



**Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026  
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401  
*Saint John the Evangelist, François-André Vincent, 1793*

# 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 confidentially schedule a confession, email Fr. Kennell at [confession@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:confession@saintjohnpc.org)

## Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text message or email announcements

## Parish Council

John Maceluch, Jr. | Parish Council Chair

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Jerry Kelly

Anita Thomas

## Register as a Member

### Contact the Parish Office

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

### Parish Office

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

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Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

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Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis

Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

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# SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

## Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

[jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:youth@saintjohnpc.org)

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

## Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor

[catholicism@saintjohnpc.org](mailto: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

\*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

# 2026 FIRST COMMUNICANTS

## Congratulations and Prayers

Congratulations to the children of our parish family who recently received their First Holy Communion. This is a sacred and beautiful milestone in their faith journey.

May the Blessed Sacrament deepen their love for Jesus and strengthen their desire to follow Him throughout their lives. We pray that they continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity, supported by their families and our parish community.

Let us keep these young communicants in our prayers as they continue to walk with Christ and share His light with others.

Camryn Almy  
Leo Cornman  
Aiden Dec  
Cameron Dec  
Lorelai Hale

Norah Harris Borden  
Clark Jackson  
Delaney Jones  
Lola O'Neal  
Lane Pohl

Margaret Rasmussen  
Zoey Reinhardt  
Iris Sanchez  
Kaitlyn Scharn  
Lucy Weddle

A special thank you to Connie Bane and Joan Daly who faithfully served these students in preparation for their sacraments.

## Sacramental Preparation 2026-2027 First Communion, Reconciliation, & Confirmation

With our diocese transitioning to the Restored Order, beginning next academic year, children in 2nd grade will prepare to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Children in grades 3–6 will also begin preparation for Confirmation.

Information and registration for our sacramental preparation program will be released later this month.



*"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers."*

*Isaiah 43:19*

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 22-26, 2026**  
**at St. Dominic Catholic Church**

**REGISTRATION OPENS 4/26!**

<https://vbspro.events/p/eternalwatersvbs>

Participants  
and volunteers  
register here!



# UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

## Council of Catholic Women

### Corporate Communion | Monthly Meeting

The CCW will celebrate their Corporate Communion this Sunday at the 8:15 Mass. The monthly meeting will be Monday, May 4, at 6pm in the parish hall. St. John appreciates the CCW for their dedication to our parish community.

## Mothers and Babies Drive

### Return by May 8 | Sorting on May 9

Filled bags for the Association of St. Jude Mother's Day Collection for mothers and babies are to be returned to the Church entry by Friday, May 8. All are invited to the potluck breakfast and sorting event to organize the donations on May 9 in the parish hall at 8:30am. Please call 812-455-1234 for more information. Thank you for your generous support.

## Mother's Day Blessings

### May 9th & 10th | All Masses

All mothers will receive a special Mother's Day blessing at all the weekend Masses.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Inquire Now

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

## Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

### Collecting Donations May 9

The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 9. Place non-perishable food in your mailbox on May 9th, and the letter carriers will do the rest. Donations stay local, and Catholic Charities' Panama City Food Pantry is one of the organizations receiving these donations.

To learn more and for a list of suggested donations, please scan the code.



## Events this Week

### Sunday, May 3

\*No OCIA class - upcoming dates to be announced soon

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast in the parish hall between the Sunday morning Masses

### Monday, May 4

6:00pm - CCW monthly meeting in parish hall

### Tuesday, May 5

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office

6:15pm - Encounter in the Church

### Wednesday, April 6

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

### Saturday, May 9

8:30am - ASJ breakfast potluck and sorting event in parish hall, all are welcome

### Sunday, May 10

\*No OCIA class - upcoming dates to be announced soon

9:30am - Coffee & donuts in the parish hall after both Sunday morning Masses

## Update to Confirmation 2026

### October 4

Due to schedule adjustments at the diocesan level, the new date for Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist is Sunday, October 4 at 10:45am.

## Catholic in Recovery

### Tuesdays in Parish Office | 6:15pm

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry at St. John providing recovery support in a confidential, faith-based framework. The mission of CIR is to provide a pathway to recovery that incorporates Catholic teachings and the grace of the sacraments, fostering a holistic approach to healing body, mind, and spirit.

Contact: Wayne at (850) 532-0421.



