

APRIL 17, 2022

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

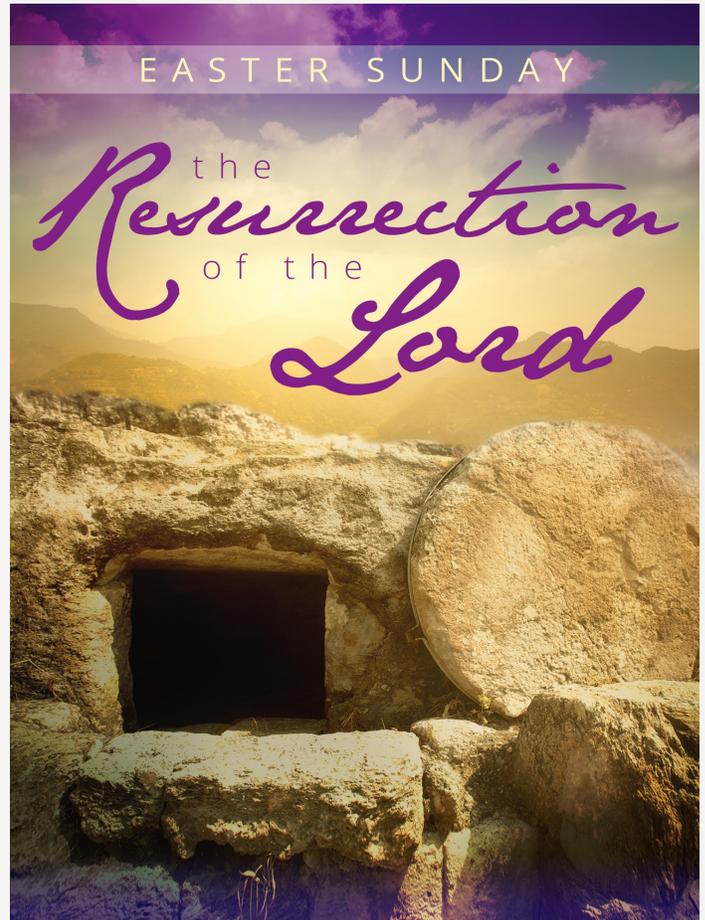
Saturdays from 4:30 PM–5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.



CONGREGATION OF
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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 4/16-4/24

Sat./Sun., 4/16-4/17 –Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 p.m. - For our parishioners

9:00 a.m. - For our parishioners

11:00 a.m.- For our parishioners

Monday, 4/18– Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. - Special Intention

Tuesday, 4/19 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. - Special Intention

Wednesday, 4/20 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. - Greg Cone by Lee and Sue Harrington

Thursday, 4/21 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. - Henrietta Billow by her adoring family

Friday, 4/22 – Friday within the Octave of Easter

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 4/23-4/24–Saturday within the Octave of Easter/ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:30 pm - For our parishioners

9:00 am - Harold and Florence McMahon by Linda Meskern

11:00 am-Mark Lindsey by the Millington Family

6:00 pm - Rose Santarcangelo by the Murphy Family

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the

Lord Jesus. — Lk 24:1b-3

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Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 For those oppressed by the devil, Jesus came with the Holy Spirit and power.

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Today we are filled with joy, because the rejected one has become the exalted one.

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Hidden in Christ, our lives can never be lost.

John 20:1-9 The empty tomb holds a universe of mystery in its cavity.



Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



Organ Recital to Feature Music Honoring First Responders

Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m.

Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. The program will include Cesar Franck's majestic and exciting Piece Heroique, which Don will dedicate to First Responders. He will also perform a joyful and rhythmic toccata with a fun, rollicking Americana flavor by composer Denis Bedard, music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and an assortment of other selections that will showcase the versatility of the magnificent pipe organ. As always, the performance is free and open to the public. No free-will offerings will be asked of anyone. Come as you are and enjoy!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



HAPPY EASTER!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

Please keep our sacramental preparation students in your prayers: The programs include students from both Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist Churches

Confirmation will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11 am Christ our Savior Church in Manchester, VT for the deanery

First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 8 at 1 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church

Paint & "Trip" Fundraiser

Sunday May 1st
2-4 PM

Instructor-led, includes all supplies, 16 x 20 canvas

Benefits the 2022 SHSF 8th Grade Boston Trip

Tickets \$40 per person
Must be purchased in advance by Wednesday April 27th

Location:
The School of Sacred Heart St Francis de Sales
307 School St, Bennington

To sign up and for more information:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAAAE2EA2F85-shsf>



Teens had a great time at our first ever game night. Monopoly, The Game of Life and ping pong were great hits. Pizza, chips, cookies and lemonade were good additions to the good time!! Looking forward to our next event coming soon!!

**St. John The Baptist Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9 am to 2 pm**

The office will be closed 4/15 and 4/18