



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 4, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Pentecost, Juan Bautista Maino, 1612-1614

WHO WE ARE



Rev. Jacob Jaks, 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 | 4:30-5:00pm

Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm

First Fridays | 9am (following Mass)

To confidentially schedule a confession, email Fr. Jacob at confession@saintjohnnpc.org

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text message or email announcements

Parish Council

John Maceluch, Jr. | Parish Council Chair

Kelly Bernhardt

Kathy Kidd

Brett McCarty

Jim Blanchet

Jerry Kelly

Anita Thomas

Register as a Member

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

Parish Office

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

850-763-1821 | saintjohnnpc@saintjohnnpc.org

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis

Chris Dinote | Catholic Cemetery Administrator

Dr. Martin Gallegos | Director of Sacred Music

Grace Griffith | Secretary

Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator

Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

Dot Wagner | Confirmation Coordinator

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 MFrericks@Diocesan.com

St. John Catholic Academy

850-763-1775 | office@sj eagles.org

Sr. Grace Ford, Er Dio | Principal

Finance Council

Chris Brooks | Finance Council Chair

Jackie Fowler

Dcn. Earl Mirus

Sean McNeil

Tim Wheeler

Sr. Grace Ford

Donna Couchigian

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

Nick Labrie | Youth Formation

nick.labrie@saintjohnnpc.org

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

Adults | 18+

Fr. Jacob Jaks | 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

*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

WEEKEND SECURITY UPDATE

An Update on Weekend Coverage

Dear Parishioners,

I want to provide you with an update regarding security coverage at St. John.

Some of you may have noticed that, on certain weekends recently, we have not had a security officer present for our Masses. Our current security provider, Praelio Security, has had difficulty recruiting candidates for our weekend position. In an effort to maintain coverage, they have brought officers in from Tallahassee and other areas to serve our parish. While we are grateful for their efforts, this arrangement has also resulted in some weekends without coverage.

After careful consideration and in consultation with the Parish Council, we have determined that Praelio is not the right solution for our weekend security needs, and we will therefore be ending our weekend security contract with them, effective next weekend.

We greatly value the mission and vision of Praelio and are grateful for their partnership with St. John Catholic Academy, where they have been successful in recruiting and maintaining a full-time security officer. We are pleased to maintain that portion of our partnership.

Our decision to end our weekend contract with Praelio is not a reflection of their mission, but rather a recognition that the staffing model we need for weekend coverage has not been working as we had hoped. We are actively exploring other options for weekend security in consultation with the Diocese, and we will keep you informed as those decisions are made.

You will also continue to see additional security improvements throughout our campus. We are investing in additional security cameras, new alarm systems, and improved door access-control systems. These measures are intended to strengthen the overall security of our facilities and provide additional layers of deterrence and protection for our parishioners, students, staff, and guests.

We recognize that security is an important responsibility, particularly as we gather each weekend for worship. We will continue to do what we reasonably can to provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes to St. John.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this transition. We are grateful for your continued trust and support of our parish.

In Christ,

Nick Labrie
Director of Mission Operations



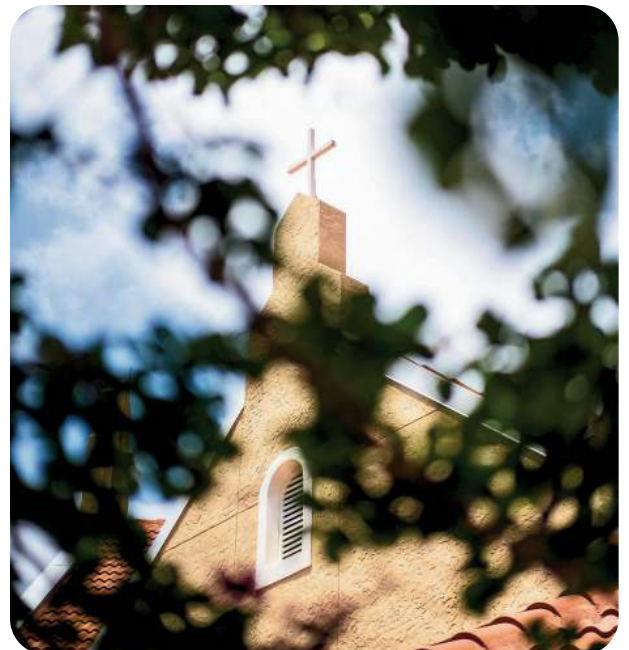
PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, November 1st, 11:45am

Join us Sunday, November 1st for our annual Parish Picnic!

