

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

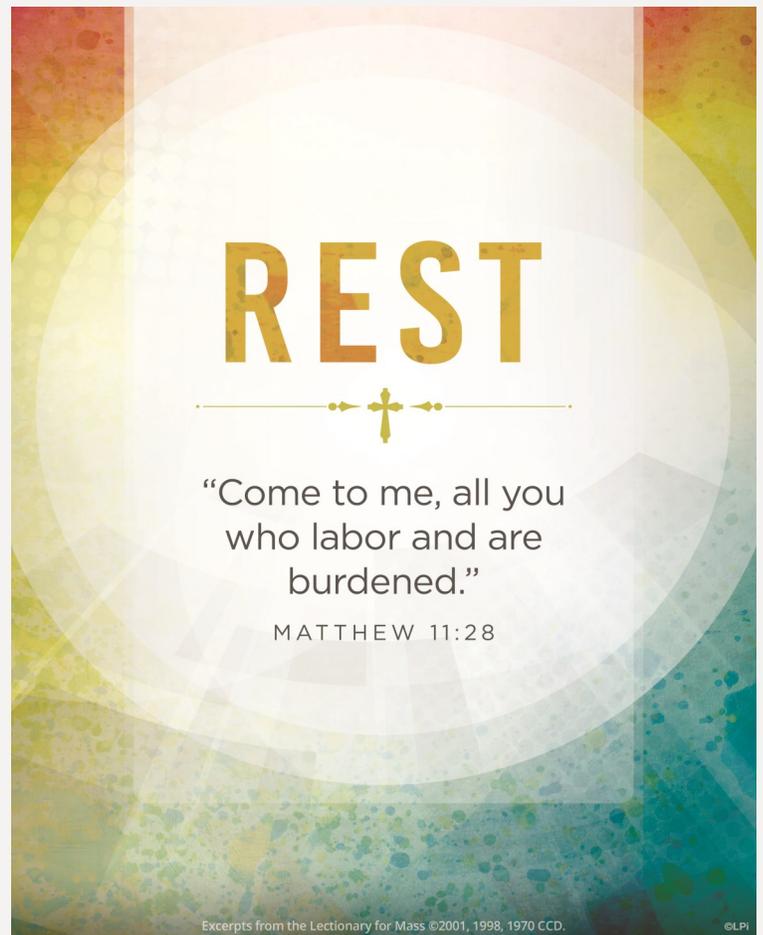
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.



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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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 7/4-7/12

Sat./Sun., 7/4-7/5 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
9:00 a.m. Antonio Mazzola by the Family
11:00 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, 7/6 – Saint Maria Goretti
9:00 a.m. Thomas & Mary Fox

Tuesday, 7/7 – Weekday
9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, 7/8 – Weekday
9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 7/9 – Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Tobon by Stephen & Joan Monroe

Friday, 7/10 – Weekday
No Mass

Sat./Sun., 7/11-7/12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
9:00 a.m. Joe Talbot by his wife Bea & Family
11:00 a.m. Edward Gardner, Jr. by the Kees Family



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
-Mt. 11:28-30

Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
[cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Thank You

Dear Parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Parish,

We want to express our heart-felt gratitude to all of you for your love and commitment to the parish. These pandemic months have been nerve-wracking and difficult for everyone. It has been a chaotic and stressful time. In order to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, all the routine demands and pleasures of daily life have been curtailed and disrupted. We have not even been able to gather as a community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through it all you have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish. Many of you have mailed in your envelopes or dropped off your generous contributions or contributed electronically through our parish website. You have been extraordinary in maintaining your stewardship of the Parish.

We are aware of the financial strain everyone is experiencing in these complex times which makes your generosity even more outstanding. Thank you for your goodness and for the inspiration you have given us. We are blessed to be serving here at the parish.

Please know of our prayers for you and deep appreciation.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Bob and Fr. Hugh



The Cemetery Committee would like to remind anyone who leaves plants at St. John's Cemetery to please remember to water them during the hot summer months. Pots and other containers placed on the ground may be damaged by the mowers attempting to trim around the stones, so we strongly recommend that shepherd's hooks be used to avoid breakage. Dead plants and flowers will be removed from the cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Features for July:

July 6 – Saint Maria Goretti

Watch: St. Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon
Listen: St. Maria Goretti

July 11 – Saint Benedict

Study: Lectio: Prayer Session: Guigo's Ladder
Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

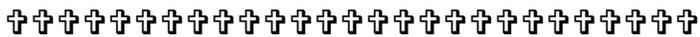
July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Watch: St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Lily of the Mohawks



**Diaconate Ordination of Robert Murphy
July 24, 2020**

We are pleased to announce Robert Murphy's rescheduled Diaconate ordination date of Friday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church in Bennington, Vermont. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, capacity is limited. We are still in the process of determining attendance outside of clergy and family. As we find out more, we will keep you posted. Please keep Robert in your prayers.



**Many families will miss
Totus Tuus this summer!**

Therefore, you are invited to participate in an at home Diocesan Program;

Exodus: Trusting in God as we journey to Freedom.

This program will have five lessons. Each lesson will take approximately one hour. They are geared toward K-5 graders, but are adaptable to suit the whole family; perfect for quiet time, a rainy day or simply an opportunity to reflect on greater truths and hope during these difficult times.

- Take an imaginary trip to Ancient Egypt - Land of Pharaohs and pyramids
- Examine our Catholic connections
- Ten Commandments
- Passover
- Journey to the Promised Land

These easy lessons will include everything you need to facilitate prayer, reflection and fun while growing your family faith this summer.

- music
- crafts
- skits
- games

Lessons and all materials will be available mid-July for you to complete at your own pace.

The registration fee is \$10.00 per family.

We will make arrangements to get the materials to you.
*(For families experiencing financial hardship,
we will waive the fee.)*

**TRUST IN GOD AND TAKE THIS JOURNEY
OF FAITH WITH YOUR FAMILY!**

**Question of the Week
Kissing the Altar at Mass**

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).

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Sunday Summary

Zechariah 9:9-10 The territory of the just king stretches from sea to sea.

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Our God’s name is to be blessed forever.

Romans 8:9, 11-13 We do not belong to the world that is passing, but to the world without end.

Matthew 11:25-30 Those who labor and are burdened find rest in Christ.

*“As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word
of kindness to every person we encounter,
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us.”*