

# ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## FR. MARK'S CORNER

My dear St. John family,

Although these are unprecedented times let me assure you that even if our buildings are closed our St. John parish is open. The Church is not a building, but a people, and we are absolutely determined to make sure we remain constantly connected and in "communion" with one another as a parish family. We have stressed the necessity and importance of LIVE STREAMING. Why? Because it allows us to celebrate Mass and pray together AT THE SAME TIME as a community of faith that a pre-recording cannot do. Mass, Holy Hours with Benediction, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and even music programs are a number of the ways we are going to stay connected in these coming weeks. Jordan and Kenn are also working behind the scenes to offer virtual faith formation and youth ministry opportunities for youth and adults via Zoom or other platforms. Our main resource is Facebook and you can find our online presence at [www.facebook.com/saintjohnwestminster](http://www.facebook.com/saintjohnwestminster). We will keep you up to date thru other social media, our website ([www.sjwest.org](http://www.sjwest.org)), and Flocknote.

I will be sending out a letter this weekend giving you a more in depth update on our parish's finances. We have substantially cut back our monthly expenses to help maintain the integrity of our

parish over these next 8 weeks or more. I would highly encourage you to sign up for ONLINE GIVING through Give Central ([www.givecentral.org/location/508](http://www.givecentral.org/location/508)), which is the quickest and easiest way to help support our parish while public Mass is not possible. We have also installed a new secured "Drive Up" mail box near the curb outside the Parish Center where you can drop off your offertory envelopes or needed correspondence with the parish. The final option is to mail your envelope to the parish. The quickest and easiest way is to just place it in your mailbox and the mail delivery person will make sure it gets here. Please DO NOT send cash; checks will be more secure.

Finally, please know that you and your family are continually in our prayers during this global pandemic. I can't imagine the joy we will all feel when our community can gather again in worship here on campus. Until then, we will have to love one another thru social distancing. As Jesus said in the Gospel, "where two or more are gathered in my name I am present among you, but please keep it under 10!"

I love you and miss you all; God bless,

Fr. Mark

## ST. JOHN WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

7-9 a.m.

Drive Thru Confessions

10:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass Live Streaming

6-7 p.m.

Drive In Adoration

7-9 p.m.

Antioch (for high schoolers) on Zoom  
(more info on page 2)

### MONDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

7 p.m.

Rosary Live Streaming

### TUESDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

7 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Live Streaming

### WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

4 p.m.

Streaming Scripture (for high schoolers)  
on Zoom (more info on page 2)

6-8 p.m.

Drive Thru Confessions

### THURSDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

7 p.m.

Holy Hour & Benediction

### FRIDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Live Streaming

### SATURDAY

8 a.m.

Mass Live Streaming

3-5 p.m.

Drive Thru Confessions

# NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Night Antioch Meetings at 7 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/359922779> | Meeting ID: 359 922 779

Sunday Antioch Series: "Belong". At some point in life, every person encounters the deep ache of loneliness and isolation. Many factors cause us to experience this pain but the Coronavirus is intensifying these feelings to a greater degree today. Even though we have multitude of solutions to overcome loneliness, these solutions often leave us feeling even more alone. In this series, we will address the importance of moving from isolation to solitude as well as our need for acceptance and community, which can be found and fostered in the Catholic Church, even when we cannot physically be together.

Wednesday Night "Streaming Scripture" Bible Study at 4 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/620551435> | Meeting ID: 620-551-435

Our Link Tree: <https://linktr.ee/sjwestyouth>

Our Instagram: @sjwestyouth

For more information, contact Kenn deMoll at [kdemoll@sjwest.org](mailto:kdemoll@sjwest.org) or 240-409-3657

## PRAISE JESUS PROJECT

Msgr. Art Valenzano was a longtime beloved pastor of St. John Westminster and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In order to honor and preserve his memory, we are collecting cherished memories, personal encounters, and reflections about Msgr. Art Valenzano. We will be collecting stories online through a Google form (<https://bit.ly/2xcmati>). If you would like to submit a handwritten story, please send to Elizabeth Puleo or Charlene Lesniak at 610 Geneva Drive, Westminster, MD 21157. After several months of collecting stories, we plan to arrange these memories into a book to be shared throughout the parish and the Archdiocese.

If you know of anyone from surrounding parishes or communities who might be interested in contributing to the project, please share this message! Msgr. Art's reach was far and wide and he inspired many to Praise Jesus!

## CREATE A STATION OF THE CROSS

Looking for creative things to do with kids who are going stir-crazy? We are looking for your student's original artwork for our Drive Thru Stations of the Cross! [Drive Thru stations will be available as soon as we are able to pull them together—as long as there are no further orders to prevent people from driving].

WHAT TO DO:

1. Create an ORIGINAL piece of artwork depicting one of the 14 stations of the Cross. See the Stations here: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>
2. Each Submission should be at least 11 x 14 (digital submissions must be of the highest quality or 300dpi)
3. ALL Stations are due by Wednesday, March 25th at 3 p.m. You can drop your finished work off in the vestibule of the parish center, OR you can scan it and email it to [jtippett@sjwest.org](mailto:jtippett@sjwest.org).

Depending on your child's age . . . he or she should go only create stations accordingly:

Elementary Students – 1st-4th Stations of the Cross  
Middle School Students- 5th-8th Stations of the Cross  
High School Students- 9th-14th Stations of the Cross

Selected artwork will be used to help our parish family pray a Drive Thru Stations of the Cross. If Drive Thru Stations become an impossibility, we will create a virtual stations of the cross for all of our parishioners to view. If there are adults that would like to participate, please submit a picture to be used at the entrance or beginning of the Stations. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Tippett at [jtippett@sjwest.org](mailto:jtippett@sjwest.org).

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up-to-date with everything going on at St. John!

**Follow us on social media:**

Facebook: [facebook.com/SaintJohnWestminster](https://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnWestminster)

Instagram: @stjohnwestminster

**Sign up for FlockNote at:**

<https://sjwest.flocknote.com/>

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During this time, it is important to remain connected to your church, even while we are all practicing social distancing. Maintain a connection with St. John Westminster by following us on Facebook at [facebook.com/SaintJohnWestminster](https://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnWestminster) and joining in on our virtual Masses, prayers and devotions!