

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 4:00 PM-5:00 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. 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 9/25-10/3

Sat./Sun., 9/25-9/26 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. For our parishioners
9:00 a.m. Louise Gauthier by St. John's Choir
11:00 a.m. Faye Hardy (birthday remembrance)
by the McGean Family

Monday, 9/27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

9:00 a.m. Joe DeMasi by Theresa DeMasi

Tuesday, 9/28 – Saint Wenceslaus;

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

9:00 a.m. Louise Gauthier by the Paul Becker Family

Wednesday, 9/29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, 9/30 – Saint Jerome

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of newly ordained
Deacon Gregory Caldwell by the Murphy Family

Friday, 10/1 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 10/2-10/3 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Father Vincent Coppola, C.S.C. (1st anniversary)
by the Dailey Family
9:00 a.m. For our parishioners
11:00 a.m. Faye Hardy (1st anniversary)
by the McGean Family



Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”
- Mk 9:39a, 40-41

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-
23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec
8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1
-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk
10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37
[34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1

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Gospel Reflection

Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Sunday Summary

Numbers 11:25-29 Two prophets operating outside of the purview of Moses offend Joshua.

Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 The psalmist acknowledges the unknown faults of the human heart.

James 5:1-6 Our many injustices will testify against us in the last days.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 An unauthorized miracle worker upsets John and the other disciples.

Imagine the world as God's garden, where God continues to sow various kinds of seeds. As laborers in that garden, our task is to recognize each variety of seed for what it is and then to nurture it carefully so that it yields a bountiful harvest of justice, love, and peace.

~ Excerpt from *Columban Mission* magazine



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

• Come One, Come All to the SHSF Harvest Bazaar!

On **November 6** we would like to invite local artists and crafts people to the 2021 Harvest Bazaar. We will sell vendor or artist booths this year in the Parish Hall on Main Street in Bennington. All proceeds to benefit The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.

These booths will be a flat fee of \$40 per spot and all of the profits are ALL yours! We will have one table and two chairs FREE for all the booths. We do ask that you donate one item to the Sacred Heart St. Francis School Silent Auction. Please note: All masking protocols will be followed.

We will be advertising this event locally on all available media. If you would like to have a booth at this event, please complete the application at:

<http://sacredheartbennington.org/support/harvest-bazaar/> or contact Nichole Warner at nichole.l.warner@gmail.com to receive your packet by email or to receive your packet and contract by mail.

• Job Opening...

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales is looking for a reliable individual to be an evening custodian. Duties include, but are not limited to, vacuuming, mopping, general cleaning, and trash removal from classrooms after classes are dismissed. Hours are from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (start time is flexible) and pay is \$13 - \$15 per hour. The ideal candidate has a valid driver's license and is a motivated self starter who can work independently.

If interested, please contact Mrs. Hendery at 442-2446.

• Volunteers Needed...

- ◆ Arrival Crossing Guard (7:50 - 8:15 a.m.)
- ◆ Lunch Helpers (11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. M,F)
- ◆ Harvest Bazaar Chair and Committee Members
- ◆ Basketball Coaches

If you are able to lend a hand, please reach out to: tiffany.mckenna@sacredheartbennington.org or marcia.hendery@sacredheartbennington.org



St. John's Sodality

Due to COVID numbers, the Ladies' Sodality will not be able to hold their annual fundraiser, the *October Bake Sale*, this year. If you wish to make a donation to this cause, kindly place your contribution in the offertory basket.

Thanks so much for the generosity of those who have already donated items and talents to our new Level II Atrium! We are ready for classes, but are continuing to add materials throughout the year.

Items still needed:

- Table or floor lamps
- Bibles in a foreign language
- Carrying trays
- Houseplants
- Bookshelves: units of three or four shelves at least 10" deep
- We have a wish list of items to purchase if you would be interested in sponsoring one
- Prayers!

Any help with these needs would be greatly appreciated!



Do you long to deepen your relationship with God?

Do you seek the still, quiet voice of God?

If so, please consider...

An Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
200 Pleasant Street, Bennington**

This workshop will help us to understand the Indwelling Presence of God within each of us and our intimate relationship with that Presence. There will be videos explaining the background and method of Centering Prayer, and there will be members of Contemplative Outreach Bennington to talk with you and to share their experiences with Centering Prayer.

We will explore the benefits of Centering Prayer in ordinary life and experience two periods of Centering Prayer practice. All are welcome to attend! This introduction is the beginning of the journey into Centering Prayer and a contemplative life. Participants are urged to attend weekly sessions following this workshop. These sessions provide support and encourage those who wish to establish a daily prayer practice.

Please bring your own lunch or snack, beverages will be provided. The rooms at St. Peter's have air purification systems, but you are invited to wear a mask and sit at a social distance.

Please register by October 6

Email mcmcgui@comcast.net or call 442-5908 to register. Any questions, please call Neva Hebert at 442-2919.