

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor  
Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21, 2021



## St. John's Catholic Club

### Shrimp Dinner

This Friday, 5 p.m., March 26. The Drive-Thru Shrimp dinner. Be there.

If you have NOT made a reservations yet and want to pick up some good eats, now is the time to make that phone call: (913) 371-9690.

Pay by Venmo or drop a check at the club. How much, you ask? Dinner is \$17 for shrimp and the sides.

So....help out our club and keep the stove off on Friday.

### Croatian Open 2021

That's right. St. John's Club will hold a golf tourney on May 14. No details yet, so just mark that calendar.

Right now, the club is looking for sponsors - levels are \$100, \$250 and \$500. Write that check and send it in.

### Time to bowl

Yes! Summer bowling leagues are now forming at the newly remodeled St. John's Catholic Club.

Sign up for four- or eight weeks. Sunday through Thursday is available. Information: (913) 371-9690.

## Call to Share

Almost one-third of St. John's parishioners have made a contribution or pledge to the annual Archbishop's Call to Share appeal.

That small group donated 77 percent of the target amount for St. John's - an average gift of \$229 each.

If you would like to see how we compare to other parishes in the archdiocese, click the link from our church web page.

"All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."

*Jer 31:31-24*

## Annunciation of Mary

We recall the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Mary this week on March 25.

The Holy Virgin Mary was alone and absorbed with prayer at midnight when Archangel Gabriel appeared before her.

In the name of the blessed Trinity, he asked her to consent to becoming the Mother of God.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God," the Angel told her. (Luke 1:26-38)

She chose to accept the Will of the Father, saying "Behold, I am the Handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to thy Word."

## Our Parish Family

Those of us who attended St. John the Baptist School remember Sister Mary Claudia's bell.

The good Sister was the school principal as well as the eighth-grade teacher, during the 1960s and 1970s, at least.

While all teachers had a little service bell on their desks, our principal had a large bell that loudly rang in the school day, signalled the beginning and end of recess, and told us when it was time to go home. Wherever you were on the church grounds, you could hear it.

## Weekly Collections

March 14, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	2,777
Maintenance:	\$	375
Candles:	\$	12
Catholic Relief	\$	25
Easter Flowers	\$	20
Priest Retirement	\$	10
Poor	\$	17
Mass Intentions	\$	10
Trash Bag Sales	\$	18
Church Rental	\$	500



## Strawberry Hill Ethnic and Cultural Center

Good things are happening at the Strawberry Hill Museum.

This beautiful 1887 Victorian mansion was once the home of the Cruise-Scroggs family. In 1919, it opened to the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King who cared for the children orphaned by the Influenza Pandemic.

Those who attended St. John's School remember this beautiful building as "St. John's Orphanage" and the residence for the nuns who taught us.

### Cross your fingers

As soon as it "feels comfortable and safe," the museum will reopen to visitors. If all goes well, the annual Olde World Christmas could begin the first weekend in November.

### Building Maintenance

Just like your own home, the museum needs to keep the property well-maintained and preserved for all to enjoy. The price tag for paint, caulking and repainting windows, and refinishing doors is as high as \$55,000.

And, the 33-year-old furnace is being retired after a long service. A replacement is \$3,450.

### Good and bad news

Generous donors have provided \$30,000 to maintain the building. But the funds are still short.

Like other places, the museum has been closed to visitors, due to the pandemic. Additionally, many fundraising events were also cancelled.

### The museum could use our help! Here's what to do:

- ◆ Become a museum member. The cost is \$35 per year.
- ◆ Purchase a leaf for the Gratitude Tree - \$250 for a silver leaf and \$500 for a gold leaf. A name or business will be inscribed and added to the wall just inside the museum by the chapel.
- ◆ Send a one-time donation.
- ◆ When it opens, make a visit. Your nominal entrance fee supports the museum. Tell your friends.
- ◆ Take museum classes! Learn to make a yummy apple strudel or tamales.
- ◆ Bookmark the museum web page or follow them on Facebook so you know about events and classes right away.
- ◆ Browse the gift shop - great for unique items and Christmas shopping.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*NO OPENINGS FOR THE 9 A.M. MASS  
ON EASTER. All have been filled.*

Make reservations for other services. Call (913)  
413-0022 or send an email to  
holyfamilychurch1926@gmail.com.

**Holy Thursday, April 1**  
6:30 p.m., Holy Family Church

**Good Friday, April 2**  
3:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
**BLESSING OF FOOD**  
1:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist  
2:00 p.m., Holy Family

**Holy Saturday, April 3 - EASTER VIGIL**  
7:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
7:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist (if needed)  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Family Church

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### First Reading

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD.

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

#### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

#### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

#### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### Second Reading

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered

prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### Verse Before the Gospel

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

### Gospel

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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Picture: The Gentiles Ask to See Jesus  
James Tissot (1836-1902)  
[Liturgytools.net](http://Liturgytools.net)