



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
First Sunday of Advent | November 30, 2025
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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 message or email announcements

Parish Council

Christine Macejka	Diane Skoriak	Steve Shea
Olivia Clemons	Marilyn Percy	Rob Griffith
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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

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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

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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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ADVENT 2025

Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come To Thee O Israel.

Parish Picnic

This Sunday, Nov 30th | 11:45am

Join us this Sunday as we kick off the Advent season with this parish family event! We'll have food, bounce houses, face painting, a photo backdrop for a family photo, and so much more.

Advent Prayer Books

Available Now in the Gathering Space

Like Lent, Advent is a season where the Church invites us into a time of more intentional prayer and conversion. In addition to our Advent Formation Series, we invite you to commit to daily prayer with scripture this Advent using the Word on Fire Advent Gospel Reflections book available now in the gathering space.

Advent Formation Series

December 5th, 12th, & 19th | 5-7:30pm

Join us the first three Fridays of Advent for our parish Advent Formation series. Dinner will be served from 5-6pm with formation for all ages along with free childcare for the little ones from 6-7:30pm.

Dec. 5th Recollection & The Depth of the Lord's Prayer

Dec. 12th The Mystery of the Rosary

Dec. 19th Daily Pillars: The Morning Offering & Ignatian Examen

Advent Penance Service

December 16th | 6:30-8pm

Join us for our parish Advent Penance Service, a graced opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas. Four priests from around the area will be present to hear confessions and offer God's mercy. Come experience the peace and renewal the Lord longs to give.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Monday, Dec. 8th

Join us for Mass as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and rejoice in God's saving work revealed in Mary.

Mass will be offered at 8:15am, Noon, and 5:30pm. Note that there is no Vigil Mass as the Solemnity falls on a Monday.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec 24th | 4:30pm, 6pm

Dec 25th | Midnight, 10am

Discover more Advent and Christmas ministries, events, and service opportunities on the next page.

A Letter from Fr. Thomas Kennell

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

Welcome to Advent and the new liturgical year! We now await the birth of Jesus at Christmas, yet we also prepare our hearts to receive him whenever he chooses to come again. This happens every day, if we keep our spiritual ears and eyes open. And this is part of what Advent is meant to teach us – to become aware of all the little ways God shows up on a regular basis. This can be through a warm conversation with a friend, a walk through nature, or especially through time in prayer and the reading of scripture.

This Advent, let's ask the Lord to show up and help us to become more aware of his presence, even in the simplest of moments.

Peace.

-Fr. Kennell



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Catholic Charities Angel Tree

Holiday Assistance | Due Today, Nov 30

Pick up an Angel from the tree in the narthex to give a child in need a Christmas gift. Return unwrapped gifts with the angel tag attached by Nov 30. Contact: Chris McCormick (314) 574-3070.

Women's Advent Social

Dec 6 | 10am-12pm

On Saturday, Dec 6, in the Parish Hall, enjoy a cookie exchange, learn homemade marshmallow making, and play a fun game. Bring 3 dozen cookies, a goody container, and three \$1 bills for the game Left, Right, Center.

CCW Holiday Potluck

Dec 1 | 6pm

CCW Holiday Potluck will be in the Parish Hall on Monday, Dec 1 at 6pm. Bring an optional donation for Catholic Charities Food Pantry or an unwrapped gift for a child in need.

CCW Holiday Candy Sale

Dec 6 & 7 | After All Masses

Candy orders will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall after all Masses on Dec 6 & 7. Thank you to all who participated in the sale! Contact: Susie Prather (281) 844-0844.

St. Dominic Books & Gifts

Christmas Sale | Dec 7-13

Stop in and draw a token for a savings of 10, 15, or 20 percent off your total purchase.

Open Mon-Thurs 10am- 4pm, Sat 12pm- 4pm, & Sun 9am-2pm.

Serve Saturdays

Hanging Christmas Lights | Dec 13

Join us as we bring some cheer to our elderly neighbors at 10:00am. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance hanging your lights this year, please reach out to Dot Wagner ASAP to schedule a team to serve: youth@saintjohnnpc.org

Community Christmas Dinner

Serving Those in Need | Dec 21st, 3pm

St. John is hosting a Christmas dinner for needy persons and families on Dec. 21, at 3pm in the Parish Hall. To volunteer or make a donation supporting this event, please contact Susan McNiel at (404) 825-8648, or by email at sshehans1@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Your generosity helps local families!

