



### *From the Desk of our Pastor*

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS** is now imminent. In a day's time we will be celebrating the memory of that great event. We have been waiting: waiting for Christmas, some have been waiting for family to come home for the holidays, some for gifts, some for cards: may be from special people. Some have been waiting for cold weather.

I am also waiting: waiting to go home for vacation, I am going home after 2 years. I will be gone from December 29 through January 31. I am confident that you will keep me in your daily prayers. I am thankful to each of you for your love and concern. Thank you for your cooperation and allowing me to go.

Today's Mass prepares us for the Christmas celebration. Father Raguiel and I wish you a most wonderful and blessed Christmas with your families and friends. Thank you for your wonderful stewardship of the many gifts from God that you share with our communities and with the poor. I pray that you make room for Jesus, Mary and Joseph with great love.

You know, Divinity has become visible in the Word made flesh. In the face of Jesus, we see God's face and live to tell about it. And even more wonderfully, we learn that the divine desire to share life and love culminates with "the pitching of his tent" by the Word of God among his people.

With the birth of Jesus, God inhabits the "tent" of human flesh, not in a place apart, but right in our midst as a person. God makes "grace upon grace" directly available to every single person.

Evangelist John wants us to know the deep intimacy of God's love that is revealed to us by the "only Son" who is "in the bosom of the Father." This divine intimacy is shared with all Jesus' disciples. You and I make visible in every generation the face of God in human flesh.

Our Christmas celebration reminds us how blessed we are. As Francis de Sales reminds us: "Let us stay at our Savior's feet, saying with the heavenly Bride: **'I have found him whom my soul loves, I hold him and I will not let him go.'**"

May we live each day joyfully, as we manifest the Savior dwelling in our midst.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**



**MASS & SACRAMENTS****WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**DAILY MASSES**

Mon., Tues., Thu., Fri., 8:30 a.m.

Wed., 7:00 p.m. with Miraculous Medal Novena

**ADORATION**

Monday thru Friday 9am - 8pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Every Saturday 4:00 p.m. &amp; Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptismal Seminar, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday of every month, in the Family Life Center. You must be registered at the Parish for 6 months

Baptism - 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Couples must contact Fr. Amar &amp; Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING**

If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing please call the office anytime. We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Religious Education Every Sunday

