



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 5, 2025

1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401

Our Lady of the Rosary, Anthony van Dyck, 1623-1624

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 | Family & Children's Catechesis

Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

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

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Finance Council

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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

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FR. KENNEL'S BIRTHDAY DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | 6:00–9:00 PM

Join us for a special evening as we celebrate Fr. Kennell's birthday and the anniversary of the dedication of our Church. This joyous event will also help raise funds for new altar linens. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend.

Evening Highlights:

- Plated Dinner
- Silent Auction
- Professional DJ & Dancing
- Childcare Provided

Come for the celebration, stay for the community, and help support our parish in a meaningful way!

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary | Tuesday, October 7th

This Tuesday the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a day that highlights the power of prayer and the maternal intercession of Mary. The origins of this feast go back to October 7, 1571, when a Christian fleet won a decisive victory over the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V had called upon all of Christendom to pray the Rosary for victory. When the battle was won against overwhelming odds, the Pope attributed the triumph to Our Lady's intercession. In thanksgiving, he established the feast of Our Lady of Victory, which was later renamed the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast reminds us of Mary's intercession and the power of prayer in defending the faith and guiding the Church.

On the cover of today's bulletin, you see Anthony van Dyck's painting Our Lady of the Rosary (1623–1624). The work depicts Mary holding the Child Jesus while presenting the Rosary to the faithful, emphasizing her role as both intercessor and guide in Christian prayer. Van Dyck's artistry captures the warmth of Mary's maternal love, while also pointing us toward the central truth: that the Rosary is ultimately a Christ-centered prayer. The Catechism affirms this when it teaches that "meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire" in prayer (CCC 2708), which is precisely what the Rosary helps us to do. More than a repetition of prayers, the Rosary is a school of contemplation, leading us to meditate on the life of Christ through the eyes of His Mother.

The history of the Rosary is deeply tied to the Dominican Order, who spread devotion to it as a means of combating heresy and deepening the faithful's love for Christ. Pope St. John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (2002), called the Rosary a "compendium of the Gospel" because it gathers together the mysteries of Christ's life into a simple, profound form of prayer. By praying the Rosary, the faithful are invited to walk with Mary through the key events of salvation history, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection and beyond.

The Catechism reminds us that "Mary's prayer cooperates in a unique way with the Father's plan of loving kindness" (CCC 2617). In turning to her through the Rosary, we join our prayers to hers, confident that she intercedes for us as a mother for her children. The Church's long tradition of Marian devotion underscores Mary's ongoing maternal role in leading us to her Son. The Rosary embodies this truth by uniting us with both Mary's intercession and the mysteries of Christ's life.

As we pray the Rosary, we enter into the rhythm of Christ's life, His joys, His sorrows, His glory, and the light He brings to the world. Each mystery not only recalls a past event but also sheds light on our own walk of faith. Pope Francis has encouraged us to rediscover this devotion as a way to "contemplate the face of Christ with Mary."

May this feast of Our Lady of the Rosary inspire us to renew our trust in Mary's intercession. Just as the Christians at Lepanto turned to her in their hour of need, so too can we. With the Rosary in our hands, we are never alone. Through this prayer, we are drawn ever closer to Christ, who is both the goal and the heart of all true devotion.

Want to learn to pray the rosary?

Visit hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary and check out all of the incredible resources they offer for prayer.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Faith? Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more!

Boxes of Joy

Christmas Drive

October 4-5, CCW will distribute boxes after all Masses. Fill the box with toys, school/hygiene items, hard candy, apparel. The filled Box of Joy allows underprivileged children to experience love and a nice Christmas. We ask for \$9.00 for shipping. In your box, insert cash or check payable to: St. John's CCW. Return your box by the end of October. Pick up a pamphlet to learn more about the program! Thank you!

St. Jude Flea Market Annual Sale

Oct 25 | Parish Hall

The Association of St. Jude invites all to the Annual Flea Market at the Parish Hall Saturday, October 25, from 7am-12pm. We are a non-profit, non-denominational group serving the needy and elderly of Bay County. To donate items for the sale, drop-off is Thursday October 23 after 2pm, or all day on Friday October 24. To volunteer, the times are the same, but also include Saturday from 6am-2pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Discipleship Small Groups

Catholic Student Ministries

Middle & High School small groups are now meeting! Contact Dot at youth@saintjohnnpc.org.

Events this Week

Sunday, October 5

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

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club in the parish hall

Tuesday, October 7

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

6:15pm - Encounter School in the church

6:15pm - YPF Dinner & Discussion in parish office

Wednesday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 12

2nd Chance Sunday - Confessions following Mass

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

9:30am - Coffee & Donuts after Masses in the parish hall

Young Professional Fellowship

Upcoming Events

10/7 - Dinner & Discussion: "Comforting the Afflicted", at 6:15pm in the parish office

10/18 - Volunteer Opportunity at parish hall from 6-8pm

10/25 - Jubilee Pilgrimage to St. Rita & Dinner in 30a, carpool at 5pm - details in GroupMe

