



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Lent | March 1, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Transfiguration, Raphael, 1516-1520

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@saintjohnpc.org. Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text message or email announcements

Parish Council

Steve Shea, Chair Brett McCarty Kathy Kidd

John Maceluch, Jr. Kelly Bernhardt Jerry Kelly

Anita Thomas Jim Blanchet

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

saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.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

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MFrericks@Diocesan.com

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Jackie Fowler

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Tim Wheeler

Sr. Grace Ford

Donna Couchigian

SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.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@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding

Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor

catholicism@saintjohnpc.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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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

LENT

Return to me with your whole heart.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays | 5-5:30pm in the Church

Grow closer to Christ this Lent by meditating on His ultimate sacrifice for us. Join us for our weekly Stations of the Cross and stay after for our Lenten Formation Series.

Lenten Formation Series

Fridays | 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Join us Fridays of Lent for a simple soup dinner from 5:30-6:15 followed by a teaching on prayer and time of Eucharistic Adoration. Age appropriate formation for will be offered simultaneously and childcare will be provided for infants - 4 year olds from 6:15-7:30.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

5:30 Mass, March 19th

Solemnities are the highest celebrations in the liturgical year and a reason to gather in worship. Join us for a special 5:30 Mass on Thursday, March 19th to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 Mass & Potluck, March 25th

Solemnities are the highest celebrations in the liturgical year, even usurping the solemn fasting of Lent. Join us for a special 5:30 Mass followed by a potluck dinner, drinks, and dessert to celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th. Please bring a dish to share.

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;

Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God.

For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.

Joel 2:12-13

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES Four Opportunities

St. Dominic | Mar. 2nd, 6-8pm
OLR | Mar. 10th, 5:30pm
St. Bernadette | Mar. 18th, 6pm
St. John | Mar. 27th, 6:15-8pm

On The Cover | *The Transfiguration* by Raphael

On our cover this Sunday is *The Transfiguration*, the final masterpiece of Raphael. Created for a cathedral in France but kept in Rome after Raphael's untimely death at just 37. This monumental work was placed beside his coffin during his funeral, a testimony to how deeply it was loved. The painting captures today's Gospel: Christ revealed in glory on Mount Tabor before Peter, James, and John. Suspended in radiant light, Jesus appears between Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, as the Father's voice declares Him the Beloved Son. Raphael's luminous whites and vibrant blues draw our eyes upward, inviting us into contemplation of Christ's divine majesty.

Yet what makes this painting especially powerful is that Raphael combines two Gospel scenes in one dramatic composition. In the lower half, the remaining apostles struggle to heal a possessed boy, an episode that follows immediately after the Transfiguration in the Gospel of Matthew 17. The sharp contrast between the serene brilliance above and the confusion and shadow below reveals a profound spiritual truth: the glory of Christ does not remove us from human suffering but meets us within it. The boy's desperate father gestures upward, as if pointing to the only true source of healing. The diagonal line of Christ's body visually connects heaven and earth, showing that divine light descends precisely into our darkness.

In the juxtaposition, or rather, in the pairing of Christ's overwhelming divinity and the very real sufferings of man, Raphael teaches the radiant Lord of glory is the very One who walks with us in our need, drawing us upward even as He reaches down in mercy.

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

St. John's Is Hiring Director of Facilities

The Director of Facilities is responsible for the oversight of all facilities for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Academy. This role manages the facilities team, oversees maintenance and landscaping operations, and leads all capital improvement, renovation, and expansion projects. Skills and experience include project management, planning, budgeting, and coordination with contractors and stakeholders to support long-term growth. To inquire or to apply, please email jobs@saintjohnpc.org.

Council of Catholic Women March 2 | 6pm

The CCW monthly meeting will be Monday, March 2 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Women's Social March 7 | 10am

Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and this month's topic: cheese-making. Bring a friend.

Association of St. Jude

ASJ Envelopes Available Mar 7 & 8

The ASJ feeds the homeless and provides support to those in need in Bay County. We ask your prayer and financial support the weekend of March 7-8. Green envelopes will be available in the pews for your gifts to assist this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. For more details, contact Kim at (812) 455-1234.

Events this Week

Sunday, March 1

- 9:30am - OCIA in the parish office
- 9:30am - First Communion class in the parish office
- 9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club in parish hall

Monday, March 2

- 6:00pm - CCW monthly meeting in parish hall
- 6:00pm - St. Dominic's Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 3

- 6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office
- 6:15pm - Encounter School of Ministry in Church

Wednesday, March 4

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

Friday, March 6

- 9:00am-5:00pm - First Friday Adoration in the Church
- 5:00pm - Stations of the Cross in the Church
- 5:30pm - Lenten Soup Dinner in the parish hall
- 6:15pm - Lenten Formation Series in the Church

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00am - First Saturday Latin Novus Ordo Mass
- 10:00am - Women's Social in parish hall

Sunday, March 8

Second Chance Sunday - Confessions after the Masses

- 9:30am - OCIA in the parish office
- 9:30am - First Communion Class in the parish office
- 9:30am - Coffee & Donuts in parish hall after both Masses

First Friday Adoration

March 6 | 9am-5pm

Come adore Our Lord in the Church this Friday.