K through 12th Grade

9:30-10:45 a.m. Aug. thru May

**MINISTRY CONTACTS**

|   |                              |              |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> | Ben & Perlita Lipat          | 236-0439     |
| <b>Altar Society</b>                      | Linda Davis                  | 329-2714     |
| <b>Angels of Mercy</b>                    | Kathie Garrett               | 565-1859     |
| <b>Annulments</b>                         | Ann & Tim Hergenroether      | 591-8004     |
| <b>Bible Study</b>                        | Ron Coleman                  | 641-8688     |
| <b>Choirs - Folk:</b>                     | Miriam Funchess              | 744-7490     |
| <b>Adult &amp; Filipino</b>               | JoJo Munoz                   | 422-1764     |
| <b>Junior Choir:</b>                      | Phil Militante               | 620-8841     |
| <b>Elizabeth Ministry</b>                 | Jennifer Cabrey              | 993-9500     |
| <b>Finance Committee</b>                  | Amelyn Mordormi              | 564-9076     |
| <b>Filipino Group</b>                     | John De Leon                 | 710-5631     |
| <b>Grounds</b>                            | Jerry Robichaud              | 642-5714     |
| <b>Hope &amp; Consolation</b>             | Pam Andres                   | 571-5998     |
| <b>Knights of Columbus</b>                | John Murnin                  | 714-8873     |
| <b>Legion of Mary</b>                     | Ted Slezak                   | 859-8777     |
| <b>Marriage Building</b>                  | Ramon & Natalia              | 305-989-0634 |
| <b>Men's Club</b>                         | Dave Garrett                 | 565-1859     |
| <b>Offertory Counting Cmte</b>            | Diane Davis                  | 641-7244     |
| <b>Prayer Blanket Ministry</b>            | Marcia Scheeter              | 641-7115     |
|   | Kathy Lehane                 | 477-0808     |
| <b>Religious Store</b>                    | Kathie Garrett               | 565-1859     |
| <b>Respect Life Coordinator</b>           | Renee Bascon                 | 551-4576     |
| <b>Rosary Ministry</b>                    | Maria J. Kendrick            | 626-1288     |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b>        | Don Zehnder                  | 312-3242     |
| <b>Senior Social Group</b>                | Annette Kelley               | 641-2186     |
| <b>Scouts -Boys &amp; Cubs</b>            | Linda Byer                   | 483-6113     |
| <b>Scouts - Girls</b>                     | Theresa Wondracek            | 762-6869     |
| <b>Society of Divine Mercy</b>            | Fred Althoff                 | 229-7604     |
| <b>Wedding Coordinator</b>                | Cheryl Bergman               | 645-9142     |
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[www.hscatholicsschool.com](http://www.hscatholicsschool.com)**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| SAT/DEC 22 - 5:00pm            | Vera & Arthur Mathews<br>By: Mathews Family  |
| SUN/DEC 23 - 8:15am<br>11:00am | Holy Spirit Parishioners<br>+John Rowan Jr.<br>By: Mom & Dad                                     |
| MON/DEC 24 - 5:00pm<br>10:00pm | +Roman & Alice Zolinski<br>By: Niemczyk Family<br>+Vincent Matranga<br>By: Larry & Chris Freeman |
| TUE/DEC 25 - 9:00am<br>11:00am | Holy Spirit Parishioners<br>Holy Spirit Parishioners   |
| WED/DEC 26 - 7:00pm            | Eric Meade<br>By: Judy Meade   |
| THU/DEC 27 - 8:30am            | +Ralph Della Crosse<br>By: Kathy Lehane  |
| FRI/DEC 28 - 8:30am            | For the 5000 Unknown Aborted<br>in Jax during 2018<br>By: Family for Life                        |
| SAT/DEC 29 - 5:00pm            | +Al & Eileen De Voe<br>By: Family  |
| SUN/DEC 30 - 8:15am<br>11:00am | +Ken Ulatowski<br>By: Mariann<br>Holy Spirit Parishioners  |

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY SPIRIT

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| SUN/DEC 23  | BIBLE STUDY - 9:30AM - FLC<br>EDGE - 5:00PM - FLC                   |
| MON/DEC 24  | CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - 5:00PM<br>CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS - 10:00PM       |
| TUE/DEC 25  | CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 9:00AM<br>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - 11:00AM         |
| WED/DEC 26  | RECONCILIATION - 6:30PM<br>MASS - 7:00PM                            |
| THUR/DEC 27 |   |
| FRI/DEC 28  | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - 3:00PM<br>GIRL SCOUTS - 6:30PM - SOCIAL HALL |
| SAT/DEC 29  | MASS - 5:00PM   |
| SUN/DEC 30  | BIBLE STUDY - 9:30AM - FLC<br>LIFE TEEN - 5:00PM - FLC              |

Deadline for the **January 6th** bulletin notices is due on or before **Friday Dec 21** due to printing deadline.

### NO CCD CLASSES

There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** on  
**DEC 23, 30 & JAN 6**  
Classes will resume on **Jan 13, 2019**

### ALTAR SERVERS

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Dec 29 - 5:00pm</b>  | Josh Faulkner, Tyler Le, John Slade     |
| <b>Dec 30 - 8:15am</b>  | Grace & Liam Turner, Erin Kavanaugh     |
| <b>Dec 30 - 11:00am</b> | Adam Cabrey, Theo & Christopher Bajao   |
| <b>Dec 31 - 7:00pm</b>  | LaJohn & Lance Mallari, Dylan Dionisio  |
| <b>Jan 1 - 10:00am</b>  | Tanner Lagow, Thomas Obrien, John Slade |

### Advertiser of the Week

**PASSAWAY.ORG**  
**ONE STOP GLOBAL FUNERL**  
**RESOURCE SYSTEM**

Thank you for making our Bulletin possible.

