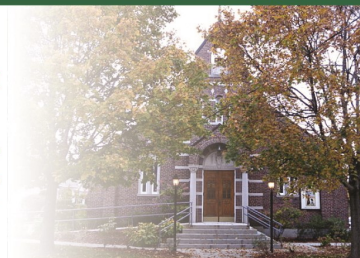


MARCH 5, 2023

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

9:00 am - First Saturday of every month

Sunday

10:00 am

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am

Holy Day Mass (refer to schedule on inside cover)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 4:00 - 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

First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am 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. Kevin Rousseau, 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.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 3/4-3/12 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 3/4-3/5 – Lenten Weekday/ Second Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm - Janet Cross Tollisen (11th Anniv) by the sisters
10:00 am - Cindy Gardner by Linda Meskun
Eileen Flynn by The McGean Family

Mon., 3/6 – Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Mary Simpatico in remembrance of her
birthday by Henry Simpatico

Tuesday, 3/7 – Lenten Weekday

9:00 am - Tucker James St. John's continued health by
the Lindsey Family

Wed. 3/8 – Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Norbert Maroney by Mary Jepson

Thurs. 3/9 – Lenten Weekday

9:00 am - Jeffrey Gilarde by the Lindsey Family

Fri. 3/10 – Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Frederick Johnson by Doris & Ron Alderman

Sat./Sun., 3/11-3/12 – Lenten Weekday/ Third Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm - Marion McCarthy (Birthday remembrance) by the
McCarthy Family
10:00 am - Helen Gardner by Kevin and Gayle Kees
John Pierce (22nd Anniv) by his wife, Millie



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC

Sunday Summary

Genesis 12:1-4a God offers Abram a future beyond his imagining.

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 God is on the side of the just and those who do right.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 We are called to a holy life not by our own goodness but through the grace of Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9 On a mountaintop, the disciples see Jesus through new eyes.

✠ From The Pastor's Desk ✠

One of the most powerful prayers we can pray is the celebration of Holy Mass. The Church has a long tradition of offering a "Mass intention" at each Mass. Parishioners can ask for a Mass intention by coming to the office and scheduling a Mass. You might hear the Mass intentions being read at the prayers of the faithful. One Mass each week is always offered for the intentions of the parish.

Because we now celebrate fewer Masses during the week, we are finding that it is challenging to honor the requests for Mass intentions on the particular dates that parishioners ask for. The Church suggests that priests accept only 1 Mass intention per Mass. But this suggestion to limit 1 intention per Mass has nothing to do with the effectiveness 1 Mass can have with multiple intentions; it is to limit priests from accepting more than 1 donation per Mass.

Since there is a large demand for Mass intentions (which I find beautiful) and a limited number of Masses celebrated, I have requested a dispensation to offer multiple intentions at Mass. This dispensation has been granted for three years with the following stipulations: 1) that I communicate with parishioners why there are multiple intentions for Mass; 2) that priests are only given 1 stipend per Mass; 3) that other stipends be directed towards a charity; and 4) that we continue to schedule a Mass intention for the parish each week.

Judy and Christy will continue to help you schedule intentions. Any donation beyond the first Mass intention will be directed toward our food pantries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,
Fr. Kevin



Please notice our Cross of Compassion, (beginning Ash Wednesday). Parishioners are invited to write their spiritual and material needs on the purple papers in the basket in front of the cross. Then place your petition papers on a nail on the cross. Throughout Lent we ask our parish family to pray for all of these special needs.

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more

Calling All Families

Family Stations of the Cross
At Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
March 24th at 5:30pm

If you are interested in participating please contact
Mary Drew at the Parish Center 802-442-3141
or email at marydrew1@gmail.com.

Please notice that Lenten booklets, **"Make Room for Lent"** have been distributed in the pews. Please take one home.

Come and Rest in the Lord

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, Taize Prayer will be offered weekly at SHSF at 5:30 p.m., beginning on **February 28 and ending on March 28**. Taize is a village in France that is home to an ecumenical community of Brothers who sing, fast, and perform acts of charity throughout the world. Unwind and find solace as you reach the end of your day through Scripture and song. The service will last about 30 minutes.

A Special Holy Week Service

On Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m., we warmly invite you, your families, and your friends of all faiths to gather at SHSF for a special service titled, "Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: A Service of Scripture and Song for Holy Week." Old and New Testament readings, a splendid and deeply spiritual array of musical selections, and powerful images of Christ's Passion and Death will be presented.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 16,011.62
Online Offertory	\$ 2,075.00
Total:	\$ 18,086.62
Needed Each Month	\$ 13,417.00
Monthly Ahead	+\$ 4,669.62
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 96,616.73
Fiscal YTD Ahead	+\$ 2,697.73

Fiscal Year is July-June

Please remember St. John the Baptist in your will and estate planning



Wednesday, 3/8 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 3/9 at 6 pm - Sodality Meeting
Friday, 3/10 from 11-12 - Food Shelf Open

Guidelines for Lent

The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- **Abstinence** refers to refraining from eating meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended. Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

CROSS PRESENTATION FOR DOTTIE FROST

SUNDAY, March 5, 2023 at 10:00 am



Next Sunday, March 12, 2023

Don't forget to Spring Forward!



Faith Formation

Do you know anyone who is interested in the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, or simply a child who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith? If so, please contact Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew at (802) 442-3141.

Faith Formation for Preschool – 5th grade

Classes are held each Sunday 9 – 10:30 AM or Monday 4:30 – 6 PM at SHSF Parish Center with the exception of:

April 9, 10 - Easter (no class)
April 16, 17 - Spring break (no class)
April 28, 29 - Retreat for First Eucharist
April 30 First Eucharist (no classes)
May 21, 22 - Last Class

Save the Date:

First Communion, Sunday April 30 at Noon at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

Confirmation, Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church with Mass