

Saint John Francis Regis Parish



May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John Francis Regis Parish is to foster a family of faith built on yesterday's foundation, so that today's spirituality, service, and education will continue to grow into tomorrow's Catholic community.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,
and tomorrow"*

Heb. 13:8

Adoration: 7 Days a Week
Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm (or by appointment)

*Please be courteous and limit the church to 10 people at a time as well as keeping a 6' distance from other parishioners as mandated by the state.

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CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt—schmidtr@sjchollywood.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Deacon Ammon Ripple

IN-RESIDENCE (Retired)

Rev. Eamon Dignan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

ADORATION

7 Days a Week

WEEKDAY EXPOSITION

Monday—Friday: 6:00 am -7:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4-5pm

(or by appointment)

PRAYER

ROSARY

Monday- Friday 7:30am;

Saturday 4:30pm , Sunday 6:30am

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Individual directed guidance is offered by our Priests and Deacon.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER!

PARISH STAFF

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP

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OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY- FRIDAY: 8:00am to 4:00pm

SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL

Susan McDonough

Parish School: Grades PK-8 - Before & After Care

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday classes: Grades K-6 and 8-12,

from 10:15am to 11:15am,

Tuesday classes: Grades 5-8 from 7:00-8:15pm.

The program usually starts in

September and ends in May.

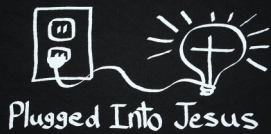
SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

MARRIAGES—Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Please notify the rectory when a parishioner would like to receive the sacraments and is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital.

R.C.I.A.—(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments are invited to contact the rectory at any time.



Get **plugged in** and read scriptures with the whole church! Here are some useful mobile apps.

Vatican
News



Youth
DoCat



The Pope



Laudate



Daily Readings Mass Intentions

Acts 14/Jn 14	MONDAY, MAY 18 8:00am Claire Ann Mc Connell+ 12:30pm Rev. Charles Green+
Acts 14/Jn14	TUESDAY, MAY 19 8:00am Robert Morrisette+ 12:30pm Janet Tippet+
Acts 15/Jn 15	WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 8:00am Sally Pellegrino+ 12:30pm David Watts+
Acts 1/Jn 15	THURSDAY, MAY 21 8:00am Mary Woodburn+ 12:30 Mary Mileto+
Acts 15/Jn15	FRIDAY, MAY 22 8:00am Dorothy Schindler+ 12:30 Arthur Garrett+
Acts 16/Jn 15	SATURDAY, MAY 23 8:00am Donald Spinning+ 12:30pm James Garrett+ 5:30pm Jay Paganelli+
Acts 8/1 Pt 3/ John 14	SUNDAY, MAY 24 7:00am St John's Parish 12:00pm Adam Flint

*Please use sign up genius to schedule a private mass.
(Limited to 6 people)

See St Johns Website for link to sign up

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven... "A time to be born..."

"A time to die, a time to mourn..."

Deacon Timothy D. Enright

James Edward (Bouncer) Clarke

"and a time to embrace, a time to love..."

"A time to heal..."

Jordyn Rose O'Connor, Jalen Penaflor,

Barbara Pilkerton, John & Ethel Pilkerton, Robin Poe,

Frances Powers, Hannah Rainer, Maria Robey,

Hal Richards, James Russell, Suzanne Saurel,

Shirley Johnson Sellner, Charlotte Silva, Rosemary Smith,

Patricia Somerville, Samaya Stone,

Danny Sweeney, Nancy Szewczyk, Gwennette Thomas, William

J. Trainor Sr, Alice Viverette, James Wallace, Ronnie Ward,

Johnny Wathen, Kenny Watts, Laura Wible, Eleanor Wood, Jill

Wood, Damian Worrelland and

Luzina Yorkshire

"...and a time of war, and a time of peace..."

CPT Timothy E. Sartori, USA; Lt Evan A. Scott, USN;

Sgt Sean B. Scott, USA;

LCDR Christopher S. Servello, USN;

LT Jeffery T. Servello, USN;

2ndLT Matthew Francis Smith, USA;

AEC Stephen Sterns, USN;

CDR Christopher Stearns, USN;

LT John Taylor, USN; Cpl Taylor Theriot, USMC;

SSgt JanCarlo Torres, USAF;

Staff Sgt Jason W. Walker, USA;

A1C Jack Whinnery, USAF; PVT Bradley William, USA.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Saints Alive! Fr. Ray's favorite Saints this week...

