



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Rooted in Tradition ~ Led by the Spirit

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Ordinary Time: Fifth Sunday

Today's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11



Today's short gospel contains real words of comfort for us. Jesus tells his disciples that all will know them as they are – simple ordinary people who “have love for one another.” He wasn't changing them into great preachers or doers of spectacular things. They weren't going to appear as spirits descended from heaven, but as the relatives, friends and neighbors the people had known all their lives.

This passage is saying that we, too, can be faithful disciples of Jesus by just being who we are, working to be our better selves. While that should be a comfort to us, the thought can also be disturbing. It means we can't put off doing better. We can't assume that God's work is being done by other, more worthy folks. We can't be waiting for Lent to improve ourselves. Jesus is saying that **today** our lives must be ordered by love.

Next week's readings: Ordinary Time: 6th Sunday
Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

Schedule of Masses - Sunday, February 12/13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Anderson

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Rodriguez

Dcn. McCormack

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Willis

Dcn. McCormack

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Brault

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism: Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office and speak with one of our priests.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m. or call

301-622-1122 to arrange a confession with one of our priests.

Marriage:

Parishioners requesting a marriage date must have been registered in the parish for six months.

Phone Numbers:

Parish Office & Rectory:
301-622-1122

Fax: 301-625-9266

School: 301-622-3076

Website: www.sjbssparish.org

Facebook: facebook.com/sjbcc

Live Streaming of Mass

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can view the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sjbcc. At the present time we are also streaming the 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass.



Adoration in the Chapel

Adoration will take place every Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional Adorers are welcome during this time or to extend our Adoration time beyond 2 p.m. signup sheets will be available outside the Chapel on Thursdays during Adoration. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Nathanael at assocpastor@sjbssparish.org or call the Parish Office at 301-622-1122. Thank you!



Reconciliation/Confession

After daily Mass; Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Church before Mass; following the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses; or a Confession can be arranged with one of our priests by calling the Parish Office, 301-622-1122.

Parish Office Hours

For Church related matters like requesting a Mass Intention, please come to the front doors of the Parish Office which will be open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **The Parish Office is closed on Fridays.**

Chapel Hours

The Chapel will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, when the Parish Office is open.

How to Keep Informed of SJB Parish News

Flocknotes: Visit our SJB website, www.sjbssparish.org, and on the first page enter an email address to receive Flocknotes through email.

Bulletin: Visit our website bulletin page at <https://www.sjbssparish.org/bulletins> to access the latest SJB bulletin. To have a link to the latest SJB bulletin sent directly to your email from our bulletin printer (FATA), visit <https://www.fataonline.com/bulletins/StJohntheBaptistSilverSpring> & enter your email address.

Previous Bulletins: Previous bulletins can be viewed by visiting <https://www.sjbssparish.org/bulletins> and selecting a bulletin date.

Scam Emails

Scam emails have been sent to SJB parishioners in Fr. David's name. Fr. David communicates with our parishioners through the bulletin or mailings, so if you receive email from Fr. David requesting money or assistance, please do not respond and delete the email. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office, 301-622-1122.



Mass Intentions (February 7 - February 13)

Monday 7:30 - Thanksgiving for Family Blessings -L- (F. Frederique)
9:00 - Maria Gomes (A. & J. Gomes)
Tuesday 7:30 - Chuck Hughes -L- (J. MacLeod)
9:00 - Amalia & Teresita M. Janeo (B. Chang)
Wednesday 7:30 - Mikal Pedersen (G. & J. Petruzzelli)
9:00 - Savannah Batelka -L- (N. & J. Peters)
Thursday 7:30 - Janet Davis (M. Kerley)
9:00 - Rev. John A. Carroll SSJ (Parishioners)
Friday 7:30 - Minh, Nu & Family -L- (Nu)
9:00 - Seamus Roles (J. Roles)
Saturday 9:00 - Carmel & Bill Broadfoot -L- (G. & J. Petruzzelli)
Sunday 5:00 - Parishioners
7:30 - Carmela Calogero (S. Wendell)
9:30 - Mary Therese Voekel (Fortunak Family)
11:30 - Dennis Chang (B. Chang)
No evening Mass

Parish Clergy

Rev. Y. David Brault Pastor
Rev. Nathanael Anderson Parochial Vicar
Rev. Glen Willis Weekend Associate
Rev. Nicolás Rodriguez Weekend Associate
Deacon James Gorman Permanent Deacon
Deacon Ed McCormack Permanent Deacon

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Bulletin Deadline

February 20 Bulletin & Website deadline
Thursday, February 10, at 9:00 a.m

Send Bulletin announcements to
sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org
Send Website announcements to
kbrown@sjbssparish.org

Remember in Prayer those who have died

Pat Roberts, former SJB Director of Religious Education and widow of Barry Roberts;
Cornelius Sullivan, brother of Laura Steadman; and
Rochelle Weirich, daughter of Mary Falvello.

SJB Leisure Club

The SJB Leisure Club meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022, has been cancelled.



February SJB Food Drive

Please note that the St. John the Baptist Parish Food Drive **will be the 1st & 3rd Saturday mornings each month 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** Drop off will be at the Lyon Center parking lot behind the church where you may safely drop bags or boxes (canned or boxed dry foods only, please). Donations will be transported to the St. Camillus Food Bank. Cash or check donations (payable to SJB Church with "Food Drive" in the memo) are also welcome! If you have a question or need more information, please email Cynthia Norris, cnorris@sjbssparish.org. Thank you for your generosity.



