ages 6 and up); children 5 and under eat free \$50 maximum per family (2 parents & their children)



Scan QR code or go to www.nocateecatholic.com to purchase tickets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MARCH 22

ALL parishioners and families are invited to attend a Live Stations of the Cross!

March 22nd @ 7:30pm complete with music, singers, and actors

We hope you can join us as the teens of SJPII bring the Passion of Christ alive for our community and help us all imagine Jesus' journey, internalize the steps of His Passion and, by transforming ourselves, grow in our relationship with Him.

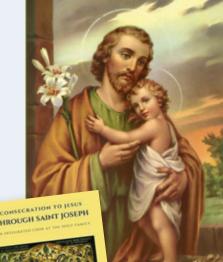
See you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

Please join us for Stations of the Cross followed by Meditation on The suffering of Christ & Vigil of Prayer

Good Friday March 29 12 PM to 2:30 PM in the Church.

Feel free to attend all or any portion of the Prayer Service. Questions call Paula Baransky @ 901-301-8841 or email pezb2014@gmail.com



THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH



GREGORY BOTTARO IENNIFER SETTLE

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH

We would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the Consecration to Jesus through Saint Joseph. This will be a 44-day Sacred Journey to help us draw closer to God as we continue to do God's work in our parish community.

The Consecration will begin on March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph, and end on May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker.

Each day you will receive an email sent through Flocknote with a short introduction and a video with the daily reading. Each video ends with a set of prayers.

If you would like to purchase the book that accompanies the videos: www.amazon.com/Consecration-Jesus-through-St-Joseph/dp/1070676225

If you are not receiving email communication through Flocknote, or have any questions, please contact support@nocateecatholic.com.

St. Joseph Pray for Us!

FOREIGN CURRENCY

We are so grateful for our parishioners' generosity however, we are not able to accept donations of foreign, non-US currency in the donation basket. Thank you.

Ministry Activities

CAREER MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Career Ministry will be March 18, 2024 at 5:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Finding a job is hard. Finding your purpose is even harder. You are not alone in your struggle. Come network and join our discussion about overcoming the hurdles many people experience. Our ministry provides support and guidance through prayer. Join us and find peace in seeking to discern God's will.

Parishioners and non Parishioners are all welcome! Please spread the word.

Please contact Joan Walsh (jwwalsh367@gmail.com) /(904) 236-1884 or Christine McCauley (Christine McCauley (flmccauley32@gmail.com) orTed Brauch (ted.brauch@yahoo.com/ 904-534-9548) with any questions.

Updated meeting information will also be posted to the Career Ministry website: tinyurl.com/sjpiicareer.

RESPECT LIFE

JOIN US ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, AFTER MORNING MASS (9:15).

Come pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Pro-Life Rosary. We will continue to discuss our "path going forward".

For additional information, please contact Pam Dewey at rlm@nocateecatholic.com

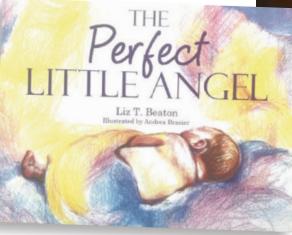
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Tentative Schedule:

- 2:00pm Presentation by Liz Beaton, parishioner and author of "The Perfect Little Angel" - celebrating each of us as God's creation
- 2:30pm Confessions & Adoration
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30pm Fellowship & Food under the tent

"The Perfect Little Angel" by Liz T. Beaton, a local parishioner, reinforces the notion that God's Creation is not arbitrary; that each child was planned, intricately created, and CHOSEN. Books will be sold after Masses April 6th & 7th. The proceeds will be portioned out to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign, Divine Mercy House, and other pro-life organizations. You can purchase a book for yourself, someone you know, or donate one for a local pregnant woman in crisis.





GRACE & RECOVERY RETREAT

Please come join us at the Grace & Recovery retreat for all seeking healing from a loved one with an addiction or those in recovery from addiction. All are welcome to attend.

The retreat will be held on Sunday, April 14th 9am-4pm. It will be a time of prayer, reflection, witness testimonies and mass. Please come to this spiritual healing journey.

Place: The Pilgrim Center at Our Lady of La Leche in St Augustine, Florida. Time: 9am - 4:30pm Dress: casual Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Register at: graceandrecovery.org





LADIES, WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!!

A CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN IS COMING TO ST JOHN PAUL.

Are you interested in learning what this women's group is all about?

