

# St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

**March 11, 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE!

WOW! It was all so beautiful to see Putnam County explode with the Azalea Festival. I am grateful for my eyesight. The azalea's that embraced St. John's and St. Monica's was exhilarating.



Please take advantage of the Eucharistic Congress next weekend on Friday and Saturday. We are so blessed to have Bishop Felipe Estevez who helps us realize our Mission Statement to be centered on Eucharist.

As we journey ever closer to the Easter Passover, allow yourself to be surprised by the encounter of Jesus. Last week, the woman of the well came to see Jesus through her thirst. This week we find Jesus in the man born blind. Jesus always finds us when we are on the outside.

Next week we look directly at death. "Jesus, if you would have been here, my loved one would not have died!" Jesus is attempting to break through our anxieties and depression to say, "They will rise with me!" If God is for us, who can be against us?

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Keep them in your prayers and love.

Thank you for your stewardship. Thank you for loving our community and being committed to her well being.

Penance Service coming up on March 22 @ St. Monica's @ 7 pm.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron +

## A Reminder from Father Ron

Please if you haven't checked out the FORMED.org, marvelous movies, educational and Sacramental content and so much more await you and your family. Our parish code is R87GP3. If you find something wonderful, please share.

## Into the Deep" with Father Ron

Father Ron's class is every Wednesday at 4:30 PM. We are studying the book of Mark. The class helps give us a better understanding of the Gospel and is very informative. All are welcome!

## Do you Want to Fast this Lent?

*(in the words of Pope Francis)*

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*

*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*

*Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*

*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*

*Fast from worries and have trust in God.*

*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*

*Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*

*Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with Joy.*

*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*

*Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*

*Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.*

## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening during the Season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:00 PM. This will be followed by a Lenten meal of soup and bread. Please plan to attend.

### Lenten Soup & Bread Schedule

Mar 16 – Spanish Community

Mar 23 – SVdP/Altar Servers

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Pastoral Administrator: Joe Grasso

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday, Mar 11 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:30 AM - Parishioners of St John

2:00 PM - Repose of Samuel Dario Velazquez

*Requested by Laura Ramirez*

### Monday Mar 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Tuesday Mar 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Wednesday, Mar 14 - Lenten Weekday

6:00 PM - Repose of Brian Comstock

*Requested by Sandie Comstock*

### Thursday, Mar 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Friday, Mar 16 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Health and Well Being of Vespar Mikan

*Requested by Mary Mikan*

**Please note: All 11:30 AM Sunday Mass intentions from now on will be for Parishioners of St John.**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - 03/18/2018

*Altar Servers - Corey*

*Readers - Pam - Maggie*

*EMHC - Bud - Meva - Grace - Mary M.*

## The Sanctuary Candle

**burns this week for**

**Brian Comstock**

*Requested by Sandie Comstock*



Let us pray this week for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.

## Your Parish Support

Collections for 03/04/2018

Offertory 2126.25

Maintenance Fund 210.00

Holy Shrines 2.00

Human Development 1.00

Religious Retired 1.00

Central Europe 1.00

Catholic Relief 1.00

Respect Life 1.00

Total \$2343.25

Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity. May God bless and keep us today and always.



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

All members of our parish who are not in perfect health: **Allison Widmeyer, Carmen Concepcion, Roger Coutu, Luisa Velazquez, and Barbara Hogue.** Note: Names on our prayer list are for individuals who are hospitalized, undergoing surgery, in hospice care, or dying.

## Upcoming Events

Mar 11 – 11:30 AM Installation of PPC Council Members

Mar 11 -- 1:15 PM PPC Meeting

Mar 12 -- 7 PM Knights of Columbus

Mar 13 - 9 AM Faith Sharing

Mar 13 – 4:30 PM Father Ron's bible study

Mar 16 - 17 - Eucharistic Congress

Mar 22 - 7 PM Penance Service (At St Monica Church)

June 24 - 30 -- Urban Plunge

### **Installation of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

Father Ron will install the new PPC members during the 11:20 AM Mass on March 11th.

### **Bus Transportation to Eucharistic Congress**

The bus to the Eucharistic Congress will leave St Monica's at 6:30 AM on March 17, 2018. Riders should be at St Monica's by 6:00 AM.

### **Congratulations to Father Pablo**

Father Pablo has passed the 1st phase of his testing for becoming an American Citizen. Congratulations to him and please keep him in your prayers.

