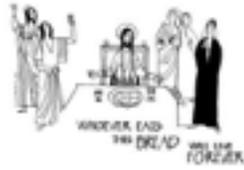


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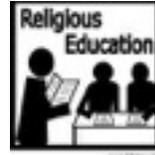


**GOD IS A GOOD  
WORKER; BUT LOVES  
TO BE HELPED.**



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**CLASSES BEGINNING  
IN SEPTEMBER**

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# ST. JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH

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MASSSES Saturday - 5:00pm, 7:00pm Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm



## THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

## Notes from the Pastor's Desk

We are living in a world where people hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In response to the spiritual hunger of people in His own day, Jesus reveals Himself as the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," to give life to the world. This means that the Holy Eucharist actually gives us a share of eternal life while we are still on earth. But some of Jesus' followers turned away when He explained the source of His mysterious power and His Heavenly origin. Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians that, instead of seeking satisfaction in anger, slander, bitterness and malice, they are to nourish one another with compassion, kindness and mutual forgiveness.

Our lesson today is to appreciate Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We become what we eat...yearning to increase our intimate union with Jesus we turn away from our disordered attachments only to increase the challenge to become bread and drink for others. Let us recognize that Jesus, whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist, is actually God who assimilates us into His being. Then, from Sunday to Saturday we will grow into Jesus. As Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. Thus, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for a hungry world.

Thank you to everyone who is fulfilling a pledge for The Diocesan Sustaining Hope for the Future Campaign. Thus far, our parish has collected nearly \$160,000 from the percentage of what is thus far contributed and that returns to the parish. Our parish campaign committee is listing our parish needs, slated for the campaign. At present, we are receiving plans and bidding prices to obtain new church doors. Again, we are appreciative of your contributions. Know that the parish projects are beginning to take place.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday this year. Therefore it does not hold the requirement of obligatory attendance of Mass that day, August 15th. Yet, this beautiful solemnity celebrates Our Blessed Mother's transition from this life into eternity; her assumption into heaven with body and soul. Please celebrate Mary's feast by attending the 8 a.m. Mass on August 15th. Together we will extol the wonders that God accomplished in the Virgin Mary and now raised her on high.

Flowers at the Blessed Mother & Saint Joseph shrine are in memory of Bryan J. Kosc

-Fr. Joe



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

**Gospel** — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).



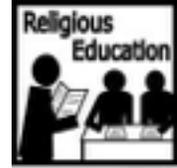
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8th for Grades 1-8. Only those children who are currently registered in the program will be admitted to class. Letters of acceptance will be mailed out the week of August 24th. All registrations were due August 1st. Returning students forms were due May 1st.

Call the Religious Education Office for more information at 994-7757.

**Sunday School Program:** we are still accepting applications for children ages 3,4,5 years old. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sept. - April. Our program is a structured learning program which reinforces the skills the child is learning in school (e.g. colors, numbers, senses, motor skills) while learning about God, creation self and the wonder of creation. Incorporated into the program are music and art which allows the child the opportunity to express themselves through creativity. Contact the Rel. Ed. Office for more details.

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
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“ROOTED IN FAITH; GROWING DISCIPLES.”



**WANT TO JOIN OUR COMMUNICATION?**

Youth Ministry recently moved to flocknote.com to create an opportunity to improve communication. Sign up for youth ministry news, confirmation updates, volunteer communities and more. Go to: flocknote.com/StJohntheBeloved or Text “GOSJB” to “84576” to join.

**National Catholic Youth Conference**

Sign ups are underway for all high school aged students to register to attend “NCYC”. A gathering in Indianapolis of 25,000+ youth and their youth ministers from across the United States. Cost: \$500 plus airfare. We will be fundraising with flamingos again. This should cut your costs in half. Scholarships are also available. Contact the youth ministry office today!



*Left: Mustard Seed Habitat Youth Volunteers*

**LITURGICAL INSIGHTS**  
The Portiuncula Indulgence

In July 1216, while praying in the Portiuncula, the church of Our Lady of the Angels, for the forgiveness of the sins of humanity, St. Francis sees a vision of Jesus and Mary. In honor of the apparition and on fire with love for the souls of all mankind, St. Francis beseeches our Lord for the complete remission of sins for any sinner who enters the little church of the Portiuncula and confesses their sins will be as pure and free from sin and punishment as they were immediately after Baptism. Jesus grants his prayer on the condition that St. Francis request the indulgence of the Pope, Christ's Vicar on earth, who agrees to extend it to all parish churches throughout the world for one day each year.

The day appointed by the Supreme Pontiff is from noon on August 1 to midnight on August 2, the Feast of our Lady of the Angels. This particular grace, given by our Lord through the Pope to whom Jesus gives the power to loose and bind sins (Matthew 16:19; 18:18), is known as the Portiuncula Indulgence and can be applied to oneself, to a deceased family member or friend, or to a soul in Purgatory.

