

MAY 1, 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.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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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 4/30-5/8

Sat./Sun., 4/30-5/1 –Easter Weekday/Third Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm - For our parishioners

9:00 am -The Walsh Family by Ann Scarey White

11:00 am-John Hogan by the Lindsey Family

Monday, 5/2– Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - Denise Cranston by the Murphy Family

Tuesday, 5/3 – Saints Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 a.m. - Mark Lindsey by the Hospitality Committee of Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish

Wednesday, 5/4 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Francis H. McAdoo, Jr. by the Lindsey Family

Thursday, 5/5 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Chris Tkaly by Ron and Rosemary Lindsey

Friday, 5/6 – Easter Weekday

No Mass

Sat./Sun., 5/7-5/8–Easter Weekday/Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm - Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin

9:00 am - For our parishioners

11:00 am- Florence Donlay by Linda Meskun

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. — Jn 21:12-13

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Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41 The Sanhedrin is not finished with those who persist in proclaiming the name of Jesus.

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 The mourning of the world turns into dancing when God rescues those in need.

Revelation 5:11-14 Creatures in heaven and on Earth declare the glory and might of our God.

John 21:1-19 Even those who deny Christ will hear the invitation again: "Follow me."

Honoring All First Responders With Music

This afternoon at 3:00 pm, Donald McMahon will perform a recital on the magnificent parish organ at SHSF. The program will begin with Richard Wagner's thrilling masterpiece, The Ride of the Valkyries, and conclude with a boisterous and rhythmic toccata with a fun and rollicking Americana flavor by Canadian composer Denis Bedard. The performance will also include "The Peace May Be Exchanged" by American composer Dan Locklair, and selections by Bach, Lubeck, Bruhns, and others. It was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart who crowned the organ "The King of All Instruments," and once again Don looks forward to glorifying Christ and bringing enjoyment to his parish family and friends with this noble creation. Come as you are and enjoy!



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 was held Saturday, April 30 at 11 am at 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

Lord, make us instruments of your truth...

Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

~ Pope Francis

CEMETERY NOTE

As the warmer months approach, please keep in mind that only live plants and flowers are allowed by the Diocese of Burlington in St. John's Cemetery. Planting anything in the ground is strictly forbidden. Plastic flowers and any other types of ornamentation will be removed. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations at the head of the cemetery grounds if you have questions. Although care is exercised as much as possible, plants left in containers on the ground are vulnerable to damage from the equipment used to maintain the cemetery. We strongly encourage the use of shepherd's hooks to avoid breakage. The Cemetery Committee appreciates your cooperation.



THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to thank Diane Granger and her sister Debbie Pate for the great job they did organizing our yearly bake sale. We are grateful for all who participated. It was a great success.

St. John's Sodality



Faith Formation classes had a Last Supper Reenactment during class where students participated in what Jesus and his disciples experienced in the Cenacle, or the Upper Room on Holy Thursday.

Following Easter the classes gathered together again for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd tradition called Liturgy of the Light. During the Liturgy of the Light we process with the Easter Candle, sing, read scripture and each student has a candle lit from the Easter Candle to remind them of their Baptism. We also "unburied" our Alleluias and proclaimed Rejoice He has risen, Alleluia!



TO OUR LAY MINISTERS

In following diocesan policy, we are asking that two individuals put all monies and envelopes in the tamper-evident bags provided, seal the bags, and initial them.
THANK YOU!

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