



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 7, 2025
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Procession to Calvary, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1564

WHO WE ARE



Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor



Dcn. Timothy Warner



Dcn. Earl Mirus



Sr. Grace Ford, Er. Dio - Principal

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:15am & 10:45am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:15am

Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm

First Saturdays | 9:00 Latin *Novus Ordo*

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:20pm

Saturdays | 3:00-4:15pm

Second Sundays | After Each Mass

To schedule a confession, email confession@saintjohnnpc.org. Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text messages or emails for announcements & upcoming events

Register as a Member

Visit the parish office

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office for a registration card

Parish Staff

Parish Office - 850-763-1821

saintjohnnpc@saintjohnnpc.org

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

Grace Griffith | Secretary

Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Coordinator of Family & Children's Catechesis

Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

Me-Gan Vu | Director of Sacred Music

Bulletin Requests: Please email bulletin@saintjohnnpc.org.

Submissions are due by noon on Mondays

Bulletin Ad Requests: To publish an ad in the back of our bulletin, contact Mary Frericks at 404-771-2564 or MFrericks@Diocesan.com

Finance Council

Chris Brooks | Finance Council Chair

Jackie Fowler

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Tim Wheeler

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Dot Wagner | Youth Formation

youth@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor

catholicism@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion

Visiting the Sick/Homebound - please call the parish office to set up a visit with a priest or lay person to bring communion or check on a homebound person

Anointing of the Sick - call the parish office at any time

Holy Matrimony - contact the parish office six months prior to your anticipated wedding date

*The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee encourages anyone who may have been abused by any clergy person, employee, or volunteer in ministry with the Church, or who knows of such abuse, to contact local law enforcement or the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) and Shannon D. Mullen, Ph.D. CSAT at 229-233-8009. Español - Dcn. Santiago Molina, 850-222-6482

MINISTRIES LAUNCHING NOW!

Living Liturgically

Meet & Greet | Sept 7th

First Gathering | Sept 14th

Living Liturgically is a monthly gathering for all parishioners particularly focused on families with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. On the second Sunday of the month we gather in the parish hall from 9:30-10:30am for a time of fellowship and catechesis based on the liturgical seasons. While the activities will be focused on K-5, all siblings are welcome to join.



Scan the QR code here to register!

OCIA Kick-Off

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes will begin on Sunday, September 14th from 9:30-10:30am in the Parish Office. Please contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 for any questions.

Catholic Student Ministries

Middle & High School

All families of Middle & High School students are invited to register for this year's CSM gatherings. Students can join us for small groups, socials, retreats, service projects, and more.

All 6th-8th graders will also be preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2026.

Scan the QR code to register and stay up to date.



Confirmation Mass

September 13th | 4:30pm Vigil Mass

All parishioners are invited to join our 9th graders who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday September 13th at the 4:30 vigil mass on. Bishop Wack will be present to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and a light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

On the Cover | "The Procession to Calvary" by Pieter Bruegel

Pieter Bruegel the Elder's *The Procession to Calvary*, painted in 1564, is one of his largest and most complex works. The oil on panel contains over 500 figures spread across a vast Flemish landscape. At first glance it appears almost like a busy village scene with farmers, merchants, and travelers going about their day. Yet at the heart of the crowd, small and easily missed, is Christ bearing His cross on the way to Calvary.

One of Bruegel's most striking choices is to downplay Christ's size and placement. Instead of placing Him prominently in the center as most Passion artists did, Bruegel almost hides Him in plain sight. The eye is first drawn to colorful details like the soldiers in bright red, villagers in lively groups, and windmills turning on the horizon. This forces the viewer to search for Christ, a deliberate decision that makes finding Him all the more powerful.

The painting is filled with fascinating groupings. At the lower right corner we find the Virgin Mary and St. John the Evangelist, visually set apart from the noise of the crowd. Soldiers on horseback cut through the throng, ensuring the condemned make their way toward the hill of execution. Clouds gather and dark birds circle in the sky above, a chilling reminder of what is to come.

Bruegel's decision to place the event in a contemporary Flemish setting adds to its immediacy. Instead of Jerusalem, we see rolling hills, rustic homes, and a windmill presiding over the hill of Calvary. For Bruegel's audience, this made the Passion feel close to home, a part of everyday life rather than a distant story. It also allowed him to populate the scene with recognizable townsfolk, from peasants and beggars to wealthy onlookers, showing every layer of society present.

