Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Ascension of the Lord | June 1, 2025
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Ascension, Johann Koerbecke, 1456-1457

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 messages or emails for announcements & upcoming events

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

Paige Morrone | Secretary
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Charlotte Dickey | Religious Education Director
Nic & Dot Wagner | Youth Ministry
Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations
Me-Gan Vu | Director of Sacred Music

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Charlotte Dickey | Religious Education
charlotte.dickey@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Nic & Dot Wagner | Youth Ministry
youth@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM) -
CSM meets Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic Middle School - text pcCSM to 84576 to get info on summer socials

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

*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 Dr. James Gagnon, MSW, LCSW at 850-877-0205.

A GLIMPSE INTO SACRED ART

Refer to the art on the cover of the bulletin as you ponder on this reflection:

Johann Koerbecke's The Ascension, painted around 1456–1457, was originally part of a multi-panel altarpiece, guiding the faithful into contemplation of Christ's glorious return to the Father.

The painting captures the moment described in Acts 1:9–11, where Christ is lifted up before the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a striking and traditional medieval motif, only Christ's feet remain visible on the mount as He ascends into a radiant golden heaven. The Apostles, arranged in a semi-circle, look upward with gestures of awe and wonder. Mary, clothed in deep blue and set apart with a halo, is portrayed with calm dignity at the center of the group, her hands folded in prayer, an image of the Church in serene faith and expectant hope. Above, Christ is shown enthroned in glory among saints and prophets, including Moses and King David, emphasizing His divine kingship and the fulfillment of Scripture.

This composition serves as more than a narrative; it is a theological vision. The golden background represents the divine realm, while the figures' expressive faces and naturalistic gestures invite the viewer into the emotional and spiritual tension of the moment. Christ's red robe, bearing the marks of the Passion, reminds us that His glory comes through the Cross. Mary's presence points to the Church's enduring role: to remain in prayer, united in expectation of the Holy Spirit. The footprints left on the earth become a powerful symbol of Christ's real bodily departure and a promise of His return.

Koerbecke's Ascension invites us to lift our hearts to Heaven, to trust in Christ's abiding presence, and to embrace our mission as His witnesses on earth. In the quiet stillness of Mary and the upward gaze of the Apostles, we see a model for our own discipleship: rooted in prayer, alive with hope, and always looking toward the glory that is to come.

A Letter from Fr. Kennell

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

A blessed start to summer to all of you! The month of June in the church has always occupied a particular place in my heart. For one, there are many feast days that the Church calls us to celebrate. This is also a month when many martyrs of the faith are recognized. A principal celebration is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Also, in general, the first weekend of June is traditionally when our diocese celebrates the ordination of men to the priesthood.

I am not with you this weekend, as I am attending the ordinations of four of our seminarians to the sacred office of priest. I was also requested by one of them to be at the celebration of his first Mass. We are blessed this year to have this larger number of ordinations, the highest number since my class was ordained in 2016. Praise God for his providential care in calling men in our diocese to the priesthood, and we thank God for their generous response. Please pray for Fr. William Gibson, Fr. Christopher Holcomb, Fr. Peter Jutras, and Fr. Grant Sennott.

As you pray for them, I kindly request your prayers for me, that I would be a good, faithful, and holy priest and shepherd – the one that Christ wants me to be. God bless you all! Know of my prayers for you.

Peace.

-Fr. Kennell

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Ascension Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

June 1 | After the 8:15am Mass
Parish Hall
Join us for a time of fellowship over a light breakfast hosted by the Men's Club as we celebrate Ascension Sunday! There is plenty of time for our 10:45 Mass attendees to partake and still be in compliance with the one hour rule.

The Third Option - Session 13

June 4 | 6 to 8pm
St. Dominic's Community Center
This week's topic - Forgiveness and Repair
The Third Option is a great program for couples & individuals that helps relationships flourish.
Questions?
BayThirdOption.com | info@saintdominicpc.com

First Friday Adoration

June 6 | 9am-5pm
Church Building
Join us after the 8:15am daily Mass for exposition and adoration until 5pm in the church building. Sign-ups are in the church entryway. If you sign up for a spot, it is crucial to not leave the Eucharist unattended. Please call the number on the sign-up sheet if you need to leave and no one else is present.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday starting Sept. 3 | 9:30-10:30am
Parish Office Conference Room
Our Wednesday morning women's bible study will be taking a break over the summer. They will kick off for the fall on September 3rd. Join them as they go through the series "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland. Contact Kathy Kidd at 850-814-7747 or Martha Cordell at
850-814-4619 for more information.

Events this Week

Sunday, June 1
Ascension Sunday Fellowship Breakfast **after the 8:15am Mass** in the hall
2:30pm - Piano by Grace Recital in church building
Tuesday, June 3
12pm Noon - Funeral for Tom Hails
6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery
Friday, June 6
9am-5pm - Exposition & Adoration
Saturday, June 7
8:30-10:30am - Fishers of Men's Breakfast at St. Dominic
9am - First Saturday Latin *Novus Ordo* Mass
10am-2pm - DCCR Day of Renewal in church building
Sunday, June 8
Donuts to support Catholic Student Ministry **after the 8:15am Mass** in the parish hall
2nd Chance Sunday confessions **after all Masses**
4pm - Pentecost Celebration in church with dinner to follow

Coffee & Donuts

Sundays in June | After the 8:15am Mass
Parish Hall
Our Catholic Student Ministry will be hosting coffee and donuts this summer. Join us June 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Donations benefit summer youth trips

Vacation Bible School

June 23-27
St. Dominic Catholic Church
Faith on Fire: Saints & Heroes of the Catholic Church
For ages 3 (pre-k) - 5th grade. We also need teen and adult volunteers! Register a child or volunteer using the QR code.