Camp Timpooshee Men's Retreat Niceville | March 6-8

Retreat opportunity presented by the Fishers of Men. Scan the code to register, or email questions to fishersofmen850@gmail.com.



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.

First Communion Preparation For Grades 2-5

Classes have begun! Contact Jera at jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org for more details and to register.

Confirmation Preparation For Grades 6-8

Confirmation classes have begun! Contact: Dot at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

BOLDLY BELOVED

Saturday
March 7, 2026
7:00 PM
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas
More

**JOIN US FOR THIS
FREE EVENT**



**ABOUT
KIM**

International Speaker, Author, and Missionary, Kim Zember has been featured on TBN, CBN, Ascension Presents, and EWTN, as well as popular podcasts like Pints with Aquinas, hosted by Matt Fraad, Chris Stefanick, The Lila Rose Show, and many more platforms boldly proclaiming the freedom found in living a life fully given to Jesus.

Kim shares a powerful testimony of her encounter and freedom with God's transformative love amid her struggles with life and same-sex attraction.

Conflict, questioning, and seeking embody the struggle of our human soul. Yet even out of the darkest moments, love can break through in radical ways and carry us into our God-given identity.

Insight into what's helpful and what's hurtful

Learn how to navigate difficult conversations with family and friends

Understand what it means to love well

Q and A - No questions are off limits!

KIM ZEMBER

CATHOLIC NOLES

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30pm | Parish Office

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 11th. Come join us.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study based around *Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This*. Join us to read, discuss, and grow closer to the Lord. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Join men from St. John at Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson for spiritual growth and fellowship. We use Exodus 90, a spiritual program with a phone app that provides a daily Bible reading and reflection and offers practical guidelines for living as a Christian man. Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.

Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:30pm....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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

10:45am...†Walt & Ellen Bellm & Family

Monday, March 2, 2026

8:15am....†Joyce Klein

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

5:30pm....Seminarians by CCW

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

8:15am....†Judy Coulter

Thursday, March 5, 2026

5:30pm....†Mary & George Bernhardt

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:15am....Sanctification of Priests

Saturday, March 7, 2026

9:00am....Special Intention of George Penton

4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

8:15am....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW

10:45am...People of the Parish

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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Repose of the Soul

†Dolores Del Monego, †Jack Donlon, †Maryjane McClain

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, James Moloney, Patricia Schenk, Joan Tatum

Scripture Readings, Week of Mar 1, 2026

Sun Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Mon Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tue Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wed Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thurs Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42





March 2, 2026

EAGLE NEWS



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, March 13th - End of Third Nine Weeks
- Monday, March 16th -
- Sunday, March 22nd - 
- Friday, March 27th - 3rd Quarter Report Cards - Available on PowerSchool
- Tuesday, March 31st - Spring Picture Day - PK4 & 8th Grade Cap and Gown photos will be taken as well as individual photos
- Saturday, April 25th - Annual Fundraiser Gala

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY 

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

Fast from a favorite beverage treat (such as soda or your morning latte) and donate the money to projects helping to build wells in rural, poor villages.

The virtue of *Meekness* 

DEFINITION OF MEEKNESS:
Serenity of spirit while focusing on the needs of others

PRAYER FOR MEEKNESS: Dear Jesus, please be King of my heart, especially when I am frustrated or angry. In those moments give me the grace to use all my emotions for the good.

- MEEKNESS LOOKS LIKE:** Remaining calm and counting to ten when you are upset
- MEEKNESS SOUNDS LIKE:** One, two, three...



Phone Etiquette

The person who makes the call ends the call. Be aware of the people around you as you are speaking on the phone.




Save the Date

Discipuli Christi

Gala

Disciples of Christ

Investing in the Mission of St. John Catholic Academy

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
6PM

St. Dominic Catholic Church
Monsignor Crowe Community Center

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Contact Us: 850.763.1775  St. John Catholic Academy  @stjohncatholicacademy  StJohnCatholicAcademy.org  Office@SJSEagles.org

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

Kim Epperson.....812-455-1234

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.

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

Morning Rosary

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

Rachel's Vineyard

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

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.



The Third Option

A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. For more details, please visit baythirdoption.com.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
 Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
 Meets in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am, now studying "Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This".

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
 Typically on the **first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon** in the parish hall. The next social is March 7th.

Young Professional Fellowship

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