

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 — TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2017 — VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



24th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives
your brother from your heart.” - Mt 18:35

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass soul Doug Stanley

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

9:00 AM Mass for souls of John & Gloria Gillikin Sr.
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 NO MASS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

Mass

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

Mass for the soul of Dianne Andra

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass souls of Feleciano & Julius Flores

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

9:00 AM For the soul of Joseph Toland
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa parroquianos San Juan, San Pedro
San Patricio

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 /
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Walk for Life: Again I am walking for life on Saturday September 23, 2017. This walk is sponsor by The Pregnancy Center of the Tri-Cities. Again, I will walk for 2 miles. Last year, St. John's, St. Patrick's and St. Peter's were very generous in sponsoring me, for the amount of 2,000.00 dollars. I hope and pray that you will as generous this year as you have been in the past. Next week there will be someone at each mass that will collect your gift towards this project. All checks are written to The Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities 700 South Sycamore St. Suite 12 Petersburg, VA. 23803. Thanks Fr. Frank.

The SJP drawing is this Thursday, September 21st after the 8:30 am Mass. You are welcome to join us. For information call Diana Young 647-5665.

THANK YOU NOTE

A big thank you to all who gave to the relief of victims of Hurricane Harvey. We will be sending **\$2,898.00** to Catholic Charities Thank you

September 9 & 10, 2017

This information was not available at the time of printing.

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
95	161	290



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kola-koski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine Di-

Marino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Barbara Greene, Eugene Cooley, Joel Rivera, Sherry Wright, Albert Patterson, David Stull, Otts Miskimon and Ken Soistman.

Prayers for members of the Armed Forces; Daniel Gaudette, David Licciardello, Josh Drumheller, Lee Balderson, Daniel Johnson, Shon Azubike and Erin Parker

The item being collected for **FISH** for **September Toilet tissue**
En el mes de **septiembre**
Papel Higiénico

It is easy to become frustrated with our economic system here in America. It is very expensive to live and is getting worse. If you have ever been to Los Angeles, you would probably see the 'tent cities' that border highways and back up to neighborhoods. There are literally 'cities' of people living in tents, homeless, all bundled together so many that it looks like a whole city of buildings (except instead of buildings, they are just rows and rows of tents with people living in them).

Los Angeles is a very expensive place to live. But we have our own share of homeless here in the city. I have personally never been to a city in the US with more corners occupied by someone with a sign asking for help than here in Richmond (I am sure there are some, but I've lived in Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., Norfolk/Va Beach, and visited many other cities and nowhere was it as common as Richmond).

How people become homeless is for many reasons. From the conversations, I have with folks at our weekly meals at St Peter, the biggest cause is substance abuse (drugs and alcohol). Addiction is like these terrible hurricanes that have hit the US, it rips through an otherwise peaceful place, leaving nothing but destructions and disaster in its wake. There are other reasons for the poverty: sometimes it's parents who were absent and never provided for them as kids, sometimes its criminal records that make employers leery, some have disabilities or sicknesses, and some have just hit a tough patch in their life and need a hand. These last ones are the exception to the norm; most of the time it is one of the deeper problems mentioned before (that's why for the vast majority there's no quick or easy fix).

Most people want to do something about it or at least they want something done about it. For most, the conscience is activated when they look upon someone in need or in pain. If the problem is fixed then the conscience is assuaged and they again experience interior peace.

Many believe the answer to this problem is in more intervention by the state. Many believe that more government aid can help people get appropriate housing, more government programs can help people get off drugs and more government involvement in supervising people can help make up for absent parents. By-in-large, these people are motivated by a sincere desire to help people who are in need and are looking to the government to fix the problem. This desire to help people is a godly sentiment.

Others disagree with this approach. They acknowledge that all that government will involve more taxes on citizens and/or greater government debt being carried by the nation (the burden of younger generations). They very reasonably feel that they should not be forced by the government to give up what they have earned and made to support people who are at least sometimes in the position they are in because of bad personal choices. Stealing (forcefully taking something that is not yours) is evil, even if it is the government that is doing it. Where o' where is the answer? The answer is the Church. The Church is what God invented to address these problems.

Those who would have the government fix these problems fail to give proper faith to the institution that was properly created for correct and aid. It is no wonder that as atheism rises and people become overall less religious, they still subconsciously look for a supra-structure to which all people belong that can fix the problems of the world.

In doing so, the government is effectively made a 'church.' Unfortunately the government has no religious compass. In fact, in our country, it was designed that way. It can never inspire those who work for it and will be tasked with personally addressing these problems to do so through charity (which is what the Church does). It can only motivate with money, by paying people. And you are never going to pay someone enough to put up with all the burdens can come with walking a person out of addiction, or caring for a parentless child, or the disabled. Only charity (inspired by the love of God) will do that.

Additionally, those who do not want to give up their own money because of the bad choices of others, in a Church, would and should recognize the admonition to tithe their income, which is a gift to them from God, and which would provide for the Church's means to support its charitable works to address these issues. Additionally, they would hear in the Church St Augustine's summation of Church theology 'but for the grace of God go I,' and recall that the only reason they are not in one of those destitute situations is because God's grace has given them two parents, physical and mental health and good friends that didn't lead them into drugs.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY—DOMINGO CATEQUETICO

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at St John the following catechists will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of the parish this year:

Janice Mayer, Josephine Austin, Leticia Mancia, Carmen Turkoff, Gisela Estrada, Mary Miskimon, Julie Hinman, Lisa Murillo, Judy Patterson, Rene Tudon, Sharon Lucas, Rocio Carrillo, Neilann Brown, Maria Garcia, Dan Mages, Ed Gillikin, Rodolfo Velazquez, Emiliano Velazquez, Juan Coronado, Zoila Arteaga, Moises Cornejo and Federico Alegria.

Want some great Italian cuisine? Join us at St. John's on October 6th in the social hall. Great food, chicken cacciatore, ziti, sausage, lasagna, meatballs and more. Good music by Martin, Como and Sinatra. The council of women are at it again fun, food and music. Sign up now, pay at the door,

Equipment Needed: Chainsaws and Wheel Barrows

A group of Diocesan Pastoral Center employees, as part of a service day, will be coming to clean up the brush along the eastern property line of Saint John Church. In order to complete the job, the group will need several chainsaws and wheel barrows. If you have either item and are willing to lend it to the church during the week of September 21-30, please let us know. If you are able to help, please contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com

Choir Help

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Do you want to use your gifts to serve others? We are looking for a few more people to join the choir. We need vocalists for the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass and the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. The choir practices on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. If interested, please contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com or 703-772-6866.