

MAY 22, 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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
- Jn 14:26-27a

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL: [saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com)  
PHONE: 802.447.7504 | FAX: 802.442.6620



## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 5/21-5/29  
**Sat./Sun., 5/21-5/22 – Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Armed Forces Day/Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:30 pm - For Our Parishioners  
 9:00 am - Joe Talbot by his wife Bea and family  
 11:00 am- Mark Lindsey by Melissa and Nicole Kees

### Monday, 5/23 – Easter Weekday

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

### Tuesday, 5/24 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Jordan Robinson by Roy Girasa

### Wednesday, 5/25 – Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - Joanna Passanise by the Lindsey Family  
 5:30 p.m. - Joseph Leotta by Roy Girasa

### Thursday, 5/26 – Saint Philip Neri, Priest, The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - Lew and Jill Levin's Wedding Anniversary remembrance by family

### Friday, 5/27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - No Mass

### Sat./Sun., 5/28-5/29 – Easter Weekday/Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm - Mark Lindsey by Charlene and Gary Martin  
 9:00 am - Fr. Michael Demasi and other deceased members of the K of C Council #307  
 11:00 am - Arlene Murphy by Joan Douglass



**P***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."* — Jn 14:27-28

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## Sunday Summary

**Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29** The church recognizes that the gospel frees humanity from the burdens of the old law.

**Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8** The way of God is made known to all nations on Earth.

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23** The beautiful city of God has no need of a temple, because God's glory fills it.

**John 14:23-29** The one who believes in Jesus has no reason to be troubled or afraid.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture*  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death. ©LPI

## Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/

Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/

Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:

46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/

Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/

Jn 17:20-26

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





## Join Us...

We'd love to have you and your family at our upcoming summer camp. All students who are entering 1st grade through graduating seniors are eligible.

**The Day program is for students entering 1st - 8th grade**

**DATE:** Monday - Friday June 20 - 24

**TIME:** 9:00AM- 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** Sacred Heart St Francis Parish Center

**The Evening program is for students entering 9th grade through freshmen in college.**

**DATE:** Sunday - Thursday June 19 - 23

**TIME:** 7:00PM - 9:00PM

**PLACE:** Sacred Heart St Francis Parish Center

Grade School Program = \$60.00 each student

High School Program = \$25.00 each student

Family Maximum = \$150.00 max per family

Registration is now open and please register by June 10 to ensure you receive your Totus Tuus T-shirt. Please contact Mary Drew, Tammy Buckley or Kathy Murphy at 802-442-3141 if you have any questions.

Please register at the following link:

<https://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org/totus-tuus>

Can't wait to see all of you next month!!



## MARY'S DAY AT MARY'S GARDEN

A Mary's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 29 in the Mary's Garden at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, Vermont starting at 1:00PM. The celebration will include a May Crowning, the recitation of the Rosary, prayers for our church and the right to life and Marian Hymns. The Madonna Della Strada Garden Guild maintains and coordinates events at the Garden. Music provided by the Madonna Della Strada Singers. For information, please contact the Parish Office at 802-447-7504.

The next SODALITY MEETING will be on Thursday, June 9th. It will be the annual dinner at the Publyk House. Any ladies interested in attending should call Linda Meskun at 802-442-2224 to make a reservation.

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## God's Plan of Loving You...

Join us on zoom

Tuesday May 24, 7-8 pm

For **The Creed Professed, #2**

For information and to register:

[studythecreed@gmail.com](mailto:studythecreed@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK



Tues., 5/24 at 7 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wed. 5/25 at 5:30 pm - Ascension Vigil Mass

Thursday, 5/26 - Ascension Day

Sunday, 5/29 at 1:00 pm - Mary's Day  
Celebration at Mary's Garden

The SUMMER WEEKDAY SCHEDULE will begin on Wednesday, June 1 with a mass only at Sacred Heart St. Francis that day. Weekday masses at St. John's on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Sacred Heart St. Francis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The regular schedule will resume on Thursday, September 1.

*"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey,  
let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word  
of kindness to every person we encounter,  
for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."*