SJB Men's Group

For men over 18 years old, the SJB Men's Group will now meet Saturday mornings 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Lyon Center. Deacon Ed McCormack facilitates as we unpack scripture in an atmosphere of fellowship and community. The ZOOM room opens at 7:15 a.m. and we get under way at 7:30 a.m. To join us with video & audio please go to:



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/873867511>.

Meeting ID: 873 867 511

For audio only by phone, dial: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 873 867 511.

For more information, please contact Dave Michaels at invitedtolife@gmail.com.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' Action Platform

In the five years since *Laudato Si'* was released, many dioceses, parishes, parish schools, religious communities and families have embraced the call of integral ecology so that the earth is protected for future generations. However, there is still much work to be done to protect our common home, the earth! For the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, the Holy See's Dicastery (Office) for Promoting Integral Human Development published a document that names seven ways to implement *Laudato Si'*. For more on the *Laudato Si'* action platform please visit <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

Athletic Ministry Intramural Signups

We are ready to kick off the 2022 Intramural basketball season at St. John the Baptist. We have co-ed divisions in the K-2nd, 3rd to 6th, and 7th to 8th grade levels. Come play for your favorite high school, college, and NBA Teams (or pretend to)! We will have weekly highlights, All-Star Weekend Festivities, and statistical leaders posted weekly. Log into Sports Pilot via the SJB Athletics website, www.sjbathletics.org, to register today. For more information please email Sean Chisam (chisam.sean@gmail.com).



Knights Of Columbus Incentive Raffle

The 52nd Annual Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council raffle is rapidly coming to a close. Proceeds from the raffle are used to fund the State Council's various programs including Box of Joy, Seminarian Support, Sox for Souls, Coats for Kids, Essay Contest, Help Thy Neighbors, Basketball and Soccer Competition, Food for Families and Widows Program. SJB Council will retain sixty cents out of every ticket sold. Last year the Knights raised almost \$900 to fund their programs.



Three prizes will be awarded. The grand prize is \$18,000. Second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$1,000. The drawing will take place at the Founders Day dinner on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Father Rosensteel Council, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. You do not have to be present to win.

The SJB Knights of Columbus Council will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6. Tickets are \$1.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Stu Sklamm at srsklamm@msn.com or 301-384-0784.

Inclement Weather Information

This year St. John the Baptist School closings for weekday weather related cancellations/delays will be determined by Montgomery County Public Schools. The Parish Office follows the Federal Government for cancellations and delays. Despite the weather and related closures, Mass will always be celebrated.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Offertory	January 30	\$ 5,003.00
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Please note monies given via Faith Direct are not included in the Offertory above.

Diaconate Formation “Come and See” Events for 2022

Deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, immigrants, among others. As ministers of God’s Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach, and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, and preside at prayer services, funerals, wakes, and graveside services. The Office of Diaconate Formation of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is beginning a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the Permanent Diaconate. Formation of the new class for ordination in 2027 will begin with a retreat in October of 2022 to start a year of aspirancy. The initial selection process for this class will begin with a series of “Come and See” events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in January through March 2022. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program.

Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish, and recommended by their pastors. Additional information and an Inquirer’s Information Form is available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

Interested persons may contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or by e-mail at HuberC@adw.org. The mailing address for the office is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017-0260. The schedule to “come and see” for potential applicants and their wives is:

Since the January meetings have been moved to online-only, please contact Mrs. Diane Biggs for the Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Online Only: Thur. March 10; Tue. March 15; Mon. March 21
Wed. Feb. 2, 2022, 7-9 p.m. Incarnation, NE Washington, DC
Tue. Feb. 15, 2022, 7-9 p.m. St. Rose of Lima, Gaithersburg
Thur. Feb. 17, 2022, 7-9 p.m. St. Philip the Apostle, Camp Springs

Thur. Feb. 17, 2022, 7-9 p.m. Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf

Tue. Feb. 22, 2022, 7-9 p.m. Annunciation, NW Washington, DC

Mon. Mar. 7, 2022, 7-9 p.m. St. Aloysius, Leonardtown

Wed. Mar. 9, 2022, 7-9 p.m. St. Joseph, Largo

Wed. Mar. 16, 2022, 7-9 p.m. St. Mary, Landover Hills

Please RSVP to Mrs. Diane Biggs, 301-853-5345, biggsd@adw.org and let her know which session you will attend, and if your wife (if married) will be attending with you as well.

Around Town

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

In-Person Only: February 10-13 / March 10-13 / March 24-27, Virtual Only: April 21-24

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$315 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

VITA Tax Services

The Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network is offering free tax preparation. Complete and submit the registration form at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/vita-registration and Catholic Charities VITA volunteers will begin contacting registrants in mid-January.

Saint Colette’s Story – February 7

Colette did not seek the limelight, but in doing God’s will she certainly attracted a lot of attention. Colette was born in Corbie, France. At 21, she began to follow the Third Order Rule and became an anchoress, a woman walled into a room whose only opening was a window into a church.



After four years of prayer and penance in this cell, she left it. With the approval and encouragement of the pope, she joined the Poor Clares and reintroduced the primitive Rule of St. Clare in the 17 monasteries she established. Her sisters were known for their poverty – they rejected any fixed income – and for their perpetual fast. Colette’s reform movement spread to other countries and is still thriving today. Colette was canonized in 1807. Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-colette>

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