### **Are you Blessed with a Talent to Write?**

Summer is rapidly approaching and someone with computer and typing skills is needed to take over the preparation of the bulletin for a few months. We will be producing a smaller bulletin again this summer and preparation time should be greatly reduced. Training will be provided for working with the software. Please contact either Joe Grasso in the office (386-684-2528), or Jim Dandeneau (386-336-0933) for further information or to volunteer for this opportunity.

### **Annual Rice Bowl Collection**

The Rice Bowls are located in the Vestibule on the left side as you enter the church. They will be collected on Good Friday.

### **Father Ron's Book "Tear In the Desert"**

Father Ron has copies of his book for sale for only \$20.00 per copy. Great reading.

### **New Stations of the Cross**

Have you noticed our new, beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were a donation from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you very much for your generous donation.

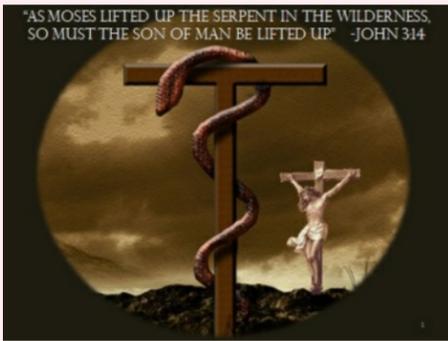
### **St John's Liturgical Coordinator Assignment**

Effective March 1, 2018, Connie Ostrowski will assume the additional responsibilities as the St John's Liturgical Coordinator.

### **Rosary Making Class**

During the month of May, Judy Surratt will be teaching a Rosary making class. The class will be held on Saturday morning at 10 AM in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Living the Paschal Mystery**



"The gospel addresses eternal life quite clearly as God's intention for us. But prior to that famous passage (John 3:16), we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up (crucified). Only by means of death is eternal life opened. Unique to this gospel, Jesus' death is often referred to in metaphorical ways, like "lifted up" or even "glorified." For the Gospel of John, Jesus on the cross was a moment of glory, almost devoid of explicit suffering. For example, John never mentions the scourging of Jesus. Even Jesus' final words from the cross, "I thirst," can be taken more as metaphorical or symbolic than a literal expression of suffering.

Ultimately, John does not focus on Jesus' pain, or "how much it hurt." Instead, the cross is glory and the path to eternal life. For his followers, belief in Jesus is the means by which they receive eternal life. As we journey through Lent, it might be fruitful for us too to focus on Jesus and our belief in him. He represents and is himself the incarnation of God's love for the world. As followers

of Jesus how do we represent God's love for the world?"

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### **Rectory Maintenance**

The roof on the rectory is over 20 years old and lost 20-25 shingle tabs and some ridge caps from Hurricane Irma. We made repairs and there was no apparent water damage. Upon close examination, the shingles are very brittle and need to be replaced. We intend to replace the existing roof with a metal roof and preliminary estimates indicate the cost will be \$12 to \$14,000. We would like to have 3 quotes and the ability to start this project within a period of 3 months or so.

We are asking the congregation to continue supporting our Capital Improvement program by continuing to give to this important program. Bud Surratt, Parish Planning Officer.

### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

### **Easter Flowers**

This Sunday you will find donation envelopes for Easter Flowers in the vestibule as you enter the church. Please put your donation envelopes into the collection basket. If you are using a check, please address it to St John the Evangelist Catholic Church and put "Easter Flower Donation" in the memo box. Thank you

### **Annual Pilgrimage to St Joseph Monastery**

Our Parish Small Faith Sharing Group wants to welcome everyone to their 8th Annual Pilgrimage to the St Joseph Monastery near Bunnell, FL. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot, leaving at 9 AM on March 26th. At the monastery we will be walking the beautiful outside Stations of the Cross. On our way back to Interlachen we plan to stop for lunch and should arrive back at the church about 3 PM. All are welcome. Contact Lois McKaig (386-684-6278) for more information.

### **Urban Plunge**

Urban Plunge will once again return this year (week of June 24 - 30). Applications will be available this weekend. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible to Joe Grasso in the office.

### **Bulletin/Web Site Inputs**

Your inputs to the bulletin and our web site are important to keep our parishioners informed. Please e-mail inputs to Jim Dandeneau at [dandeneau32148@gmail.com](mailto:dandeneau32148@gmail.com) or put them in the box in the office.

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