This free parish-wide celebration will include lunch, bounce houses, face painting, lawn games, and plenty of time for fellowship and getting to know your fellow parishioners.

Bring the whole family and join us as we celebrate the St. John community together!



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

For the Month of October

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm | Parish Hall

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm in the parish hall. Join us this Tuesday, October 6th. Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

Fellowship Breakfast

October 4 | After 8:15 Mass

The fellowship breakfast hosted by the St. John Men's Club will be this Sunday, October 4th. Enjoy a complete breakfast with your parish family. Donations support parish ministries. The Men's Club warmly welcomes new or prospective members to their fraternal organization. If interested, please speak to any member at the breakfast.

Life Chain 2026

Oct 4 | 1:45pm

Respect Life Sunday is October 4th, 2026. Life Chain, an event for the whole family, is a prayerful, peaceful, witness that we believe in the sanctity of life. Simply come on Sunday, October 4th, around 1:45pm at either the Academy Sports parking lot or the Wal-Mart parking lot near Five Guys, both on 23rd St. Then choose a sign and let the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Our Diocese is Partnering with Hallow!

Join Bishop Wack's Prayer Campaign

"Called by Name" Starting August 31

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Events this Week

Sunday, October 4

Fellowship Breakfast in the parish hall after 8:15 Mass

10:45am - Confirmation Mass with Bishop Wack

Monday, October 5

6:00pm - CCW monthly meeting in the parish hall

Tuesday, October 6

6:15pm - OCIA meeting in the parish hall

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

Wednesday, October 7

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

5:30pm - Pathways Faith Formation in parish hall

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study in the parish office

Sunday, October 11

Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall after both Masses

Council of Catholic Women

Oct 5 | Monthly Meeting

The St. John CCW will hold their next meeting in the parish hall at 6pm on October 5th. Please join us.

KoC Baby Bottle Drive

For Respect Life Month

During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus will have a baby bottle drive available after the weekend Masses. Donations support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Return filled bottles to the Knights after Mass throughout October or to the parish office.

Boxes of Joy

Available Oct 10-11 | Return by Nov 1

Next weekend, October 10-11th, CCW will distribute Boxes of Joy after each Mass. Fill a box with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, or apparel to help provide for a child in need at Christmas. CCW requests \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Insert cash or check in the box, or pay online (please scan the code or visit <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> and scroll to the option to donate \$9 for shipping). Return filled boxes to the Church entryway or to the parish office no later than Sunday, November 1st. Pamphlets are available for more information. Thank you for your generosity and partnership with CCW.



Rachel's Vineyard

Upcoming Retreat Opportunity

Rachel's Vineyard offers retreats for any man or woman struggling with the pain of abortion or traumatic pregnancy loss. Come and receive peace and the compassion of God. These retreats are strictly confidential and for people of all faiths. The next Spanish retreat is December 4-6. For details, contact (904) 221-3232, or rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls and inquiries are confidential.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Weekly on Wednesday Mornings

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study. We are studying *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* by Edward Sri. We meet in the parish office on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Next Meeting | October 7

Please join us in the parish office on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30pm. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 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 saintjohnnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Repose of the Soul

†Terral Matherne, †Yvonne Matherne

Healing

Joy Marie Wiggins, Brac Merritt, Dean Tucker, Don C., Lorraine Daigle, Roger Becker, Mike Pavlus, Tami Seibert, Taina Ferguson, Robert Gutting

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00am...†Margaret Herring

4:30pm...†Arlene Kantner by Allison Blomquist

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am...†Mike Beasty

by the St. John Men's Club

10:45am...People of the Parish

Monday, October 5, 2026

8:15am....Ed & Christine Macejka

35th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

5:30pm....†Amber Catalano Smith

by Martha Cordell

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:15am....†Mr. & Mrs. Paul Weller