Come to the parish **April 25th at 7:30 pm** for light snacks and drinks to hear more about it. You'll also have the opportunity to hear Kim Gourd speak with us as we kick off with our Women of The Parish. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions you can reach Stacey Polito at 904.534.0756 or Amy Ayers at 813.480.7046

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

The Ministry of Consolation will offer a gathering, Coffee and Conversations for widows and widowers on the **fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Tent**. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been without a partner for some time, all are welcome. **Dates follow: 3/25, 4/22, 5/TBD, 6/24.**

Monthly we'll discuss one aspect of your grief journey, you'll have an opportunity to share if you wish in small group discussions and socialize with others who are without a partner.

Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be available.

For more information, please contact consolation@nocateecatholic.com.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please let our Ministry to the Sick volunteers bring you the Eucharist and pray with you. Only a commissioned minister should bring the Eucharist outside of church. Send an email to *homebound@nocateecatholic.com* or contact the parish office at **904-330-0153** to schedule a visit.



AVE MARIA YOUTH CONFERENCE

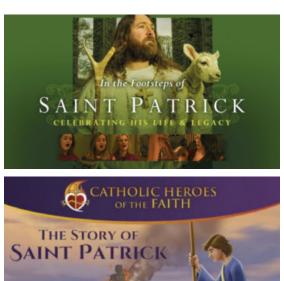
We will be taking a group of 40 high schoolers to Ave Maria, FL for the Ave Maria Youth Conference from **July 12-14**. The cost is \$350 (scholarships are available upon request).

Includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Fellowship, Lodging, Meals, T-shirt, Pizza Night, and More

Reach out to youthflc@nocateecatholic.com for more information and to register!

FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK: MARCH 17



How do you go from a slave to a saint? Watch "In the Footsteps of St. Patrick" this week on FORMED.org. This inspiring docu-drama follows St. Patricks' journey through Ireland. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape he was called by God to return to them as a priest to evangelize the Irish with the Catholic faith. Follow this amazing journey to the many places of Patrick's adventure through Ireland.

Our children know of St. Patrick, but do they know why he is credited with bringing the gospel to Ireland? Watch "The Story of St. Patrick" this week with them on FORMED.org. After six years as a slave, Patrick hears the Holy Spirit and makes a daring escape. Patrick first becomes a priest and then a bishop, and then makes a stunning decision: He will return to his kidnappers as a missionary!

To set up y our free account visit *formed.org/signup* and insert the SJPII zip code (32081). **Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org**



BESTILL Augustance

BE STILL AND REFLECT THIS SEASON

CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND EASTER SEASON

We are Be Still Prayer Space, a local, family-run business continually concepting, creating, and producing our sustainable Catholic crafts to be a reminder to just Be Still and pray!



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

Father John Muir

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VISION STATEMENT

The parish of St. John Paul II will cultivate an environment of discipleship to evangelize and reconcile our dynamic community.

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II Catholic Community is a welcoming and engaging parish family nourished by the Eucharist and called by Jesus Christ to discipleship through scripture, sacraments, and stewardship guiding us to eternal life.

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PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

Please register online at our website, nocateecatholic.com, or come into the office for assistance. Only ONE person per household needs to register at the following address or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Once you have registered, a Welcome Email will be sent to you with a link to create your own username and password so that you can manage your own account, add family members, set up and view contributions, and more!



Already registered? Create your account at sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create

If you have questions, please email registration@nocateecatholic.com.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Our community at SJPII is vibrant, with something for just about everyone! Whether you are simply looking for more information about our ministries, or are ready to join one (or more!),

go to nocateecatholic.com/ministries, or scan the QR code, for the SJPII Ministry Directory.

For general ministry questions, email us at ministry@nocateecatholic.com.



ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-775-4659, ext. 129 or Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN

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SUBMIT COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTS

Use the form on our website, nocateecatholic.com/communications-request.

Requests must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesdays; twelve days prior to the Sunday bulletin publication date.

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the amount you would like to donate to 904-901-7884. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will enable the church to minister to our community.



GUIDELINE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers may be sponsored on a weekly basis in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, such as an anniversary, wedding or birth. Donation is \$120 for the center altar flowers. Due to certain holidays and feast days some weeks may not be available. Please call the

Parish Office at 904-330-0153 for availability. **Donations may be made online by scanning the QR code or at the parish office.**



GUIDELINE FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be made for a living or deceased loved one. Only one Mass Intention per Mass is permitted. Mass Intentions will be limited to 6 per person requesting the intentions per year and may be made up to 6 months in advance.

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Questions? Contact Kelly Wood 904-208-6931 or kwood@dosafl.com