COMING THIS JUNE

# SEEK FOR ADULTS

Seek for Adults is a four-week small group experience designed to help participants encounter the Gospel in a fresh and meaningful way.

Through discussions, activities, witness talks, and teaching, participants are invited to (re)discover the God who is love and grow more deeply in their faith.

Wednesdays in June | Parish Hall

5:30 PM | Dinner (provided)

6:15-8:00 PM | Seek

Register Here



SEEK FOR FAMILIES COMING IN AUGUST!

# BIBLE STUDIES

## Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30pm | Parish Office

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information. Our next meeting will be May 13. New members are welcome to attend.

## Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study around *Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. 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, reflection, and 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 [saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request](http://saintjohnpc.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, May 2, 2026**

9:00am...†Howard Vinson by George Penton  
4:30pm...†John Macejka, Sr. by Ann Harnage

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:15am...CCW Corporate Communion  
10:45am...People of the Parish

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

8:15am...†Roy Loanzon by Teresa Loanzon

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

5:30pm...Seminarists by the CCW

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

8:15am...Mindy Mackey by Allison Blomquist

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

5:30pm...Corbin Altese

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

8:15am...†Robert Garcia

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

4:30pm...People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:15am...†Jonathan Burandt  
by Kathleen & Jeff Burandt

10:45am...†Thomas Towns by the Blanchard Family

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## Scripture Readings, Week of May 3, 2026

**Sun Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;  
Jn 14:1-12

**Mon** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tue** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Th** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Fri** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Sat** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.





April 27, 2026

# EAGLE NEWS



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

## UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> -	Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> -	May Crowning - Pre-Registration Required
Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> -	8th Grade Graduation Mass - Pre-Registration Required
Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	PK4 Graduation
Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	Last Day of School
Monday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> -	Summer Camp starts for all registered SJCA students

*May 4th - May 8th is...*  
**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

*Keep an eye on your email for opportunities to help us celebrate our wonderful teachers. We will be sharing simple ways you and your child can show appreciation and make them feel truly valued.*

*May Crowning*  
**FAMILY MASS**  
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
**Wednesday, May 6th**

Each year during the month of May, we joyfully celebrate May Crowning, honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We look to her with love as a model of faith, purity, and spiritual motherhood, and we strive to follow her example as we grow together as lifelong disciples of Christ.

We warmly invite all families to join us for our school Mass with May Crowning on Wednesday, May 6th.

Guests will enter through the handicap door at 12:30pm, we will promptly begin at 12:45pm. To help us prepare seating and pre-print visitor badges through our Raptor security system, all guests must complete the registration form in advance. One form must be completed for each guest.

**Students will return to their classrooms following Mass. We respectfully ask that there be no non-emergency checkouts at that time. Regular carline procedures will follow.**

# SUMMER CAMP

8 WEEKS OF FUN & CREATIVE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR K-5

Summer Camp operating hours will be 8:30am to 3:30pm. Camper drop off is 8:30 to 9am at the Preschool entrance.

Campers must arrive by 9am in order to participate. Camper pickup is 3pm to 3:30pm.

Morning care provided from 7:30am to 8:30am. Early care and after care fees are \$7.50 for any part of the hour. These fees will be charged in arrears in FACTS.

Note: Campers not picked up by 3:30pm will incur after care fees in FACTS.

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**Themed Weekly Activities**

Session 1 <b>JUNE 8-30</b> \$800	Session 2 <b>JULY 6-31</b> \$800
Week 1 Let's Go Camping	Week 5 Around the World
Week 2 Out of This World	Week 6 Animals
Week 3 Olympic Games	Week 7 Ocean and Water
Week 4 Red White and Blue	Week 8 Summer Send-Off

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Discipuli Christi

# Gala

Disciples of Christ

Thank you to all who supported our Gala and invested in the mission of St. John Catholic Academy. Your generosity and presence made a lasting impact on our students and school community.

**The Theological virtue of**

# Faith

**DEFINITION OF FAITH:**  
Enables one to know God and all He has revealed

**PRACTICING FORTITUDE:**

- Showing firmness in difficulties.
- Being constantly in the pursuit of good.
- Moderating the emotions of anger and fear which come into play when a facing a complex and difficult situation.

*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

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.....rachelvineyard.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. 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 "Armor of God" by Patricia Shirer.

## Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org  
 Typically on the **first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon** in the parish hall. Socials are on a summer break and will resume in the fall.

## Young Professional Fellowship

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