

MAY 9, 2021

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

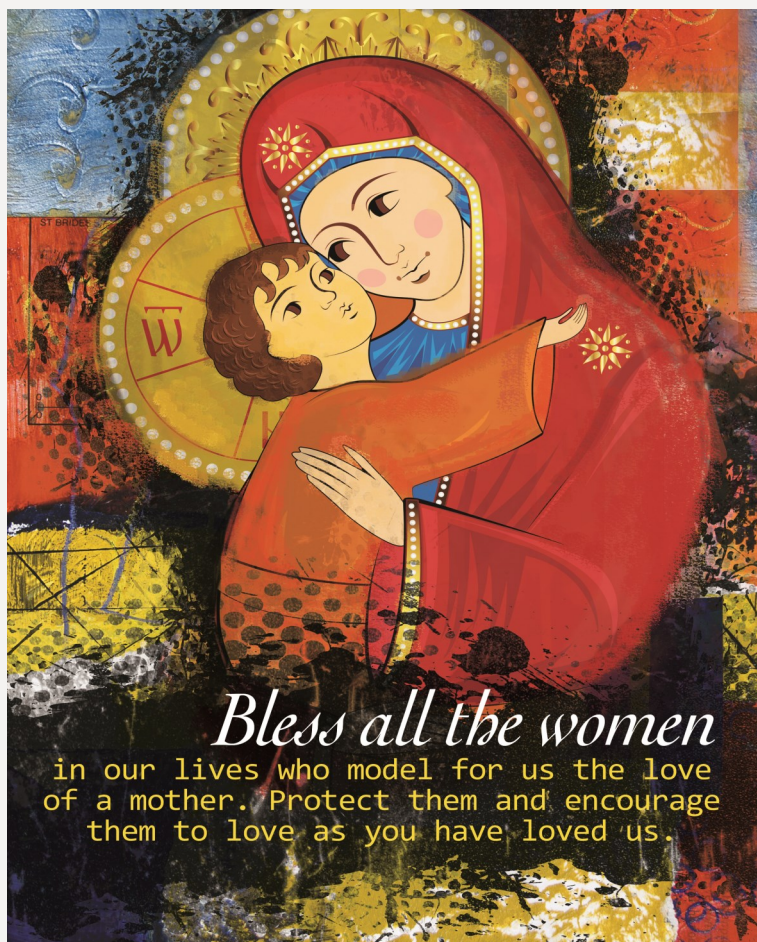
Saturdays from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM and by appointment.

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

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 5/8-5/16

Sat./Sun., 5/8-5/9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:30 p.m. Raymond F. Cox, Jr. (20th anniversary)
by his family
9:00 a.m. Simon Runyan by the Belnap Family
11:00 a.m. For our parishioners

Monday, 5/10 – Saint Damien de Veuster

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, 5/11 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. Janusz Bielawski by the Family

Wednesday, 5/12 – Easter Weekday / Ascension Vigil

9:00 a.m. For those Deployed with the
Vermont National Guard
5:30 p.m. Michael Borden by the Family

Thursday, 5/13 – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Christopher Thompson by the Family

Friday, 5/14 – Saint Matthias

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 5/15-5/16 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:30 p.m. Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
11:00 a.m. Florence Donlay by Linda Meskun



“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.”

- Jn 15:10-11

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

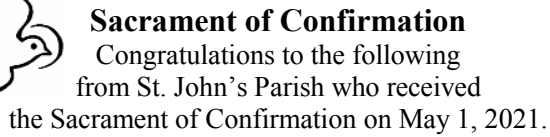
Gospel Reflection Sixth Sunday of Easter



“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



Congratulations to the following
from St. John's Parish who received
sacrament of Confirmation on May 1, 2021.

Sadie Elizabeth of Hungary Warner



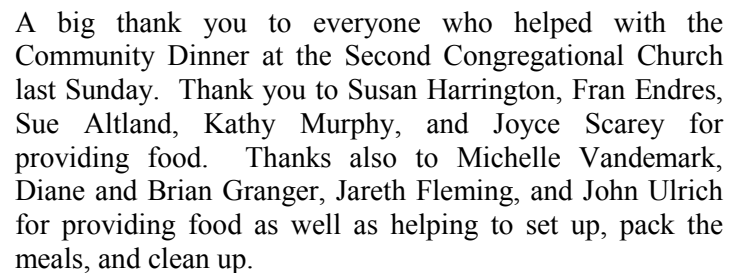
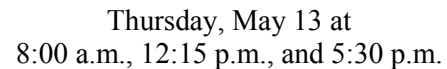
Totus Tuus is a high-energy dose of faith building led by four young adults. Totus Tuus is Latin for “Totally Yours” and is a Catholic youth program dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The program strives to bring our faith to life.

High School: August 1 - 5, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This summer, due to the pandemic, the number of children participating will be limited. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please register early to ensure a space for your child.

Calling All Students Grades 7 - 12

Join us on **Sunday, May 23** at 6:00 p.m. for a youth led Mass at Sacred Heart St. Francis Church followed by a social hour with food and fun at the Parish Center. Keep an eye out for more information to come.



We were prepared with lots of food!! The people at the Second Congregational Church told us that we fed 82 people. I know that they appreciated all of your contributions and so do I. Thanks for helping everything run so smoothly! I enjoyed working and chatting with you all.

Blessings to you all,
Sherry Monte

Hosts Needed for Community Dinners

Second Congregational Church has gone to great lengths to create protocols that keep everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. If you (or a group) would be interested in hosting one of the Community Dinners, please call the Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Office at 442-3141. For 2021 we still have 7 more months in need of volunteers. Please consider lending a hand to this worthwhile community outreach.

