

JUNE 7, 2020

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

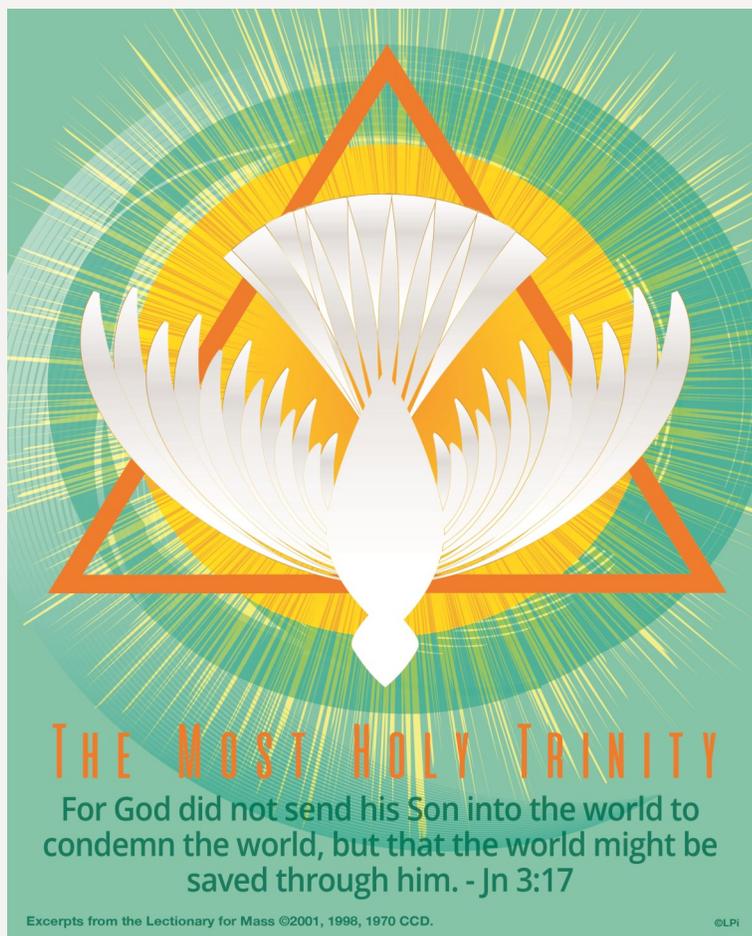
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.



CONGREGATION OF
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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL: saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 6/6-6/14

Sat./Sun., 6/6-6/7 – The Most Holy Trinity

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. Charles Ulrich by Kevin & Kathy Murphy

11:00 a.m. David Kees by the Kees Family

Monday, 6/8 – Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 6/9 – Saint Ephrem

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 6/10 – Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 6/11 – Saint Barnabas

9:00 a.m.

Friday, 6/12 – Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 6/13-6/14 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Jacqueline Ostrander by Millie & Dick Marron

11:00 a.m. For our parishioners



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17

Readings for the week of June 7, 2020

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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Gospel Reflection The Most Holy Trinity

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

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Sunday Summary

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 God is revealed as the personification of mercy and fidelity.

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55 Even in times of distress, God is worthy of praise.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 The community of faith must mirror the love and peace of God.

John 3:16-18 The gift of Jesus is the measure of God's love for the world.



Congratulations High School Graduates!

The following is a list of Seniors that are graduating from high school this June and where they will be off to in the fall. Their Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated/recorded on May 31. We wish them all the best on their future endeavors and will keep them in our prayers!

St. John the Baptist

Kyle Dooling - BBA Exit Program

Alexa Dunlap - Keene State University

Lexie Gabrus - Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts

Regina MacDonald - Keene State University

Grace Mahar - University of Rhode Island

Anthony Mazzola - University of Vermont

Claire Paquin - College of St. Rose

Lilah Ward - SUNY Cobleskill

Matthew Whitman - Virginia Tech

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

Jack Drew - Montana State University

Erin Farrell - University of Vermont

Emma Fischer - Hudson Valley Community College

Adam Frost - Trinity College

Andrew Giorgi - Guelph University

Coleman Hogan - University of Vermont

Morgan Jennings - University of Hartford

Mackenzie Kelley - University of Vermont

Emma Salem - Middlebury College

Welcome Back to the Celebration of Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition.

Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- Wear a mask in Mass.
- Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible.
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.
- Follow our church protocols regarding registration due to the 25% capacity limit. (The limit is 70 people per Mass.)

For more details about church protocols, please visit: vermontcatholic.org/covid-19

We are asking that you let us know which Mass you plan to attend by calling or emailing the Parish Office at 447-7504 or saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com. Please let us know by Friday at noon prior to the weekend Mass.



Congratulations to

**Fr. Bill Kelley, C.S.C. and Fr. Leo Polselli, C.S.C.
on Fifty Years of Service!**

Each year, the United States Province of Holy Cross recognizes its Jubilarians. Priests and brothers commemorating 25th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th anniversaries of ordination or religious profession.

If you'd like to send Fr. Kelley or Fr. Polselli a card or note of congratulations here is their mailing address:

Holy Cross Residence
480 Washington Street
North Easton, MA 02356

For more information that will be forth coming you can visit the Holy Cross website at: <https://www.holycrossusa.org/article/holy-cross-jubilees/>

Watch for an update to this website page with the 2020 Jubilee booklet, featuring pictures of all Holy Cross religious celebrating their Jubilee year, as well as biographies from those religious celebrating 25 and 50 years.



Vermont Interfaith Power and Light

It is the **fifth anniversary** of Pope Francis' Ecological Encyclical and the **Global Catholic Climate Movement** has sponsored five webinars, from sites around the world, to celebrate **Laudato Si' Week 2020**. They are **now available** on **YouTube** under the titles:

- Laudato Si' at 5: As Prophetic and Relevant As Ever
- Eco-Spirituality: Deepening our Communion with Creation
- Sustainability: Time for the Church to Lead by Example
- Advocacy: Raising our Voices for the Earth and the most Vulnerable
- Social Action: Integral Ecology and Community Building in Times of Global Pandemic

They have been beautifully produced and are well-worth watching.

~Wilma Ann Johnson

Liaison for SHSF and SJB Parishes