

June 14, 2026 / Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

Mass Schedule

Monday – 7:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

Live stream available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Or by appointment

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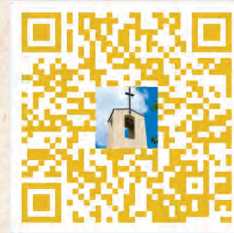
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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 13

4:00 pm Consuelo Accomasso by Yvonne Accomasso

SUNDAY, June 14 Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

8:30 am Olga & Pawel Podobinski
by the Bilyj Family

11:00 am MaryAnn Mascitti by Leslie Pettenati

MONDAY, June 15 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

7:00 pm Beatrice Crosby by Denise

TUESDAY, June 16 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

12:00 pm Children of The Lisek Family
by The Lisek Family

THURSDAY, June 18 Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

12:00 pm Deacon Eduardo Sencion
by The Sencion Family

FRIDAY, June 19 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

9:00 am Gregory Cooper by The Somma Family

SATURDAY, June 20

4:00 pm Anthony Zicaro by The Zicaro Family

SUNDAY, June 21

8:30 am Thomas Paflitzko
by Joi Paflitzko and
Simeon & Jeffrey Gutierrez &
Juan Valentin by Milka Gutierrez

11:00 am Nella & Alfred Pettenati
by Leslie Pettenati

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Niko Franz, Andrew Thomas,
Brian Olney Junior, Lenny Rapisardi,
James Goetz, Dana McCarthy, Joe Clampet,
Marilyn Brizzi, Grellita Sipalay,
Karter Reid-Tullis, CJ and Chey, Lisa Felipe,
Susan Skidmore, Kevin Overbey,
Johawn Sebastian Rodriguez, Erin Padilla

For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Elizabeth White, Anthony Zanella,
Anthony DeRobertis, Virginia Khan,
Michael Carcaterra, Ann Cirillo,
Mary Galayda, Blanche Gallo,
Josephine Dominguez, Antonio R Gonzalez,
Julie Jupin, Miriam Bruno, Irene Chee

*To add to this list, please email:
stjohnbultn@gmail.com*

Announcements for this Week

Adult/Teen Bible Study

Father Reichlen and our summer
seminarian, Dan O'Brien, are excited to
co-lead an 8-part Adult/Teen Bible Study,
"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"
by Jeff Cavins.

Sessions will be held on
Sundays at 1:00pm & Thursdays at 7:00pm
beginning **Sunday, July 5.**

The cost of the workbook is
\$30 per person.

Please sign up by **Monday, June 22**, so
that workbooks can be ordered on time. To
register, visit the **Welcoming Desk**
after Mass or call the **Parish Office.**

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace and Unity Around the World
by The Church of St. John
June 13, 2026 — June 19, 2026

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls of the Faithful Departed
by The Church of St. John
June 13, 2026 — June 19, 2026

You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



“Deliver Us” Week 3: On Eagle’s Wings

In this first summer series, we are looking at ways that God delivers us. We’re specifically looking at the first reading at Mass each week through the lens of the Exodus story, and how ultimately God’s promises are fulfilled in Christ. Thus far, we’ve looked at God’s offer to forgive us and free us from our idols, and God’s provision on our journey which calls us to remembrance and thanksgiving.

Today we want to look at another kind of remembrance – how God has born us up and carried us often through the hands and the hearts of those around us. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus laments that the crowds before him were troubled and abandoned

“like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36), and then he prays that the Lord will provide laborers to work in the harvest.

With the announcement of my departure on July 15, I know that you too may be feeling troubled and abandoned. This passage often reminds us Catholics to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. By the way, please pray for the family of **soon-to-be Father Jan Carlo Perez**, who will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday June 27 at 10 am in St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton**. Jan Carlo’s family are members of St. John’s parish, and we give thanks to his mother and father for supporting their son’s vocation as a future shepherd in our local diocese!

In this passage, after Jesus prays for more workers in the harvest, he raises up the Twelve disciples and gives them **“authority”** (Matthew 10:1). He then essentially preps them for a training exercise in which they will go from village to village, driving out demons and healing the sick in his name. In the Great Commission after his Resurrection (Matthew 28:16-20), Jesus will later give them his full power and authority to go and make disciples of all nations. Here’s the key point for today – this authority is not given just to popes, bishops, priests, and clergy. This authority is given in a certain measure to anyone who spiritually influences others – lay leaders, parents, elders, godparents, mentors, teachers, coaches, spiritual mothers and fathers, among others!

It’s important to realize how God often builds us up and carries us through others. Countless times at St. John’s parish, parish leaders, members of my Small Group, and many people in the pews have shepherd and guided me. You have truly “grown” me as a pastor! I will be forever grateful, for example, for the outpouring of love I received two years ago, along with the rest of my family, on the occasion of my mother’s cancer diagnosis and her passing.

The Bible often calls us to **“bear one another’s burdens”** (Galatians 6:2; see also Romans 15:1, 1 Thes 5:14; Phil 2:4; James 5:16). Our challenge this week is to go and lift another person up “on eagles wings,” so to speak. Who in your life needs accompaniment, encouragement, or rescue in any way? Do something concrete for them this week. As I get ready for my departure, remember that you are not abandoned. I will go on to shepherd a new community, and you are called forth to continue the good work of Christ’s mission here in this place, where the harvest is abundant. The mission is now passed down to you!

Love and blessings, **Fr. Reichlen**

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 147 Municipal Drive | Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

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