

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MAY 13

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Rosie Krajca +

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission

TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:30 a.m. Ann Langer +

12:05 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Kenneth Langley +

Adoration after 12:05 Mass until 5:00 pm

2:30 p.m. Mary Helen Blackerby + (Legends NH)

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission

THURSDAY, MAY 16

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Jerry & Celia Salik

6:30 p.m. Anselmo Alvarado +

FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Stanley "Jr." Dlabaj +

SATURDAY, MAY 18

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena/ 17th Anniversary of
Fr. John's Ordination

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 pm Roberto Carlos Ortiz +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Graduating Class 2013

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., May 12, 9am Martha y Rodrigo Villareal ++ Julia Jacinto +

Sun., May 19, 9am Joseph Gutierrez

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, May 18

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Mando Campos

Sunday, May 19

7:00 am Jake Kasowski/Josef Woodward

11:00 am Austin Spaniel/Joseph Galetka/Andrew Alvarado

5:00 pm LT Mass Alston Lawrence/Juan Lara/Alex Fry/
Aaron Martinez

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Star Urology of Texas

From the Pastor's Desk

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

At the Wednesday audience on April 17th, His Holiness Pope Francis spoke about the Ascension to more than 50,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Our Holy Father said, "Saint Luke notes: 'When the days drew near for Him to be received up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem' (Lk 9:51). While He 'ascends' to the Holy City, where His 'exodus' from this life will be accomplished, Jesus already sees the goal, Heaven, but He knows well that the way that will take Him to the glory of the Father passes through the Cross, through obedience to the divine plan of love for humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that 'The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces His lifting up by His Ascension into heaven' (n. 662)"

The Ascension of the Lord completes Jesus' work on earth, the Paschal Mystery. Each of us enters into this Mystery by our Baptism. Our Catholic life, following Baptism, is like that of Jesus and also shares in suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. By our obedience to Christ through faithfully living our Catholic Faith, we follow Jesus all the way back to Heaven. What an amazing gift this New Life in Christ is to each of us. This is why parents, as soon as possible, bring their newborn children to be Baptized and enter into this New Life!

Our Gospel Reading this Solemnity, relates St. Luke's account of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. After the Disciples watched Jesus ascend into Heaven the Gospel concludes with the statement: "They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

This statement contrasts greatly with how the Disciples felt each time that Jesus had previously spoken with them about leaving this earth and returning to the Father. Every time He mentioned this previously, the Disciples were saddened and afraid. But now they are filled with joy and praising God!

The Disciples, during these forty days following the Resurrection have truly come to believe that He is God. They now know His love for them. Therefore, they are excited for this next chapter of their lives as true Disciples of Jesus Christ! They are joyful and ready to get on with the rest of His plan for humanity!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

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IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12

Second Collection : Catholic Communications Campaign

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

Monday, May 13

6:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Parish Mission

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 am Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

SJ Library CLOSED for Parish Mission

8:00 am Golden Crusaders Meeting/Cafeteria

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Parish Mission

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

7:00 pm Parish Mission Conclusion & Picnic

Thursday, May 16

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

Saturday, May 18

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

2-9:00 pm Parish Festival

Sunday, May 19

11-8:00 pm Parish Festival

6:30 pm Graduation Mass /NO Life Night

All groups who normally meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 13, 14, or 15, will not be meeting this week so that everyone can be available to attend the Parish Mission.

Pope Francis' General Audience on the Holy Spirit—May 8

“Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Creed, we now consider the article which deals with the Holy Spirit: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life”. The Creed tells us that the Spirit is “Lord”, fully God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the gift of the Risen Christ, who draws us, through faith, into communion with the Triune God. The Creed also tells us that the Spirit is the “Giver of Life”. How greatly we desire true life and the fullness of beauty, love and peace! The Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, is the pure source of “living water, springing up to eternal life” which Jesus promised to the Samaritan woman. Sent by Jesus from the Father, the Spirit purifies, renews and transforms us; he grants us his sevenfold gifts and makes us children of God our Father. Even now the Holy Spirit invites us to see all things with the eyes of Christ, to recognize God’s immense love for us, and to share that love with all our brothers and sisters.”

COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 4 & 5

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 20, 172.89
Second Capital Improvements	1,890.15
Epiphany Church Support Collection	1,025.80
Second Collection Building Fund	394.68

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated for the intentions of the Trent Tobola Family for the week of May 11— May 17.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Frank & Annie Honza and Tom J. & Annie Valek donated by Linda Tolston and Family for the week of May 11 – May 17.

Qahal

If you are ready to go deeper, join us for prayer, study, reflection, and sharing.

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM, Cafeteria
No class Monday, May 13—Will resume
Monday, May 20
Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen



GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING

The St. John Golden Crusaders will hold their monthly meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in the cafeteria with dominoes beginning at 8 A.M. Members are encouraged to bring A-N side dishes and O-Z bring desserts. New members welcome.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12

Entrance: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise—468

Offertory: Holy God We Praise Thy Name— 519

Communion: Be Not Afraid— 596

Recessional: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing— 467

MAY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still need of volunteers to help to make our festival a success. Many game booths need help to run them on Saturday from 2-9 and Sunday from 11-8. There are also food booths where you could volunteer your time, including serving at the Gordita booth! We are also in need of the following **donations: 24 packs of water and canned sodas, bingo prizes or \$5-\$10 gift certificates** for contest prizes. We invite all teens to volunteer and community services hours will be given!

Parish Mission

Topic:

Finding God through:

- the Saints

Sunday, May 12,
7:00 PM in the Church

- the Blessed Mother

Monday, May 13,
7:00 PM in the Church

- the Lord's Table

Tuesday, May 14,
7:00 PM in the Church

With a special
"Grace Before Meals"
*Cooking Presentation and
Parish supper/picnic*
to conclude the Mission on
*Wednesday evening, May 15, at 7:00
PM on the
field beside the Cafeteria.*

The parish will provide main course
and ice cream. Parishioners are asked
to bring cookies, cake, or something
else to go with the ice cream.



May 12-15

Words of the Holy Father

For these and more go to: <http://www.news.va/en>



Pope Francis: Christian Endurance— Christ is not calling us to be Whiners

(Vatican Radio) A Christian who constantly complains, fails to be a good Christian: they become whiners. Christians should endure their difficulties in silence, in patience to bear witness to the joy of Christ.

This was the message at the heart of Pope Francis' homily Tuesday morning, during Mass with staff from the Fabric of St. Peter. Emer McCarthy reports:

Commenting on the first reading of the day, Acts chapter 16, Pope Francis said even in troubling times, Christians are full of joy and never sad, like Paul and Silas who were persecuted and imprisoned for witnessing to the Gospel. They were joyful, he said, because they followed Jesus in on the path of his passion. A path the Lord travelled with patience:

"Being patient: that is the path that Jesus also teaches us Christians. Being patient ... This does not mean being sad. No, no, it's another thing! This means bearing, carrying the weight of difficulties, the weight of contradictions, the weight of tribulations on our shoulders. This Christian attitude of bearing up: of being patient. That which is described in the Bible by a Greek word, that is so complete, *Hypomoné*, in life bearing ever day tasks; contradictions; tribulations, all of this. These - Paul and Silas - bear their tribulations, endure the humiliation: Jesus bore them, he was patience. This is a process - allow me this word 'process' - a process of Christian maturity, through the path of patience. A process that

takes some time, that you cannot undergo from one day to another: it evolves over a lifetime arriving at Christian maturity. It is like a good wine. "

The Pope recalled that so many martyrs were joyful, such as the martyrs of Nagasaki who helped each other, as they "waited for the moment of death." Pope Francis recalled it was of some martyrs that "they went to martyrdom" as if they were going to a "wedding party". This attitude of endurance, he added, is a Christian's normal attitude, but it is not a masochistic attitude. It is an attitude that leads them "along the path of Jesus":



