

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 5/29-6/6

Sat./Sun., 5/29-5/30 – The Most Holy Trinity

5:30 p.m. Father Michael DeMasi and other deceased members of the K of C Council #307

9:00 a.m. For our parishioners

11:00 a.m. John Hogan by the Ron Jr. & Mark Lindsey Families

Monday, 5/31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. In remembrance of all those who died while serving our country

Tuesday, 6/1 – Saint Justin

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

Wednesday, 6/2 – Saints Marcellinus and Peter

No Mass

Thursday, 6/3 – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

9:00 a.m. Jack Gorman (2nd anniversary) by the Rudd Family

Friday, 6/4 – Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 6/5-6/6 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:30 p.m. In Celebration of Rev. Casey Weber's Ordination by the Dailey Family

9:00 a.m. Bill Densmore by Linda Meskun

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



Mass of Thanksgiving: Father Casey Charles Weber June 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Casey Charles Weber,
son of Linda O'Brien and Peter John Weber,
will be Ordained a Priest to the Order of the Presbyterate,
June 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
in Memphis, Tennessee.

If you would like to view the ceremony, the livestream link
can be found at: www.cdom.org

Father Casey will celebrate his **Mass of Thanksgiving at
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Sunday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.**

You are invited to attend and celebrate with Casey
and his family, but because of COVID and the need
to socially distance, we request that you
RSVP through Flocknote. (space is limited)

The Mass will be livestreamed and the link can be found at:
www.sacredheartsaintfrancis.org



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

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Sunday Summary

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Nothing has happened on Earth before to equal the works of God for Israel.

Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 Those whom God chooses are blessed by divine kindness and deliverance.

Romans 8:14-17 The Spirit testifies that we are God's children in Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus delivers the great commission to his followers.



Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given
to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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**Daily Mass Schedule
June 1 – August 31**

Saint John the Baptist
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 a.m.



Class of 2021

Baccalaureate Mass and Blanket Ceremony

We will honor the High School Graduates of our parish on **Sunday, June 6** at the 11:00 Mass with prayers and a special blessing. The parish will also bestow upon each graduate a blanket to symbolize the warmth we hope they have received at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Welcome Back, Altar Servers!!!

All existing altar servers, and anyone interested in becoming an altar server, are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, June 6** at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. There will be a refresher course along with a review of the new protocols. After the meeting there will be pizza and cupcakes for all. Parents are welcome to attend.



We are seeking a few volunteers to assist with preparation and set up for Father Casey Weber's reception after his Mass of Thanksgiving. We will meet on **Saturday, June 12** following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Father DeMasi Hall and kitchen. If you are interested and available, please contact Diane Granger at dianeg1229@gmail.com or 518-366-8642 (text preferred or call). Thank you for considering your time to help make this joyous occasion memorable for Father Weber!

A Note from The Cemetery Committee

As we approach Memorial Day and the summer months, please keep in mind that only live plants and flowers are allowed by the Diocese on plots at St. John's Cemetery. If live plants are left, please also remember to water them occasionally. In ground plants are not allowed. Dead flowers and plants will be removed. The Cemetery Committee appreciates your cooperation.



**We welcome seminarian Luan Tran,
who will begin his summer assignment with our parishes
on Wednesday, June 2!**



Hello everyone,

My name is Luan Tran. I came to Vermont four years ago from Viet Nam. After two years of studying English, the Diocese of Burlington sent me down to Indiana to study at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. I just completed two years of Philosophy on May 8th. I am very excited to move to the Theology Program next semester. Having a summer assignment in Bennington has been my wish since I came. It is a blessing to be with a great community as you are. I believe that I will learn a lot from you all. Please pray for me and all seminarians in our Diocese. Know my prayers for you as well. I am looking forward to being there soon.

May God bless you all!

In Christ,

Luan Tran



Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading: In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

Second Reading: Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

Gospel: We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?



Kids' Corner - Sharing the Gospel

As the disciples ate with friends, traveled, worked, shopped, and made new friends, they were to have one goal in mind - help more people follow Jesus. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to love God and love each other. Teach them to have mercy and forgive each other. Teach them to be humble. Teach them to pray. Teach them to share. And teach them to tell the people they met how to follow Jesus, too.

Prayer: Dear God, help me to teach my friends how to love and follow you - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.