Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
The Ascension of the Lord | May 17, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Ascension, David Teniers the Younger, 1656

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

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

Contact the Parish Office
To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

Parish Office

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm
850-763-1821 | saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org
Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis
Chris Dinote | Catholic Cemetery Administrator
Grace Griffith | Secretary
Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator
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Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager
Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis
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
Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

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

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EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7th, following the 10:45am Mass.

Come and honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, June 7th.

Following the 10:45 AM Mass, we will begin our Eucharistic Procession at 12:00 PM from the church. Together, we will walk in prayer along Frankford Avenue, pausing at the Catholic Cemetery for Benediction, and returning to the Church via Fortune Avenue. The total route is just over 1.25 miles.

Let us joyfully bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, bringing His presence into our community.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are warmly invited to join.

PATHWAYS: COMING THIS AUGUST

A new way for families to grow in faith at St. John's.

This August, St. John's is launching Pathways, a new **family faith formation** and **sacramental prep** experience designed to help you grow in faith both at church and at home.

PATHWAYS
formation suite

Pathways is for **all families with children ages 5–17**, whether you are preparing for sacraments or simply want to grow in faith together. It replaces our previous religious education model and becomes the primary way families participate in faith formation at St. John's.

Pathways engages families in a mix of *At-Church* and *At-Home* sessions. Families gather at the parish for a shared meal, teaching, and community with **childcare provided** for the littlest among us. Then, you continue the journey in your own home with simple, guided sessions designed for real family life.

At-Home sessions take just 20–30 minutes and we provide everything you need: conversation prompts, prayer experiences, & hands-on materials. No theological background required. We'll equip you every step of the way.

Pathways launches August 26th. Find more information and **register now at saintjohnpc.org.**
Questions? Email Jera at jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org.

·SEEK·
FOR FAMILIES

4 *At-Church* Sessions
Wednesdays Beginning
August 26th

ROOT
FOR FAMILIES

Mix of *At-Church* & *At-Home* Sessions
September - December

January And On...

Continued Pathways Based on Your Family's Stage and Sacramental Readiness

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Second Collection This Weekend

May 16 & 17

The Diocesan Second Collection this weekend supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

Piece Makers Craft Group

May 23 | 10am-12pm

Join us in the hall on Saturday, May 23, as we craft items to sell for a later parish fundraiser. All crafters age 18+ are welcome. Bring any type of craft or project you enjoy or are working on--from paper crafts, sewing, crochet, other needle art, painting, card making, and the list goes on. For more information, please call Susie at (281) 844-0844. We hope to see you there.

Pray & Play

May 26 | 4:30pm

All families are invited to our next Pray & Play this Thursday. We meet at Oakland Terrace Park (across 11th Street from St. John). We learn about the Saint of the Day, and have an opportunity to go to Confession and attend Daily Mass at 5:30.
For more information, contact jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org.

Confirmation 2026

Grades 5-12

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.
For more information and to register your child for Confirmation preparation, please contact Dot as soon as possible at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

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.

Events this Week

Sunday, May 17

Senior Send-Off Blessing - after both Sunday morning Masses
No OCIA class - upcoming dates announced soon
9:30am - Coffee & donuts in the parish hall after both Sunday morning Masses

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 23

10:00am - Piece Makers Craft Group meets in parish hall

Sunday, May 24

No OCIA class - upcoming dates announced soon
9:30am - Coffee & donuts in the parish hall after both Sunday morning Masses

Vacation Bible School

Opportunity to Support VBS 2026

Vacation Bible School has opened an Amazon wishlist to share items needed for the program. By purchasing an item, you are helping create a fun and faith-filled environment where children will encounter Jesus and build lasting memories.
To support VBS, please scan the code to visit the Amazon wishlist.
Your generosity truly makes a difference.

Catholic in Recovery

Tuesdays in Parish Office | 6:15pm

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry at St. John providing support and a confidential environment for individuals seeking recovery within a faith-based framework. For more information, contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

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

Now on Summer Break

Thank you to all who participated this semester. We look forward to continuing Bible Study following our summer break. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study around *Life Everlasting* by Jeffrey Morrow. 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.

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Catholic Life Every Day

Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Repose of the Soul

†Arlene Kantner, †Judy Pajak, †Steve Erickson

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, Troy W., Wesley Schrader, Sally Harlowe, Marie Good, Dan Mixdorf

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, May 16, 2026
4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by The Turner Family
Sunday, May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..†Shana Baughman Carroll by John Maceluch, Jr.
Monday, May 18, 2026
8:15am....†John Camden by Donna Randazzo
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:30pm....Bishop Wack
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
8:15am....Special Intention of George Penton
Thursday, May 21, 2026
5:30pm...†Johann Schmitt & †Jimmie Carroll by Margaret Carroll
Friday, May 22, 2026
8:15am...†Dr. Terry Jack by Connie Bane
Saturday, May 23, 2026
4:30pm...Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW
Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
8:15am....Laporte Family by Richard & Donna Laporte
10:45am..People of the Parish

Scripture Readings, Week of May 17, 2026

Sun **The Ascension of the Lord**
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

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

Tue Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

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

Thur Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

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

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

Sun **Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

May 18, 2026

EAGLE NEWS

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

thank you

As we close another wonderful school year, we thank our SJCA families for your support, partnership, and the many blessings shared throughout the year. We pray your summer is filled with joy, rest, and opportunities to continue growing in the virtue of responsibility by faithfully completing summer assignments and making time to read each day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Open House and our Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 9th.

May God bless your summer, and thank you again for a truly great year at SJCA!

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

CLASSROOM SUPPLY DROP OFF
4PM-5PM
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING
5PM-6PM

The virtue of Modesty

DEFINITION OF MODESTY:
Purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech

PRAYER FOR MODESTY:

Dear Jesus, give me a pure heart like that of Your holy Mother! Please increase in me the gift of the fear of the Lord, so that I may never sadden You by the way I dress, act, or speak.

- **MODESTY LOOKS LIKE:** Dressing in an appropriate manner
- **MODESTY SOUNDS LIKE:** I will wear this skirt because it isn't too short.

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, May 22nd -	PK4 Graduation - 9:30 - 11am
Friday, May 22nd -	Last Day of School - Half Day Dismissal at 12pm - **No aftercare available**
Monday, June 1st -	Summer Camp starts for all registered SJCA students

SUMMERTIME

Contact Us: 850.763.1775
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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

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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.*

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.....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, 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.***

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