

### **OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:**

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**PRINCIPAL** Dr. Deborah Egan

## Spotlight on the Gospel Mk. 4: 35-41

Perhaps you have heard someone ask, or even yourself asked, one or more of the following questions:

Why God do I have cancer?

Why did God let my loved one die, spouse, child, etc.?

Why God did I lose my job?

Why God didn't I get that promotion? Why God did my son/daughter leave the Catholic faith?

Why God me? What did I ever do to deserve this?

Why God don't you let me win the lottery?

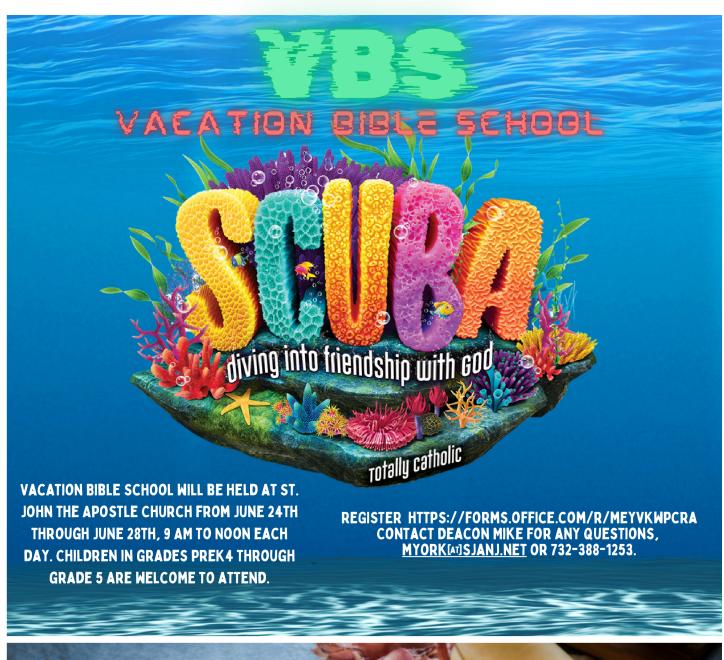
The list is endless of why God questions... How does God answer? Perhaps in the same way that he answered Job and the disciples in the storm tossed boat... that is with a question. Jesus asked his disciples: Do you not yet have faith? or the question that God asked Job: Who shut within doors the sea...?

For the Jewish people, the sea was filled with forces hostile to God. St. Mark's audience would have identified this story with the Church, being tossed about by persecution - even though God appeared to them to be asleep, the power of God was still in their midst. Does this sound familiar? How about us? Think for a moment about the worst "storm in your life"... was it a near death experience?... a car accident?...a sickness...a death in the family...rejection in a relationship... How did you react? ... paralyzed with fear?...or did you believe in the power of Jesus over that storm? Did the storm bring you closer to Jesus or further away? Do we recognize the power of Jesus in the sacraments? For me, during the storms of life, the sacraments become a "lifeline" – Confession and frequent reception of the Eucharist. Did we see Jesus working through other people during that time?

Our Scriptures today invite us to a deeper level of trust in Jesus Christ. So when the storms of life come, we do not say: "why God?", but: "Lord, show me the way through this storm!"









# Supporting Our Parish

Stewardship of Treasure June 16, 2024

Tithi \$ 7,773.00 Weekly Online Giving \$ 1,738.00 Total \$ 9,511.00

Thank you for your constant generosity

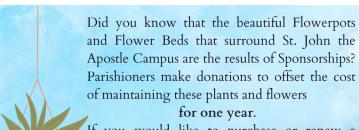
# ANNUAL<sup>2024</sup>APPEAL 83% So far we have collected, \$55,538.00 or 83% of our \$66,472 goal.

### **Online Giving**

Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. John's and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith. Our online platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer.

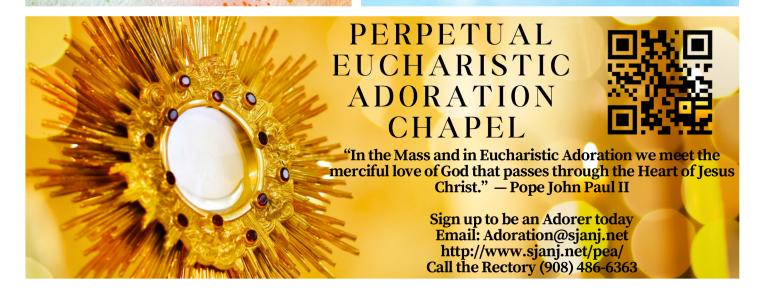


Electronic giving will help you get accurate statements sooner and save the parish money in envelopes and postage. It is easy to start giving online, simply scan the QR code above and sign up today.



If you would like to purchase or renew a planter sponsorship, you can do so by contacting Claire Davey in the Rectory.

(908) 486-6363 or cdavey@sjanj.net



### PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22,2024

5:30 pm George Sherman

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024** 

8:00 am Linda Marie Stulpin

10:00 am Dorothea Szyszkiewicz

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024** 

7:00 am Lorraine O'Droniec

8:30 am Mary Domingues 1st Anniv.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024** 

7:00 am Fernando Romano

8:30 am Anna Charles & Harold Lafay

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26,2024** 

7:00 am Intentions Jon Schnur

8:30 am Lena Salsa

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

7:00 am Mary C. Leonard

8:30 am Pat Markey

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

7:00 am Christopher Albano

8:30 am Ann & Chester Lystash

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

8:30 am Stephen Mizejewski, Jr.

Louis Primamore

Msgr. Rev. Edward Eilert

Mary Mulvanerton

Megan McNamara

5:30 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2024** 

8:00 am Jean & Francis Hayes

10:00 am Dr. Thomas Beigrowicz

12:00 pm Fred & Marion Cassel

### TABERNACLE CANDLES

Steve Fakelman, Sr.

**SANCTUARY** 

George Patrick Thompson

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Emma Makowski, John McGuire, Leonarda Merlo, Karen Miller, Thomas Moore, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:
For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

### **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory go to our website, or scan the QR code.



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm
Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

### **MARRIAGE**

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will be a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one to be held at St. John the Apostle. The group will provide a Christ-centered experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group contact: Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

### BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, and those who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Learn more on our website:

www.sjanj.net/religious-education/