Fulfilling the requirements for the indulgence is an act of great charity for a departed soul as well as an act of great faith in our Lord's mercy.

Most of the requirements for this particular indulgence have likely already been fulfilled by many reading this column. To complete the indulgence, consult the following conditions:

1. Participation in the Holy Mass and Reception of Holy Communion on August 1 (after noon) to August 2 (before midnight)
2. Recitation of the Apostle's Creed (page 10 in the missalette), the Our Father, and a prayer (such as the Hail Mary) for the Intentions of the Pope
3. Sacramental Confession eight days before or after the period of August 1-2.

That means there is still time to fulfill the requirement for Sacramental Confession for anyone who seeks the plenary indulgence.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1471), a plenary indulgence is the full "remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven." In other words, if a soul departed this world with any attachment of sin, the soul must first be cleansed by the merciful fires of Purgatory (i.e. temporal punishment) before being admitted to Heaven. We faithful Catholics may assist the departed souls in their hope for entrance into eternal life by making the smallest of sacrifices (i.e. the conditions above) done with the greatest of love.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00am

Saturday - 8:00am

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

As announced

**DEVOTIONS—Mondays**

Adoration, 6:00pm

Novena and Benediction, 7:00pm

**PRAYER GROUP**

Tuesday - St. John Bosco

Conference Room from 9:45am-11:00am

**REFRESH (weekly retreat)**

Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:45pm

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm

To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Contact the Parish Secretary to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact parish priest or deacon one year prior to the wedding.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

**Catholic Cemeteries**

All Saints: 737-2524

Cathedral: 656-3323

Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

**St. John the Beloved  
School Principal**  
Mr. Richard Hart  
998-5525  
**Vice Principal**  
Mrs. Mary Lou Soltys



The New School Year will begin with a full day for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. On Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, there will be no school. First day for 3 year olds, kindergarten and Early Childhood children is Thursday, August 27th and it is a full day. The entire school calendar for 2015 – 2016 is on the website but is subject to change.

Orientation dates for kindergarten and Early Childhood students will begin in August . You will be contacted by the teacher to arrange an appointment for you and your child .

*On the first day of school, students should report to their new grades and the teacher will assign the homeroom at that time.*

**Dismissal time is 2:35 on full days and 11:35 on half days.**

**Start time is 7:35 a.m. with doors opening at. 7:20 am**

First Through eighth grade students may wear a warm weather uniform. It consists of the boys' or girls' cotton-blend navy bermuda/dress shorts (in appropriate size) to be worn with the three-button white knit shirt, all-white crew socks and the P.E. Athletic shoe or buck shoes. If wearing the regular uniform the buck shoe is a requirement.

Three year olds, ECP, and Kindergarten will wear P.E. uniforms from Rush every day. The shorts, shirts, socks, and buck shoes may be ordered from Rush Uniform at 328-5444 or at their online site: [rushuniform.com](http://rushuniform.com). See web site for specifics on the athletic shoe to be worn with the P.E. and summer uniforms.

## EAGLES CLUB NEWS:

IN ORDER FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE EAGLES CLUB ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Any St. John the Beloved student wishing to attend extended care is accepted. If you wish to register or want more information, please contact Mrs. Myers at [TEC@saintjohnthebeloved.org](mailto:TEC@saintjohnthebeloved.org)

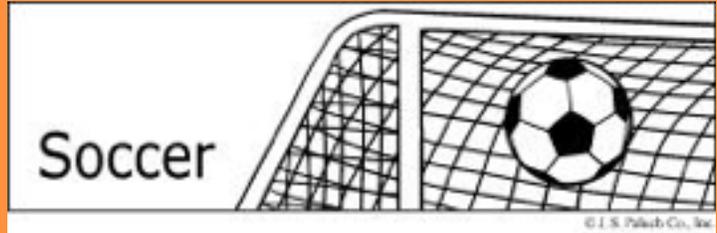
One time \$50 capital contribution for first time families must be received by August 1, 2015.

Times remain the same; open until 6:00 p.m. This extended care program is for St. John the Beloved school students only.

Follow St. John the Beloved  
School on the web:

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Signups for SJB Fall Soccer for students entering grades 3-8 will be held 7-8 pm on Tuesday 8/11 and Thursday 8/13 outside the Gerris Building behind the church as well as 8/16 from 10:30-11:30am outside of church.



We are very excited for the up coming season and welcome all players including travel players. The program understands that conflicts will come up and will be flexible so students can support their travel team as well as play for their school. Please bring two separate checks for \$35 payable to SJBAA for the registration fee and uniform hold. The uniform check will not be cashed and returned once the uniform is returned at the end of the season.

In addition we are still looking for a head coach for the 3rd/4th grade team.