"When the difficulties arrive, so do temptations. For example, the complaint: 'Look what I have to deal with ... a complaint. And a Christian who constantly complains, fails to be a good Christian: they become Mr. or Mrs. Whiner, no? Because they always complain about everything, right? Silence in endurance, silence in patience. That silence of Jesus: Jesus in His Passion did not speak much, only two or three necessary words ... But it is not a sad silence: the silence of bearing the Cross is not a

sad silence. It is painful, often very painful, but it is not sad. The heart is at peace. Paul and Silas were praying in peace. They were in pain, because then it is said that the jailer washed their wounds while they were in prison - they had wounds - but endured in peace. This journey of endurance helps us deepen Christian peace, it makes us stronger in Jesus. "

Thus, concluded Pope Francis, a Christian is called to endure their troubles just like Jesus, "without complaint, endure in peace." This patience, "renews our youth and makes us younger".

"The patient is the one that, in the long run, is younger! Just think of those elderly people in the hospices, those who have endured so much in life: Look at their eyes, young eyes, they have a youthful spirit and a renewed youth. And the Lord invites us to this: to be rejuvenated Easter people on a journey of love, patience, enduring our tribulations and also - I would say - putting up with one another. We must also do this with charity and love, because if I have to put up with you, I'm sure you will put up with me and in this way we will move forward on our journey on the path of Jesus. Let us ask the Lord for the grace of Christian endurance that gives us peace, this bearing things with a good heart, this joyful bearing to become younger and younger, like good wine: younger with this renewed Easter youth of the spirit. So be it."

MAY PARISH FESTIVAL

MAY 18TH 2 pm-9 pm

MAY 19TH 11 am—8 pm

In Honor of our Patron Saint
St. John Nepomucene
& **Cinco De Mayo**

LIVE MUSIC

The Moravians
Local Spanish Bands

Mexican Food

Gorditas, Tamales, Tostadas, Enchiladas, Tacos, etc...

Games

Raffle

51" Plasma TV

iPad 2

Xbox 360

Raffle tickets may be picked up at the Parish office

Queen Contest

Girls— Sat. 6pm** Women—Sun. 6pm** Teens—Sun. 7pm

Festivities will take place at St. John parking lot and Baseball Field



Happy Mother's Day!

Let us first of all wish a happy Mother's Day to our Mother Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Happy Mother's Day also to all the mothers in our parish. Your role in the family and in teaching your children about the Faith is irreplaceable. Thank you to all those mothers who hold their families close to Christ and who nurture and care for their children so that they can glimpse what a true mother is.

May this service and love of mothers lead us all to appreciate our mother in heaven and Holy Mother Church here on earth.

May is a month dedicated to Mary. In honor of Mary and as a way to grow closer to her and, through her, to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you may consider doing one of the following or practicing some other devotion to Mary.

Suggestions:

- Pray the Rosary daily
- Pray the Rosary as a family
- Have a crowning of Mary in your home
- End the day by praying a Marian prayer such as the "Hail, Holy Queen"
- Learn about one of the approved apparitions of Mary such as her appearances at Fatima or Lourdes
- Meditate on the events in Mary's life
- Visit a Marian shrine
- Hang a picture of Mary in your home

Pentecost Raffle

June 2, 2013

Drawing after 11 am Mass

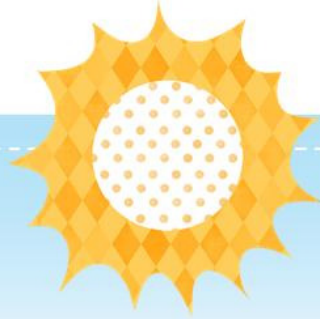
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PRIZES:

1- \$2,500 VISA gift card
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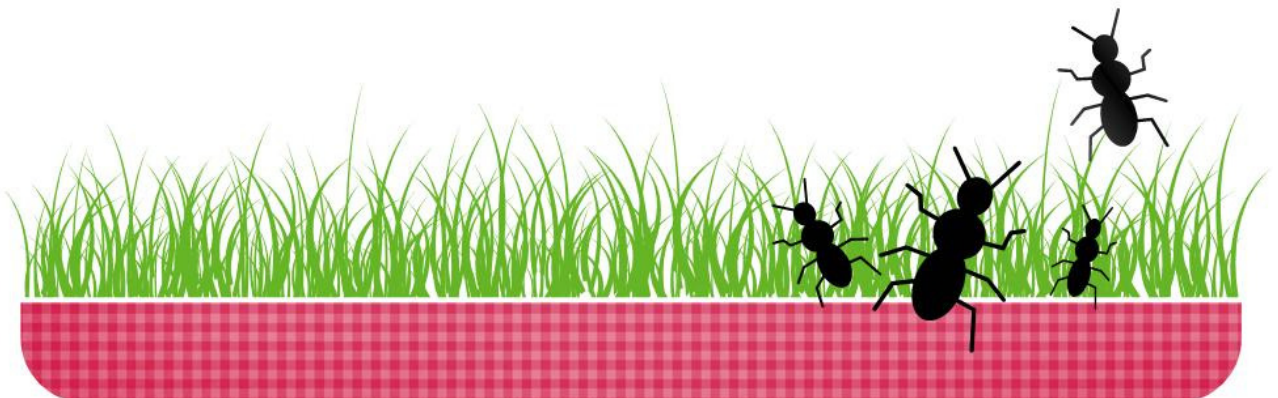
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Thank you!

Thank you to all our Religious Education volunteers! We truly could not have run this program without your dedication and hard work!

See you in the Fall!

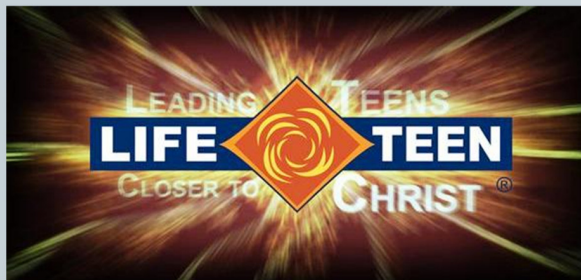


Nepomucene's Teens

Life Teen Summer Kick-off & Freshman Welcoming Party Sunday June 2nd! All High School Students and Incoming Freshman are welcome.

*"Life Teen" begins with the Life Teen Mass at 5 PM and continues with Life Night until 8:15 PM.

EDGE has ended for the semester. Please register your student for EDGE next year. The EDGE program is a major part of their Confirmation Formation.



Graduating Seniors & Families

The Mass acknowledging our graduating seniors and their accomplishment will be on Pentecost Sunday at the 5 PM Life Teen Mass.

You must have a reservation to attend dinner/ program at SOKOL Hall after Mass.

Only those on the reservation list will be admitted to the dinner!

Call the Parish office (972)878-8336 or email Stephen at Stephent@stjohncc.net to reserve your seat

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohncc.net

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pam Maliska, James Williford, Kacie Zhanel and Baby, Don Tanner, Jimmy Aguilar, Jose Padilla, Tristan Hayes, Alyson Meachum, Katherine Michno, Patsy Odlozil, Pauline Novy, Jo Ann Dolezalik, William Becker, Patsy Zabochnik, Victor G. Zabochnik, Gentry Holmes, Michael Slovacek, Jerod Timms, Ron Spellman, Agnes Prda, Bev Richardson, Edwin Storz, Jerry "Sonny" Autrey, Noreene Autrey Pierce, Connie Alvarez, Jim Sager, Delfa Arrambide, Kevin & Robin Woodley, Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebeck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Helen Patak, Betty Coker, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Matthew Dixon, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Jimmie Trahan, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

Come, Holy Spirit

As we approach Pentecost, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon us and upon our parish, enlightening our hearts and guiding us into a closer relationship with God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As part of our celebration of Pentecost, the Saturday evening Mass next week will be celebrated as a special Pentecost Vigil Mass with extra readings, the reception of a Baptized non-Catholic into the Catholic Church, and adult Confirmations and First Communions.

Come be a part of this special night.