May 18th: St John I, Pope and Martyr (526) This pope, a friend of St Boethius, sought to strengthen the tie of the Church East and West, but died in Ravenna— a victim of shock and ill treatment at the hands of the same Arian king, Theodoric, who had killed his friend Boethius.

May 19th: St Peter Celestine (1210-1296) is the first pope to retire, and was a special patron for Pope Benedict XVI for obvious reasons. A hermit priest, peter founded a group of Benedictine style hermits called 'Celestines', and was appointed pope at the age of 85. He was utterly unworldly and politically naïve. He simply quit and told the cardinals to get back to work.

May 20th: St Bernardino of Sienna (1380– 1444) How many times have we heard the question, what does IHS mean? This glorious Franciscan priest strengthened his voice so it would carry through even open air pulpits as he denounced gambling, witchcraft, usury and superstition through the power of these three letters. The nuber of Franciscan vocations increased tenfold. Conversions abound in his steps. IHS? Iesus Hominum Salvator.

May 21st: Blessed Charles de Mazenod (1782-1861) Born in Aix-en-Provence, this bishop of Marseilles founded the missionary oblates of Mary Immaculate. I like him because his parents divorced when he was young-and understands that special kind of family wound the we all know too well.

EDUCATION

ATTENTION

At our pastor's discretion the church will remain open for private prayer and confession but must also follow the 10 person, social distancing limit.

At this time the new executive order for the State of Maryland allows the parish office to remain open but must still adhere to the 10 person, social distancing limit.

FORMED

Access thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly through our parish subscription to FORMED.org. For a new, free, personal account, just go to the website, click "sign-up" and then choose "I belong to a parish or organization" and then enter either our zip code (20636) or "St John Francis Regis" and then enter your personal information to finish setting up your account. Once set up, you'll have access to a tremendous amount of Catholic content, available with many recent enhancements such as:

- All FORMED content can now be downloaded and played offline on smartphones and tablets!
- FORMED has added more apps including Roku and Apple TV.
- FORMED has made registration and login much simpler – no more passwords needed!
- FORMED has improved search functionality to make it easier to find the faith forming content you're

SJSP 2020 – registration opens Sunday, March 1st!

St. John's Summer Program's 2020 online registration opened March 1st. Visit our website - **www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com** for more information and to register. 80+ camps will be offered this summer, with nearly 20 of them new for 2020, including PAW Patrol, Tee-Shirt Camp, Dinosaur Days, Lucky Dog Camp and Coaster Park Design.

Sisters in Christ,

During this time of uncertainty, we implore you to call upon the blessed mother, who wraps you in her mantle of love and protection. May we find ways to support our fellow sisters from a distance and keep each other close in our hearts thorough prayer.



Fiat! Daughters of St. Regis are still keeping your intentions in their prayers. Please continue to leave your intentions in the boxes

SERVICE

We'd like to thank all of you for your continued generosity toward our parish. Due cancellation of masses our collection has decreased by 40%. We ask you to remain faithful to your weekly donations and encourage you to consider using Faith Direct. <https://www.faithdirect.net/>

Our parish code is MD116.

The poor box is still open and we have a secure lock boxes for your convenience

Please contact the parish office with any questions or concerns.

Community Service Opportunity

The St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS) is a group of parish volunteers whose goal is to assist residents of St. Mary's County who are struggling to make ends meet.

The primary work of SJCS is carried out through a phone ministry whereby our volunteers accept calls from those in need, and determine if, and how, SJCS can help. Working in teams of two, our volunteers commit to taking calls over a two week period. Phone assignments occur approximately 4-5 times per year, and are planned around each volunteer's schedule requirements.

All calls are handled on a dedicated SJCS cell phone and all client information is kept confidential. A meeting of SJCS members takes place every other Thursday evening to review and discuss client calls. Otherwise, the phone ministry is carried out within the volunteer's home environment. Training is provided for new volunteers.

In addition to the phone ministry, SJCS volunteers also engage in:

Organizing the Christmas Angel Tree Program, to help make Christmas happier for a child or elderly person in need.

Coordinating St. John's parish participation in Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (WARM). The St. John's volunteers participate as a "helping church" in the local interfaith effort to provide meals and overnight shelter for overflow homeless of St. Mary's County during the winter.

Through participation in SJCS, our volunteers: Improve lives; Provide second chances; Meet others who desire to put Christian values into action by serving the local community.