For more info: Don Robart at [robart8500@verizon.net](mailto:robart8500@verizon.net) 302-354-2120 (cell)

**WHAT: SJBAA GOLF OUTING**

**WHEN:** Monday, September 28, 2015 -  
1:00 PM shotgun start

**WHERE:** HARTEFELD NATIONAL GOLF COURSE, AVONDALE, PA

**FORMAT:** 4-person scramble

**PRICE: \$110 PER GOLFER – INCLUDES RANGE, GOLF, BEER, PRIZES, DINNER**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 21

Contact Michael Gallmann for registration information: [mgallmann@comcast.net](mailto:mgallmann@comcast.net)



**SPORTSMANSHIP PRAYER**

Loving God,

We gather in your name

Respecting each other, Supported by parents, Led by coaches, Guided by officials. When we practice, Give us strength. When we play, Give us courage. When we win, Give us humility. When we lose, Give us peace.

In all that we do, Let our lives praise you.

Amen.



**Coordinator of Parish Outreach**  
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 994-7867

**Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10:30am**

In order to serve our families each week, we need the following: Cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, rice, beans, whole kernel corn, canned vegetables, soup, juice, coffee, tea, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper, baby food (fruit only) and diapers (all sizes). We thank you for your generous donations each week!

If you are unable to bring groceries to the church, please consider a monetary gift to the Food Closet, so that we can replenish the shelves as needed.

**Outreach Office handles donations of Food and Clothing only.**



Girl Scout Troop 965 will be collecting travel size personal care products until August 16 for Bayard House which is operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington. Bayard House is the only fully licensed residential program serving homeless or transitional pregnant minors in Delaware. Please drop off items at the Vianney House office during office hours.

For information call Teresa (302) 482-1652.

**Parish Life**

**SWAP SHOP—SEPTEMBER 12TH**

Make use of those humid, stuck-in-the-house, air-conditioned days by cleaning out closets to get ready for the Parish Life Swap Shop.

For information call Debbie Petrucci 994-5327.



**Week of August 9:**

Mon 6:30 Francis & Marie Murray  
 8:00 Arlee W. Hanlin  
**Vianney** 1:00 Francis La Scala  
 Doris Dickerson (living)  
 Eugene Maloney  
 Jack Feeney  
 Peter Fernandes  
 Tue 6:30 Agnes Dworsky  
 8:00 Louis Pacelli  
 Wed 6:30 Valera & Roland Beverin  
 8:00 Eleanor Scubelek  
 Thur 6:30 Denise Izzo  
 8:00 Eleanor Scubelek  
 Fri 6:30 Joe & Bunny McPolin  
 8:00 Ralph & Rosann Minchini  
 Sat 8:00 Samuel & Donato Chickadel  
 5:00 Mary Lorraine Lappa  
 7:00 Mary Piergiovanni  
 Sun 7:30 Joseph Thomas Mazur  
 9:30 Victor R. Martello  
 11:30 Our Parish Family  
 5:00 Stephen Strazous

**Correction:**

The mass on August 9th at 11:30am should have been for Edward and Marguerite Murphy.

**Weekly Offering**



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Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as part of your gift to God for the good things God has given you.

Offertory \$19,402.13  
 Building & Maintenance \$ 1,751.00  
 \*Other: \$ 1,976.87

**TOTAL: \$23,130.00**

\*Other includes: Votives, Poor Box, St. Vincent de Paul, Food Closet, Aid to Churches in Europe

**Bulletin Announcements**

Due Friday, 10 Days before announcement to appear. Please see: [www.sjbde.org/submit-bulletin](http://www.sjbde.org/submit-bulletin) for more details. Or email [bulletin@sjbde.org](mailto:bulletin@sjbde.org)



**August 15 & 16**

Altar Servers: Hannah Heredia, Jacob Nowaczyk, Kayla Jaco, Stevie Allen, William Allen, Joshua Michael, Annmarie Pepeta, Abigail Oberembt, Meredith Boring, Julia McAndrew, Ryan Gallmann, Brianna Beamer, McKenzie Beamer, Sophie Sikes, Andrew Shields, Peter Chapman, David Domenico

Lectors: Rizzo/Donlan, Allen, Grindel, Merlino/Aluise, Piccoli/Denny, Keating/Klein, Ballintyn/Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers: L. & L. Heredia, V. Bayless, M. Flowers, R. Nunez, S. Oldiges, S. Sweeny, T. Griesbach, S. Casarino, D. Morningred, J. Ridley, B. Markowski, J. Schoenbeck, G. Boniface, C. Coutinho, M. Yanaitis, S. Baldwin, P. Kelly, J. Paupe, M. & J. Saksa, M. Castellani, P. Pantalone, M. Bailey, P. Ricci, H. Muhlmichl, S. Dempsey, R. Grey, P. Moriello, K. Beiderman, L. Mondzelewski

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