

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH • NORTH BENNINGTON, VERMONT



MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is a community of baptized people who have, as their common goals: to love, model, teach, serve, and celebrate Christ in our lives. Committed to the Eucharist, our Bread of Life, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to service to God's people and center our faith-life around liturgical celebrations, the Gospel, and prayer. Based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, we reach out to all people lovingly, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity, and treat all with respect, tolerance, and acceptance, having the love of Jesus as our core.

EUCARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM

Holy Day Mass

(refer to schedule on inside cover)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. Visitors or parishioners need to notify the Pastor or Deacon prior to the particular Mass they are attending.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

VISITORS

Welcome. Thank you for joining us for our Eucharistic Celebration. Please know that we have a long tradition of kneeling after every Mass to say a brief prayer for vocations.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners to St. John's and ask that they register at the parish office. Parishioners with new addresses or who are moving should also contact the parish office.



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C.–Pastor

Rev. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.–Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. David M. O'Brien–Deacon

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 11/2-11/10

Sat./Sun., 11/2-11/3 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 p.m. Bill Dailey by the Red Welch Family
 9:00 a.m. Rita M. Coyne by the parishioners of St. John's
 11:00 a.m. Aurelia Hogan (21st anniversary)
 by the Lindsey Family

Monday, 11/4 – Saint Charles Borromeo

9:00 a.m. The Souls of all the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, 11/5 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. John Lyons by the Family

Wednesday, 11/6 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. Therese Densmore by Joe & Peg Crossman

Thursday, 11/7 – Weekday

9:00 a.m. George & Anna Girasa by Roy Girasa

Friday, 11/8 – Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 11/9-11/10 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Father Michael DeMasi and other deceased
 members of the K of C Council #307
 11:00 a.m. Bill Dailey by the Lindsey Family



When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."

- Lk 19:5-7

Readings for the week of November 3, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/ Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Question of the Week

Is there a "right time" to be called by God?

There is a right time to be called by God, and that time is right now! Regardless of who you are, where you've been, or where you are going, God calls you in this very moment.

What does it mean to be called by God? It means that God desires to connect personally with each and every one of us and that our whole life is a response to God. We commit ourselves to a life relationship with person, family, or community. We seek education in order to prepare ourselves for a certain form of service in the world. We build a career using the gifts and talents we have been given. In these and other ways we give our lives to God.

There are also smaller but no less significant choices we make day-to-day in response to God's call: a kind word to a colleague, an opportunity to enjoy the rain, an extra effort to make a good project great.

The key is to be open to God's invitation to connect with God here and now. In this way we open ourselves to think, feel, and act from a graced place. It can be helpful to have a spiritual friend or mentor with whom you can talk about calling and also to read the stories of how others have been called.

-Alice Camille

Sunday Summary

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 God loves everything that is with the love of an artist for their handiwork.

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 We are the works of the Lord, and to God belongs our gratitude for life.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Everything done in faith and every good purpose will be fulfilled in Christ.

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus was hoping to see Jesus—and Jesus was looking for him.



Thank you to those who have given to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. For more information or to make a gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org.

To date, our parish has raised \$25,532 toward our goal of \$30,998. This is 82% of our parish goal.

The St. John's Fuel Fund Collection will be taken up next weekend, **November 9 - 10**. A collection for this purpose is taken up once a month from October through March. Thank you for your support!



Week Ending 10/27/2019...

Mass Offerings:	\$2584.00
Priests' Benefit Fund:	\$855.32
Other income:	\$720.00

Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$4205.28
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Liturgical Ministries

For this weekend (Sat. 11/2, Sun. 11/3)



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

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| 5:30 p.m. | Dennis & Marcy McCarthy, Brian Granger |
| 9:00 a.m. | Jennifer McKenna, Florence Belnap, |
| | Michelle Vandemark |
| 11:00 a.m. | Terri Whitman, Rosemary Lindsey, Eileen Flynn |

LECTORS

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| 5:30 p.m. | Carolyn Graves, Paul Lamontagne |
| 9:00 a.m. | Margy Boulet, Ron Higgins |
| 11:00 a.m. | Kevin Kees |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| 5:30 p.m. | Noah & Sadie Warner, Josef Fischer |
| 9:00 a.m. | Karl Dooling, Nieve McKenna |
| 11:00 a.m. | Erin & Morgan McGean |

Lectors Needed: We are in special need of more lectors for the 5:30 Saturday Mass. Training is provided. Scheduling is at your convenience. If you would like to become part of this important ministry, please contact Margy Boulet at 442-3434.



Thanksgiving Baskets: The Ladies' Sodality is pleased to announce once again that we will be organizing Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families in the community. As in the past we encourage members of our parish to make donations of food or money for this worthy cause. Envelopes are available in the pews for any monetary donations. We appreciate your generosity. If you know of a parishioner in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Nicole at the Parish Office.



As a personal way of remembering loved ones, our **Remembrance Book** will be on the stand near the statue of St. Joseph during the month of **November** for those wishing to inscribe names of family and friends. Although different from sponsoring a Mass, the Book of the Dead provides a means for those who personally wish to remember someone special in their lives.



This weekend our parish will take up the **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**. Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only U.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. Borders. This collection will provide the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This Week

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11/5/2019 – Liturgy Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

11/6/2019 – Eucharistic Adoration from 4-5 p.m.

11/8/2019 – Food Shelf open from 11 a.m.-noon

11/9/2019 – Al-Anon Group meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m.



Annual Harvest Bazaar

November 9

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Come one come all to the Sacred Heart St. Francis Harvest Bazaar! In addition to the **Vendor Booths**, the Bazaar will feature the following: **Bake Sale, Big Money Raffle, Bingo, Breakfast, Craft Table, Lunch, Silent Auction, and a Pasta Dinner** that will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Please come join in the fun! There will be food to eat, new craft booths to explore, and games to be played! We look forward to seeing you there! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to support The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales!



In Recital: Donald McMahon

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church

Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m.

In thanksgiving for his 25 years of service as organist and music director of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales, Donald McMahon will perform a special organ recital on **Sunday, November 17** at 3:00 p.m. at the church at 238 West Main Street. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



November 3-9, 2019

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Please cut out the following prayer and pray it before meals throughout the week:

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.