Small details scattered throughout the painting add both realism and irony. We find townsfolk at play, oblivious to the monumental event passing by. Others climb rocks and trees simply to catch a better view, as though attending a public spectacle. These touches reveal Bruegel's sharp eye for human behavior. *The Procession to Calvary* is not just a Passion scene. It is also a vivid study of humanity itself, bustling, distracted, and yet unwitting witnesses to salvation history.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

New Parish Hall Furniture In Honor of Al Kidd

Thank you to the numerous donors who helped us replace the aging furniture in the Parish Hall. Donations were given in memory of Al Kidd and his dedication to the St. John community and mission.

Write to St. John Seminarian Joseph appreciates your letters!

Joseph Elmore is a seminarian from St. John the Evangelist. His mailing address is
St. Joseph Seminary
75376 River Road
St. Benedict, LA 70457

Calling Young Writers! Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Entries open from Sept 1 - Oct 24

The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8-12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. Our local winner will compete at higher levels, up to state and national. scan the QR code to learn more!



Fall Bunco Sponsored by St. John CCW September 12 | 6pm Parish Hall

6pm - Light appetizers & refreshments
7pm - Bunco starts
Tickets on sale after all Masses on Aug 30 & 31, and if tickets remain available on Sept 6 & 7.
Proceeds benefit the Burse Club.
Limited number of tickets, so get yours early!
Contact: Chris McCormick (314) 574-3070

Young Professional Fellowship Upcoming Events

- Sept 12** | Busted Halos Retreat
9840 Beulah Rd, Pensacola, FL
- Sept 16** | Bible Study: "I Am" Statements
6:15pm, Oaks by the Bay Park
- Sept 25** | Dinner & Discussion: "Courtship, Commitment, & Covenant: God's Plan for Love" 6:00-8:00pm, parish office

Events this Week

Sunday, September 7

Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Men's Club

from 9:30-10:30am in the parish hall

Living Liturgically Meet & Greet after Masses

Tuesday, September 9

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

Wednesday, September 10

9:30am - Women's Bible Study in parish office

Friday, September 12

6pm - CCW Fall Bunco in the parish hall

Saturday, September 13

4:30pm - Confirmation during Vigil Mass

All are welcome to attend!

Sunday, September 14

9:30-10:30am - **Living Liturgically** in parish hall

9:30-10:30am - **OCIA Class** in parish office

Donuts after Mass in the parish hall

Hiring Preschool & Substitute Teachers St. John Catholic Academy

To apply to the preschool positions, email your resume to: chelsea.house@sjseagles.org.
To apply to become a substitute teacher, submit your resume and cover letter to employment@sjseagles.org. Applications may also be completed by visiting the school office.

Radiance Restored Healing retreat for women October 3-5 | Tallahassee

For details and to register, visit RadianceRestored.org or scan the QR code.



Food Packing Event #3

September 13 | 9-11:30am and/or 12:30-3pm
Walton County Fairgrounds, Defuniak Springs

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee with Cross Catholic Outreach invites you to help them raise \$30,000 to pack 100,000 meals to feed families and children in developing countries. Visit crosscatholic.org to volunteer or donate.

Questions? 850.624.6891 or joanwalker02@gmail.com

volunteer



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP US KEEP THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

St. Johns is seeking those who enjoy the quiet art of cleaning to help with keeping our Church beautiful.

We need help on these days:

- **Cleaning After the Weekend:**
Sunday after Mass/Confession
or Monday after Mass (9:00-10:30)
- **Cleaning after the School Mass:**
Wednesday after Mass (9:30-11:00)
- **Cleaning Before the Weekend:**
Friday after Mass (9:00-10:30)
or Thursday before Confession on First
Fridays (3:00-4:30)

We need help with these tasks:

- Vacuum Nave carpet and Narthex rugs
- Sweep Narthex to Family Room
- Clean Glass and Dust

Interested? Call the Church office at 850-763-1821 or contact Lynn Sokoloski, Facilities Manager, at lynn.sokoloski@saintjohnnpc.org

*Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs,
and to work with your hands.*
1 Thessalonians 4:11

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

For our
relationship
with all of
creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass for a loved one, please call or visit the parish office

Saturday, September 6, 2025

9:00am.....†Tom & Nancy Prosser by
Manuel & Susan Llorca
4:30pm.....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy
by CCW

Sunday, September 7, 2025

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8:15am.....Fr. Randy Recker on 1 Yr. Anniversary
of Ordination by Christine Macejka
10:45am.....People of the Parish

Monday, September 8, 2025

8:15am.....Seminarians by CCW

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

5:30pm.....†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:15am.....†William & Nelda Moore Kastner
by the Kastner Family

Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:30pm.....†Victims of the Attacks on 9/11/2001

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:15am.....Pope Leo XIV

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:30pm.....People of the Parish

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15am.....†William & Nelda Moore Kastner
by the Kastner Family
10:45am.....Reparations for the sins of the Clergy

Join us in Prayer

If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for one month unless otherwise requested.