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING****DECEMBER 09, 2018**

**Offertory:** \$ **NOT**  
**FLC Pledge:** \$ **AVAILABLE DUE**  
**Emergency Fund:** \$ **TO PRINTING**  
**School:** \$ **SCHEDULE**

**There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend at all Masses in support of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (Father Amar's order).**

**Thank you for your sacrificial giving and may God continue to bless your generosity.**

**Reminder: Children's envelope donations are not recorded.**

**HOLY SPIRIT  
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th**

Christmas Eve Mass 5pm  
Christmas Night Mass 10pm

**December 25th**

Christmas Day Mass 9am & 11am

**New Year's Day Schedule  
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

**December 31**

New Year's Eve 7pm

**January 1, 2019**

New Year's Day 10am

**ATTENTION**

There will be  
**NO ADORATION**  
From Mon Dec 24, 2018 thru Mon Jan 01, 2019

Adoration will resume on

**Tuesday January 02, 2019**

**VACATION**

Let us keep our Dear Pastor - Father Amar in prayers as he leaves for vacation back home to India on December 29, 2018 thru January 31, 2019. May he enjoy a peace-filled and blessed 2019!

We will miss him!

Have a safe trip Father Amar!!!

**DRIVERS NEEDED**

We are in need of drivers to bring a resident from the Atrium to 11am Sunday Mass. If you are able, please contact **Kathie Garrett at 904-565-1859** or [dgar358244@bellsouth.net](mailto:dgar358244@bellsouth.net).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?**

Anyone 5th grade and higher interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry please submit your name and email to: [kathleenlehane3988@att.net](mailto:kathleenlehane3988@att.net)  
After information is received you will be contacted with a date for training.

**SIMBANG GABI  
JACKSONVILLE 2018  
MASS STARTS AT 7 PM**

**Sun Dec 23** - Sacred Heart Parish with  
Bishop Estevez

**HELP NEEDED**

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the home bound, are in need of additional help, especially to serve the ever growing community at the Atrium. Please prayerfully consider joining them in their effort to bring Jesus to this very faithful group of people, who are unable to join us for our liturgical celebrations at the parish.

If you want to become an EMHC for the home bound, please e-mail your request to Ramon Molano at [ramon.molano@gmail.com](mailto:ramon.molano@gmail.com)



*Merry Christmas*



The Holy Spirit Parish  
Adult Choir invites you to a  
Christmas Cantata on December 24,  
Monday at 9pm before the 10pm Mass.

Enjoy Christmas music and stories with  
your families and friends to celebrate  
the birth of our Savior, Lord Jesus  
Christ.

See you all!



## MINISTRIES

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### “THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT”



Requests your presence in the Chapel for  
Eucharistic Adoration  
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday

“Come to me all of you who are weary  
and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”  
(Matthew 11:28).

**Please sign up for Adoration.  
Many hours are still not filled**

| Day       | Coordinator       | Tel. #      |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Monday    | Lorraine Allaire  | 641-3036    |
|           | Flor Rimas        | 994-5110    |
| Tuesday   | Diane Davis       | 200-5915    |
| Wednesday | Susan Riker       | 610-0649    |
| Thursday  | Dorothy Dobrovich | 371-3952    |
|           |                   | or 238-5363 |
| Friday    | Ben Lipat         | 236-0439    |
|           |                   | or 410-3639 |

#### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER @ THREE O’CLOCK

“You died, Jesus but the source  
of life flowed out for souls and  
the ocean of mercy opened up  
for the whole world.

**O Fountain of Life,  
immeasurable Divine Mercy,  
cover the whole world and  
empty yourself upon us.”**



“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the  
Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I  
trust in you.”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and the whole world” (3x)

Amen.

**Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in You!**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will continue to be said  
in the main area of the Church at 3:00pm and 3:30pm  
on all Fridays. Please join us if you can, prayer  
leaflets and rosaries will be provided.