DCCR Day of Renewal

June 7 | 8:30am to 1:50pm - Mass begins at 9am
Church Building
Join the Diocesan Commission for Charismatic Renewal for their annual Day of Renewal with the theme "Tongues of Fire" with celebrant and keynote speaker, Rev. Patrick LaPointe. RSVP at ptdccr.org. The event will begin with our regularly scheduled Latin *Novus Ordo* Mass at 9am. You are welcome to attend Mass as usual without attending the full Day of Renewal.

Piano by Grace Recital

June 1 | 2:30pm
Church Building
Support parishioner, Grace Griffith, and her piano students at their Spring Recital.

Happy Birthday, Jack Donlon!

Parishioner Jack Donlon will be celebrating his 97th birthday on June 9th! If you would like to send him a birthday card, you may send it to the following address:

Jack Donlon
c/o Sims Veterans Nursing Home
4419 Tram Rd., Rm #127a
Panama City, FL 32404

Scripture Readings For the Week of June 1, 2025

Sunday **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38;
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday **Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11;
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21;
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**
Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Joel 3:1-5;
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30;
Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11;
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Join us in Prayer

If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing

Cindy & Bryan Burkemper, Dee Jackson, Jimmie Carroll, Julie Billot, Gerry Dee Sott, Anita Thomas, Thomas Derbes

Repose of the Soul

†Tom Hails

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, May 31, 2025
4:30pm.....Josh & Sara Jones
Happy Anniversary!
Sunday, June 1, 2025
Ascension of the Lord
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....†Don & Ann Scaglione by Mitchell Scaglione
Monday, June 2, 2025
8:15am.....†Reta Lee DuPont by Ann Harnage
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
5:30pm.....†Sandra Ayash by The Britson Family
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
8:15am.....†Billie Jean Rauscher by Don Rauscher
Thursday, June 5, 2025
5:30pm.....†Richard M. Georges by Barbara & Robert Britson
Friday, June 6, 2025
8:15am.....Sanctification of Priests
Saturday, June 7, 2025
9:00am.....†Roy Gaumer by Connor Murphy
4:30pm.....†Don Oney
Sunday, June 8, 2025
Pentecost
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by the CCW

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JUNE 2025 — June is full of Solemnities that we as a parish family want to celebrate, to understand more deeply, and to live more fully in our families.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
June 1
Church & Parish Hall
Come celebrate this great Solemnity with breakfast from 9:15-10:30am in the parish hall. Activity sheets for children will be available to help your family dive into this great mystery! There is plenty of time for our 10:45 Mass attendees to partake and still be in compliance with the one hour rule.

First Friday Adoration
June 6 | After the 8:15am Mass
Church
Two adorers are needed each hour until 5:00pm. Come spend some time in prayer with Jesus. Families and children are always welcome!

First Saturday Latin *Novus Ordo* Mass
June 7 | 9:00am
Church

Pentecost Sunday
June 8
Church & Parish Hall
Come celebrate Pentecost with coffee & donuts from 9:15-10:15am in the parish hall (sponsored by CSM as a fundraiser for their summer missions). Activity sheets for children will be available to help your family dive into this great mystery!
4:00pm Holy Hour with Adoration, worship, and prayer teams. Please join us after for dinner. Dinner is brats & hotdogs, but bring a side or dessert to share!

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 15
Church & Parish Hall
Come celebrate this great mystery together with coffee & donuts from 9:15-10:15am in the parish hall (sponsored by CSM as a fundraiser for their summer missions). Activity sheets for children will be available to help your family dive into the Holy Trinity!

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 22
Church & Parish Hall
Come celebrate this Solemnity together with coffee & donuts from 9:15-10:15am in the parish hall (sponsored by CSM as a fundraiser for their summer missions). Activity sheets for children will be available to help your family dive into the beauty of the Eucharist!

The Solemnity of Peter & Paul, Apostles
June 29
Church & Parish Hall
Come celebrate this Solemnity together with coffee & donuts from 9:15-10:15am in the parish hall (sponsored by CSM as a fundraiser for their summer missions). Activity sheets for children will be available to help your family dive into the lives of these two great Apostles.

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will have a celebration in the afternoon. Stop by their parish to partake in the celebration!

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration (St. Dominic)
St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel that is open to everyone 24/7! Contact their parish office for the door code and to sign-up for a weekly adoration hour

Association of St. Jude
Don Rauscher.....850-271-3365

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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. The next breakfast will be on **June 7th**.*

Knights of Columbus
Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library
Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Bible Study
Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801
Al Kidd.....850-257-4149
Taking a break for the summer. Check back in September for updates!

Men's Club
Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Ministry to the Sick
Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Mission 850
850mission@gmail.com
Provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month

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

Natural Family Planning
Melissa Cornman.....407-415-6575

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. This fall & spring, meetings will be on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm** at St. Dominic. Join anytime!*

Women's Morning Bible Study
Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
Taking a break for the summer. The bible study will return on September 3rd in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am studying "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland

Women's Socials
heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
*Typically on the **first Saturday from 10am-noon** in the parish hall - taking a break for the summer. Check back in September for updates!*

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