To learn more about SJCS, contact us at 240-298-7645 sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org.

Our Prayers are with the Knights of Columbus and their families at this time.

Attention Men - Struggling with pornography?

Your local Catholic brothers are here to help with a weekly Men's Recovery Group. This no-cost, laymen led group offers discrete support and accountability. Your name is not required for inquiry. Please call our automated phone line at 240-309- 2556 or email saintjohnsrecovery@gmail.com for more information.

The Footsteps St. Paul - Greece & Ephesus

October 2-12, 2020-Postponed

Fr Ray Schmidt and Fr Harry Stokes are postponing the Footsteps of St. Paul pilgrimage to a future date.

When a new date can be schedule we will God willing publish this great opportunity again!

For more information please contact Margaret Young at my778@aol.com

Brothers in Christ,

We encourage you to continue your fraternal bonds with the community you have formed through St John's. Please continue to support each other in prayer and words of encouragement.



We are praying for our military families at home and abroad!

St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS)

This fiscal year, SJCS has provided assistance to 177 families or individuals facing difficult times because of unemployment, sickness, disability, or unexpected set-backs, including those associated with the COVID-19 situation. When you contribute to SJCS, you have the confidence of knowing that your donation stays in the local community helping the poor and vulnerable in St. Mary's County.

Often our callers are elderly, disabled, and single mothers with children. Donations to help the struggling in our community can be made at anytime via the Poor Box and FaithDirect. A one-time donation to SJCS is a meaningful way to honor or celebrate someone's life or a special occasion. SJCS welcomes new volunteers! If you are considering membership, contact us at

sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org or (240)298-7645.



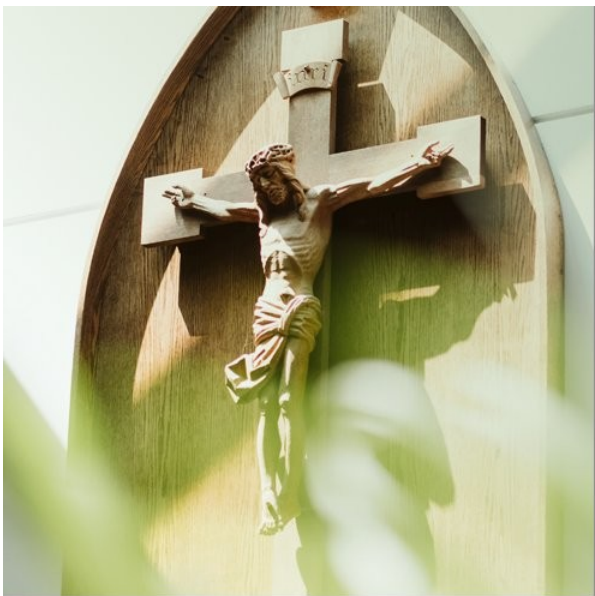
We are happy to have our pilgrim statue in her new home at St John's. We invite you also to say "YES" to Our Lady's invitation to visit your home in a very special way. Some of you may be familiar with similar programs. With that said we invite you to take the Statue of Our Lady home and place it in a prominent place in your home on a weekly basis.

There is a sign-up sheet with more information in the back of the church next to the St. Cecilia statue. If you have any questions, you can contact Deacon Ammon Ripple.

"Let us respond to Our Lady's call for Prayer and Reparation to restore peace in the world and holiness in family life."

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
6-7:00 am Exposition	6-7:00 am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6:30-7:30am Exposition	6:30am Rosary
						Private Masses
7:30am Ro- sary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:00am- Fr. Dignan
Private Massses	Private Massses	Private Massses	Private Massses	Private Massses	Private Masses	12:00pm- Fr. Ray
8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am Fr Dignan 12:30 Fr Ray	
12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	4:00pm Confession 4:30pm Rosary 5:30 Recorded Vigil	Open for Personal Prayer



“When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a *spiritual communion*, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

ST. TERESA OF JESUS

How to make a Spiritual Communion

There is no formula but some recommendations are:

- Start with the sign of the Cross
- Read and reflect on the readings for Mass for the day
See <https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>
- Have a real desire to be united to Christ
- Acknowledge your sins and ask for forgiveness
- Receive Christ in your soul and pray an Act of Spiritual Communion
- Offer thanksgiving

What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is a way to be spiritually united to Christ when we are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori’s *Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

“If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed”

(7 Secrets of the Eucharist, pp. 97-98)