Repose of the Soul

†William Cammack, †Al Kidd, †Thomas Towns,
†Elisabeth Ryals, †Jimmie Carroll, †Richard Parker

Healing

Michelle DeAbate, Joseph Cruz

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wed

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



September 8, 2025



EAGLE NEWS

"St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 24 th -	Fall Pictures Preschool through 8 th Grade (Chapel wear)
Friday, October 10 th -	Early Release, End of First 9 weeks - Parent Conferences <i>No Aftercare Available</i>
Monday, October 13 th -	Columbus Day - Academy and Preschool Closed
Friday, October 17 th -	1st Quarter Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
Friday, October 31 st -	All Saints Fest (Aftercare will close at 4:30pm)

Important Daily Expectations

- **Please be on time:** To allow all students to start the day with focus and prayer, all students should be seated in their classroom by 7:50 a.m. At this time, teachers lead morning work and morning prayer, which are important components of our school day. Arriving on time allows your child to participate fully and begin the day well.
- Skirts must be to the knee. Belts must be worn with pants/shorts with belt loops and shirts must be tucked in.
- The front office closes for dismissal prep at 2:20.
- No front office pick-ups After 2:20 p.m. (Including preschool.)

Carline & Traffic Safety Reminders

Please follow these guidelines to help ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for all.

- Do not block driveways - demonstrate respect by being considerate of our neighbors.
- Please do not enter the carline on Fortune Avenue.
- SLOW DOWN in the school zoned areas and our parking lot.
- The Preschool entrance is one way (at all times.) Enter on Flower Avenue, not on Fortune Avenue.



Save the Date

All Saints Fest

Friday, October 31, 2025
4:30 - 7PM



Join us on the PE Field for a safe and enclosed celebration filled with food, fun, and community spirit.

The virtue of ORDERLINESS



DEFINITION OF ORDERLINESS:

Keeping oneself neat and clean and one's belongings in good order

PRAYER FOR ORDERLINESS: Lord, in Your wisdom, You created all things with perfect order. Orderliness brings peace, beauty, harmony, and joy! Please help me to keep order in my own life.

- **ORDERLINESS LOOKS LIKE:** Making your bed neatly
- **ORDERLINESS SOUNDS LIKE:** I made my bed.



Don't Miss Out On The Memories! St. John Academy WED, SEPT. 24TH

PK3 and PK4 students will wear their school uniform.
K-8 students will wear their chapel uniform.
Infants to 2 year old students will have their photos taken as well.

These photos are also used in our school yearbook

A picture proof will be sent home for your review approximately two weeks after picture day directing you to the online order option at romophoto.com.

Contact Us:

850.763.1775



St. John Catholic Academy
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DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration (St. Dominic)

St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel. Contact their parish office for the door code or to sign-up for a weekly hour

Association of St. Jude

Don Rauscher.....850-271-3365

Carmelites

Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

Catholic in Recovery

Diane.....850-541-3326
Wayne.....850-532-0421
Open for all who are in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment

Council of Catholic Women

Susie Prather.....281-844-0844

Fishers of Men (St. Dominic)

Stephen Butler.....850-832-6434
Twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:30am** at St. Dominic's MC3 building. The next breakfast will be on **August 9th**.

Knights of Columbus

Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library

Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Club

Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Men's Bible Study

Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801
Check back in September for updates!

Ministry to the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Mission 850

850mission@gmail.com
Provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month

Morning Rosary

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 7:30-8am (before Mass)

Music Ministry

Me-Gan Vu.....music@saintjohnpc.org

Scan the code to fill out the interest form for joining the choir/music team. Email Me-Gan directly for minors interested in joining.



Natural Family Planning

Melissa Cornman.....407-415-6575

Rachel's Vineyard

904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org
Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion

The Third Option

A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. Fall schedule coming soon.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
Starting September 3rd in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am studying "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
Typically on the **first Saturday from 10am-noon** in the parish hall - next social will be on **September 6th**.

Young Professional Fellowship

Scan the QR code to join the GroupMe to stay up-to-date on bible studies & gatherings



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