### SERVICE MINISTRIES

#### The Daughters of Divine Mercy Circle Prayer Blanket Ministry

Lap sized blankets are available for those facing life's  
more difficult challenges. Blankets can be obtained after  
all weekend Masses through the Church's gift shop, week-  
days through the Church office or by directly contacting

**Kathy Lehane (904-477-0808)  
Marcia Scheeter (904-641-7115)  
Jackie Ranck (904-705-7620)**

This Ministry is also available to come to the bedside of  
those who are sick and dying to pray the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet for them. Please contact Kathy, Marcia, Jackie or  
any member for more information.

#### ANGELS OF MERCY

This is a ministry that we have had here in Holy Spirit for a  
number of years. Previously, it was called Holy Spirit  
Angels. We provide transportation to the Doctors, grocery  
store and Pharmacy for our Parishioners. If you are ever in  
need of our services, please contact Kathie Garrett at  
904-565-1859 or dgar358244@bellsouth.net. We can also  
provide meals if you are ill or returning home from the  
hospital for a limited time. If you would be interested in  
being an Angel, please contact Kathie.  
The more the merrier!

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Parishioners wishing to donate used furniture items may do  
so by contacting the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop at  
**(904) 396-7473**. Their representative will coordinate with  
you to arrange pickup of your donated items since our  
Parish representatives are not able to perform this service.  
Similarly, individuals wishing to donate items (other than  
furniture) should contact Mr. Angel Rivera at 803-3676  
who will coordinate and arrange the pickup of your items to  
be donated. Thank you for your support of the work of  
St. Vincent de Paul Society in their service to the needy and  
unprivileged of our area.



#### Current List of Needs:-

Tuna fish, spam, soup – ramen noodles, Dry milk  
packets, dry beans, stuffing, pasta sides, tooth paste,  
peanut butter, jelly and canned pasta, beans, chili meats,  
fish, milk and fruit.

**Please place donations in the large brown wooden  
box in the vestibule of the Church.**

**ATTENTION**



**TO ALL MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11069 (ACTIVE OR INACTIVE):**

As you may be aware, our brothers from Blessed Trinity Church are withdrawing from our council to begin a new council at Blessed Trinity. In order for Council 11069 to continue, it is essential that we have at least thirty-five (35) members on our roster. **Therefore, we are requesting all men registered as members of Council 11069 to furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers (both land and cell lines) and e-mail addresses to [abhcouncil11069@att.net](mailto:abhcouncil11069@att.net).** It is imperative that we complete this roster as quickly as possible to insure the continuation of our council. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Rachels Vineyard Ministries**  
**(904) 221-3232**  
**[rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org)**  
**Email: [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com)**

**Healing the Pain of Abortion**

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Come and experience God's great love, mercy and forgiveness, February 1-3. Call 904-221-3232 or email [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com). All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

**CONGRATULATIONS  
NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**COLLETTE JEAN LANTRON**  
Daughter of Michael & Erika

**JACOB CLARK**  
Son of Jonathan & Catherine

**PAUL MILLER**  
Son of Matt Christina



# FAITH FORMATION

## Youth Group Alert!

Starting in December, LifeTeen and Edge will be held from 5:00pm - 7:00pm on alternating **Wednesdays and Sundays**.

Watch the electronic sign at the front of the church or follow us on our FB and Instagram page for details...

Instagram - [hs.youthministryjax](#)  
Facebook - [hs.youthministryjax](#)

### EDGE & LIFE TEEN SCHEDULE

EDGE - Sunday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
**No LifeTeen - Wednesday, Dec 26th**

LifeTeen - Sunday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
EDGE - Wednesday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
EDGE - Sunday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
LifeTeen - Wednesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm

LifeTeen - Sunday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
EDGE - Wednesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm

EDGE - Sunday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
LifeTeen - Wednesday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

LifeTeen - Sunday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
EDGE - Wednesday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm – 7:00pm

\*schedule subject to change



# WE ARE ONE

## BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH, ONE MARRIAGE AT A TIME

### COME JOIN US!

LEARN ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AND ITS PURPOSE IN BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH.