10/29 - Bible Study "I Am Statements" at 6pm location TBD

Serve Saturdays

Oct 18, Nov 8, & Dec 13

Bring your teen, kids, or just yourself to help a neighbor. These Saturday morning events are 8-11am in Bay County. They're opportunities to serve and love our neighbors. Got a skill you can share? Email Dot so we can connect your talents to the needs of others: youth@saintjohnnpc.org

WOMEN'S EVENTS

Women's Bible Study Fall 2025

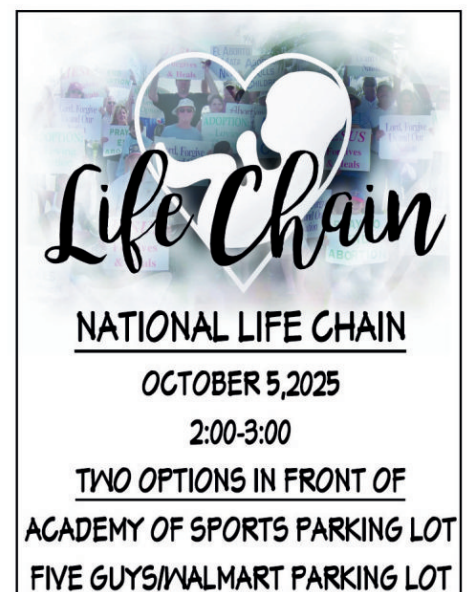
9:30 - 11am Wednesdays | Parish Office

Contemplate the Life of Jesus through our 4-5 week book series on Luke In the Land, followed by Season 5 of the "The Chosen". Contact Kathy Kidd (850) 814-7747 or Martha Cordell (850) 814-4619 for more info!

Council of Catholic Women

Invitation to Join!

The CCW is an active group, dedicated to serving the parish, wider community, and supporting the formation of future Priests. Contact CCW President Susie Prather at (281) 844-0844 for more info and to get involved!



MEN'S MINISTRIES

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson

Join the men of St. John for fellowship and Bible Study before the workday starts! For more information, contact Curt Simmons at (615) 617-9119.

Men's Bible Study Fall 2025

In the Parish Office

Men's Bible Study is starting up again for the Fall. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801.

St. John Men's Club

New Members are Welcome!

The Men's Club is an active group with a heart for supporting the parish and its various ministries. Contact Dr. Lee Fry at (850) 867-3916 for more information and to join this group of men dedicated to service and brotherhood!



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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

†Ginny Maceluch, †Muguette Roy Hardee

Healing

Joseph Cruz, John Camden, Anita Thomas,
Lyn Okolish

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....†Eugene DeNoyer by His Family

10:45am.....†Virginia Quiroga by Lucy Rodriguez

Monday, October 6, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

5:30pm.....†Mary Kay Collins

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:15am.....†Zoe Fidelis Labrie by the Blomquist
Family

Thursday, October 9, 2025

5:30pm.....†Eugene & Audrey DeNoyer by
The Family

Friday, October 10, 2025

8:15am.....Anniversary of Hurricane Michael
in Thanksgiving for Benefactors

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:30pm.....Fr. Thomas Kennell
(Happy Early Birthday!)

Sunday, October 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am.....People of the Parish

10:45am.....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Mon Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tues **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wed Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thurs Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26

Sat Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19



October 6, 2025



EAGLE NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, October 10th - Early Release, End of First 9 weeks - Parent Conferences
No Aftercare Available
- Monday, October 13th - Columbus Day - Academy and Preschool Closed
- Friday, October 17th - 1st Quarter Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- Friday, October 31st - All Saints Fest 2 pm to 5pm
No Aftercare Available



MANNER OF THE WEEK

GREETING PEOPLE

Acknowledge the presence of people. Use their name and make eye contact.

CARLINE ETIQUETTE & TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

Most of our families are following procedures well, and we're grateful! However, we are still experiencing a few serious safety and courtesy issues, including:

- Blocking neighbors' driveways
- Speeding
- Cutting into the line from Fortune Avenue
- Entering the Preschool lot against the one-way flow.

To ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal for everyone, please follow these guidelines at all times:

- Be respectful of our neighbors. Do not block any driveway or exit. We have already received two complaints this year.
- Do not enter the carline from Fortune Avenue. If you are short on time and the line is long, you may park and walk to the gate.
- Drive slowly in all school zones and in our parking lot.
- Preschool entrance is always ONE-WAY. Enter the Preschool lot from Flower Avenue only—never from Fortune Avenue. This applies at all times, including dismissal between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and respectful.



The virtue of

FORESIGHT



DEFINITION OF FORESIGHT:

Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

FORESIGHT LOOKS LIKE:

- Looking outside at the weather and dressing appropriately
- Writing yourself a reminder so that you are prepared
- Taking time to pray about a decision

FORESIGHT SOUNDS LIKE:

- I will bring some water, a hat, sun block, and my sunglasses with me to the beach.
- I will get things ready for tomorrow.
- "Dear Jesus, enlighten my mind to know and do the right thing."

JOIN US

Friday, October 31st
2 pm to 5 pm

All Saints Fest

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

Bounce Houses
Games
Food
Music



Want to help?

Email: development@sjseagles.org.

We will gladly take volunteers to help with serving food, games, and more!

Contact Us:

850.763.1775



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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 **October 4th**.

Young Professional Fellowship

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



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