Thursday, October 8, 2026

5:30pm....†Bill Cordell by Martha Cordell

Friday, October 9, 2026

8:15am...†Patricia DiBella

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:30pm....In Thanksgiving for Benefactors
on Anniv. of Hurricane Michael

Sunday, October 11, 2026

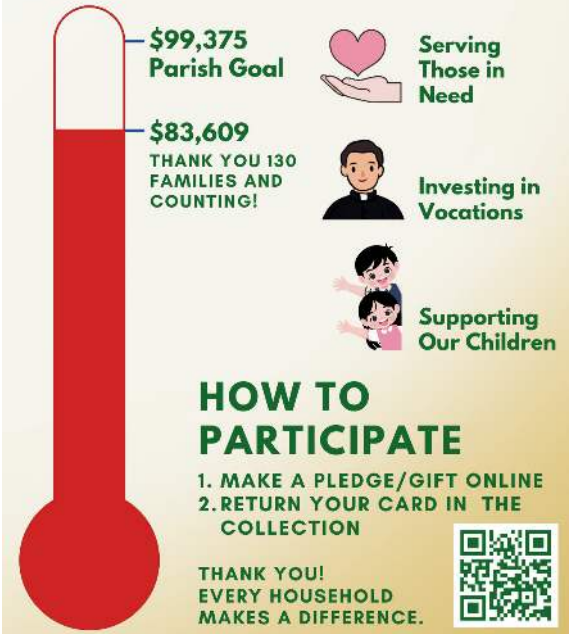
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:45am...†Jeanne Quirk by Pat Quirk

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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Scripture Readings, Week of Oct. 4, 2026

Sun Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Mon Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tue Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wed Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thurs Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Fri Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

Sat Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sun Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10



EAGLE NEWS

October 5, 2026



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

FAMILY MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 1:15 PM

SJCA Families are invited to join us for Mass on Wednesday, October 21, at 1:15 PM at St. John Catholic Church.

We will recognize our 4th-8th grade First Quarter Honor Roll recipients. Guest pre-registration is required. Please complete one registration form per guest by Monday, October 19, at 3:30 PM.

Same-day registration will not be available. Pre-printed visitor badges will be sent home with your youngest student on Tuesday, October 20th.

Following Mass and Honor Roll recognition, students will return to their classrooms and dismiss through their regular carline.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 9th -

Early Release at 12PM for Students/ End OF FIRST NINE WEEKS/ POWERSCHOOL CLOSURES/TEACHER WORKDAY/ NO AFTERCARE

Monday, October 12th -

Columbus Day (No School for Students/ Preschool Closed/ Teacher Inservice Family Mass and Q1 Honor Roll - 4th to 8th Grades

Wednesday, October 21st -

1st Qtr Report Cards (Delivered Electronically) All Saints Fest 2:30 to 5pm on the PE Field (Registration required)

Wednesday, October 21st -

Friday, October 30th -



MIDDLE SCHOOL
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HISTORY | LITERATURE | SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contact employment@sjseagles.org

Virtue of the week:

FORESIGHT

DEFINITION OF FORESIGHT:

Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

PRAYER FOR FORESIGHT:

Dear Jesus, when I come upon situations that require serious thought, please send your Holy Spirit to guide me, that I may always do Your holy will. Guide me with Your counsel, and give me the courage to act rightly when it is difficult.

FORESIGHT LOOKS LIKE:

Thinking ahead
Looking outside at the weather and dressing appropriately
Writing yourself a reminder so that you are prepared

FORESIGHT SOUNDS LIKE:

If I do that, then this will happen...
I will get things ready for tomorrow.



SJCA is looking for volunteer tutors to provide extra academic support to our students.

Monday-Friday | 2:00-4:00 PM

Whether you can volunteer one day a week or several, we would love to have your help!

Interested in volunteering?

Contact the school office for more information by emailing office@sjseagles.org or calling 850-763-1775

Contact Us: 850.763.1775



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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.....812-455-1234

Carmelites

Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

Catholic Cemetery

Chris DiNote.....(850) 786-2965
cemetery@saintjohnnpc.org

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

Cheryl Wilson.....706-341-2579

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

Our fall semester has started, and we hope you will join us.

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

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. *Our fall semester has started, and we hope you will join us.*

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnnpc.org
Typically on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon in the parish hall. *Please join us for our next Social in November.*

Young Professional Fellowship

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