DISCOVER EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS THAT WILL DEEPEN THE INTIMACY IN YOUR MARRIAGE WITH ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE WORKSHOP.

#### RETREAT

HEALING - RECONCILIATION - EUCHARIST - RENEWAL OF VOWS



## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2,



Family Life  
Center Fun!

The Prayer Blanket Ministry will be hosting an evening filled with traditional Italian fare, music and more.

Tickets go on sale January 3, 2019. On the menu: spaghetti, gluten free spaghetti, meatballs, Italian sausage, marinara sauce, meat sauce, salad, breadsticks and desserts.

- September 22, 2018
- October 27, 2018
- December 8, 2018
- February 2, 2019
- March 16, 2019
- May 11, 2019
- June 15, 2019

 Holy Spirit Catholic Church

TO REGISTER CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



“Those who LOVE to be FEARED, FERA to be LOVED”~ SFS~



DIOCESE OF ST AUGUSTINE

The Office of the Superintendent

### Catholic Schools Build the Kingdom of God and You Can Help!

Catholic schools have served for centuries as a powerful tool to evangelize the Faith, energize Catholic families, and build the Kingdom of God in our communities. Our Diocesan Catholic schools are growing to fulfil this mission for the years to come.

Deacon Scott Conway, our Superintendent of Schools, and our schools need your help. Rising costs and a growing Catholic community present real challenges in operational and capital costs. As you make gifts to many charities at year end, please consider our own Catholic Schools.

A gift to your parish school or to the Diocesan schools would have a wonderful direct and immediate impact as it will change the lives of children and families in our Diocese. You can help a deserving student's Catholic education for as little as \$10-\$400 per month, or make a pledge to help our Catholic schools create new programs and serve new communities. Please contact Principal, **Dr. John Luciano at Holy Spirit Catholic School** to make a gift. You can also contact Lesley Harvey of the Council of Catholic Academies at [lharvey@dosafl.com](mailto:lharvey@dosafl.com) to hear about ways you can build the Kingdom of God through our Diocesan schools.

#### **Upcoming soccer and volleyball games at Holy Spirit School.**

Come on out and root for your Hurricanes.

Girls Volleyball team plays in our gym 4:00  
December 10th, 16th, 22nd, and 24th.  
\$4 tickets for adults, \$1 for children.

Soccer team plays at 4:00 December 17th,  
22nd and 23rd.

**No charge for admission.**

#### **Please pray for the expectant mothers:**

Jessica Bergman Cuthbertson,  
Ruby Almazan-Baker, Jessica Allen



Contact: Jennifer Cabrey 993-9500 for  
info.



The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904-262-3200, ext 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-962-2873

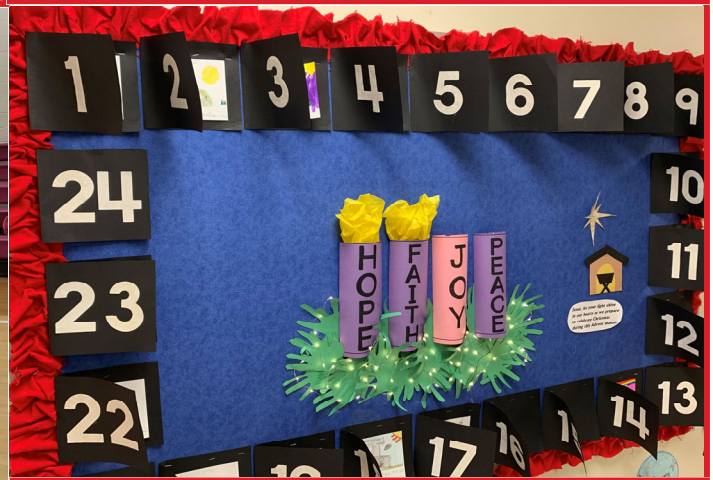


2ND GRADERS VISIT TO SWEET PETE



SANTA'S GIFT SHOP WAS FUN!!

2ND GRADERS PREPARING FOR ADVENT



8TH GRADERS WORKING ON STRUCTURE OF THE SUN

