



**St. John of God ~ Feast Day March 8**  
**~ Founder of Congregation of the Brothers of St John of God & Patron of Hospitals ~**

*St John of God prayer; St. John of God, help us to act on the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Help us learn to fight the temptation to delay our service of God. Help us remember that to serve the sick is to carry on Christ's vision. Amen.*

John was born on March 8, 1495, in Portugal. Impetuous throughout his life, he ran away from home at age 8 to travel to Spain with a visiting priest. There, a new family educated him & taught him to be a shepherd. In 1522, he joined the Spanish army. During the war against France, he fell from a horse near the enemy camp. Stunned by the accident, he begged the Virgin Mary for help. Eventually, he found his way back to his troops, but was later accused of stealing by his comrades & barely escaped being hanged. After learning that his real mother was dead & his father had become a Franciscan monk, John resolved to make reparation for his sins. Eager to help others, he traveled to Africa, where Christians were being persecuted. On the advice of a Franciscan monk, John returned to Spain. One day he experienced a vision of the child Jesus calling him "John of God" & telling him to go Granada. In

**Please join us each Friday during lent. The way of the Cross will be held at 3:30 pm and again at 7:00 pm. And Reflections of Faith will be held at 6:00 pm.**

**Confirmation II Candidates** there are still numerous candidates that have not turned in their sponsor's name and sponsor's required information (copy of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation & Marriage Certificate). This information is required to be turned in by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Second collection for Catholic Relief will be collected on the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. This campaign helps Catholic agencies serve suffering brothers and sisters around the world.**

**Rice Bowls** are on the Altar in a basket. Please take one and support Catholic Relief Services. They do much needed work and give support to many people in need. Make this a part of your Lenten sacrifice. Place all your loose change or currency and return to the church at the end of Lent. A collection box will be in the community room. God Bless You for your help.

**Travel to Ireland, Scotland and Italy** with Fr. Josh Duplissey. For more information call Assumption Church, for dates and fees.

**The Women's Society is in need of Easter baskets, candy & toys for our annual Easter basket sale. Please bring your donations to the office. If you have questions call Vicki at 622-5092.**

**Have you completed your UIM pledge?** If not, please do so today. Every wage earner is encouraged to give what they can. The parish and the Diocese use the information to update our census. You can be an important part of preserving our faith by contributing to UIM. Envelopes or forms are in the pews or may be picked up in the office. Feel free to contact Vicki in the office with any questions. **"I give not because I have...I have because I give."**

**Catholic Daughter's** will be selling tickets for their "St Patrick's Traveling Basket" after all masses March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Daughters & Altar/Rosary Society**, day of recollection, at Assumption Conference Room, will be Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. with a potluck.

**Altar Server News!**

There will be a training for all new Altar Servers on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon, in the church. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the office with any questions.

**Welcome to St. Peter Catholic Church**

For your convenience, you may cut this form out of the bulletin and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the parish office.

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**Report Sexual Abuse** if you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel, contact Deacon Lou Roman, Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Las Cruces, at (575)523-7577, or e-mail [lroman@dioceseoflascruces.org](mailto:lroman@dioceseoflascruces.org).

**Reporte El Abuso Sexual** si usted o alguien que usted conoce ha sido victima de abuso sexual por parte del clero o personal de la iglesia, pongase en contacto con el Diacono Lou Roman, Cordinador de Assistencia a Victimas de Abuso Sexual de Las Diocesis Catolica de Las Cruces, llamando al (575)523-7577 o mandando un correo electronico a [lroman@dioceseoflascruces.org](mailto:lroman@dioceseoflascruces.org).