To make a gift or learn more about our Food Assistance Programs, please scan the code, or visit <https://ccnwfl.org/food-assistance/>.



Events this Week

Sunday, November 30

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

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

11:30am - Parish Picnic on the playground

Monday, December 1

6:00pm - CCW Holiday Potluck in parish hall

Tuesday, December 2

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

6:15pm - Encounter School in the church

Wednesday, December 3

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

Friday, December 5

9:00am-5:00pm - First Friday Adoration in church

5:00pm - Advent Formation Series in parish hall

Saturday, December 6

8:30am - Fishers of Men at St. Dominic

9:00am - First Saturday Latin Novus Ordo Mass

10:00am - Women's Social in parish hall

Sunday, December 7

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

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast in parish hall

First Communion Preparation

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Our First Communion program is for all families with a (baptized) child in grades 2-5. The program includes date nights for parents, family time, community events and a day retreat. To register or learn more, contact Jera Blanchard-Towns at jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnnpc.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays 9:30-10:30am | Parish Office

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

Choir Interest

Music Ministry

Christmas rehearsals start soon! You can participate in choir for special holy seasons, or around the year. For minors (17 & under), please contact music@saintjohnnpc.org directly before scheduling an audition. Please scan the codes below:



Music Ministry and Choir Interest Form
<https://forms.gle/g3gMrLkwPJese9jp8>



Open (Informal) Choir Auditions Sign-Up
<https://calendly.com/music-saintjohnnpc/choir-auditions>

BIBLE STUDIES

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.

Women's Bible Study Fall 2025

9:30 - 11am Wednesdays | Parish Office

Contemplate the Life of Jesus through our study based around "The Chosen". Join us to watch, discuss, and grow closer to the Lord! Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more info!

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.

Join us in Prayer

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

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:30pm.....†Bill Cordell by Martha Cordell

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

8:15am.....†Eleanor Curtis by Col Chet Cavoli

10:45am.....People of the Parish

Monday, December 1, 2025

8:15am.....†Marianne Wilson by Don Rauscher

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

5:30pm.....†Kandee Hill by the Tierney Family

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

8:15am.....†Al Kidd

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00am.....†Crystal Martinez
by the Brooks Family

Friday, December 5, 2025

8:15am.....Sanctification of Priests

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00am.....†Bill Cordell

4:30pm.....†Amber Catalano Smith
by Martha Cordell

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

8:15am.....†Eleanor Curtis by Col Chet Cavoli

10:45am.....People of the Parish



The altar flowers of November 23rd were placed in honor of Marge Sears by the Rhea family - Happy Birthday!



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Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 23, 2025

Sun First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mon Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tues Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thur Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



December 1, 2025



EAGLE NEWS

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Faith in Action: Investing in Our School Safety

Donations for this initiative are ongoing!
Pledge funds due: This Wednesday, December 3rd
Winners announced: December 5th

This year, our Walkathon proceeds will support our new Full Time Campus Security Initiative, strengthening safety for our students, staff, and visitors. Your sponsorship directly helps fund these efforts and ensures a secure environment for our school community.



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Save the Date
Christmas Program
Friday, December 19th



The virtue of

Prayerfulness

DEFINITION OF PRAYERFULNESS:

Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

PRAYER FOR PRAYERFULNESS: Dear Jesus, give me a desire to spend time with You each day, as I do with my friends. Help me always to put You first in my life, even when I am busy.

PRAYERFULNESS LOOKS LIKE: Folding my hands when I pray

PRAYERFULNESS SOUNDS LIKE: Silence



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, November 30th - First Sunday of Advent
- Monday, December 1st - Return from Thanksgiving Holidays
- Friday, December 19th - Christmas Program @ 10am
End of Second 9 Weeks/ No Aftercare
- Monday, December 22nd - First Day of Christmas
Break Preschool Closed through January 2nd
Preschool students return / Teacher workday
- Monday, January 5th - K-8 Students return
- Tuesday, January 6th -



SERVING FOOD

Wait until all or most people around you have gotten their food before you begin eating.



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

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.



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 "The Chosen"

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org

Typically on the first Saturday from 10am-noon in the parish hall - next social will be on December 6th.

Young Professional Fellowship

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