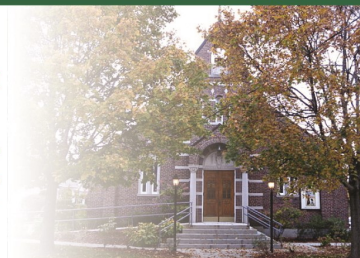


APRIL 16, 2023

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.



CONGREGATION OF
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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 4/15-4/23 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 4/15-4/16 – Saturday within the Octave of
Easter/2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

5:30 pm - Eileen Flynn by Mary Morrissey

10:00 am - Cindy Gardner by St. John's Sodality

Eileen Flynn by Kevin and Gayle Kees

Mon., 4/17 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Barbara Downing by Dan Taylor

Tuesday, 4/18 – Easter Weekday

9:00 am - Eileen Flynn by Joyce Scarey

Malcolm Hewitt for strength and healing
following surgery by Keith and Lori Hoyt

Wed. 4/19 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Kathleen & Dan Murphy by Joan Murphy

Agnes & Tommy Murphy by Joan Murphy

Thurs. 4/20 – Easter Weekday

9:00 am - Adam Bush by Lee and Susan Harrington

Fri. 4/21 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Peggy Havreluk by Vicky

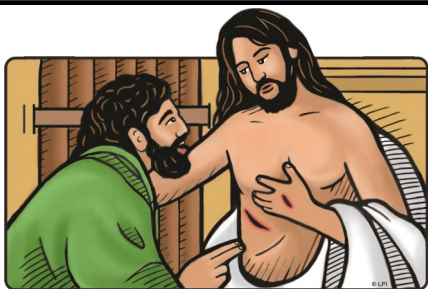
**Sat./Sun., 4/22-4/23 – Easter Weekday/Third Sunday of
Easter**

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

Timothy and Brian Morrissey by Fran and Jack Endres

10:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Harold & Florence McMahon by Linda Meskun



“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — Jn 20:27b-29

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

Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 The life of a disciple involves teaching, community, Eucharist, and prayer.

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 God's mercy endures even in times of failure.

1 Peter 1:3-9 The new generation of the church loves and believes even though it does not see.

John 20:19-31 Jesus does many signs to bolster the faith of his disciples not recorded in scripture.

✠ From The Pastor's Desk ✠

Saint Pope John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (concluding the Octave of Easter). This feast day reminds us of the deep mercy Jesus has for His people. The devotion to Divine Mercy was revealed to Saint Faustina Kowaska by Jesus. In her diaries, Saint Faustina wrote that Jesus promised a "...whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy" (699). The Church grants an indulgence to those who go to pray the novena (nine days) of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, go to confession, and receive Holy Communion.

In the Congregation of Holy Cross, Easter Saturday is the day we ordain priests for the Church. On Divine Mercy Sunday, our newly ordained priests offer their first Mass of Thanksgiving! I encourage you to read an excellent magazine "Ave Crux" which can be found in our churches and parish offices. The most current edition, Volume 7 Issue 3 is dedicated to the Eucharist in our ministries and in our charism.

I will be traveling to South Bend, Indiana this weekend to attend the annual Pastors Workshop. Pastors from around the country will be meeting to discuss common goals, ministry strategies, and offer one another fraternal support. Please pray for April 17-19 as we gather together.

Happy Easter!

God Bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading: Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel: The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?

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Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. There is a collection box on the back table, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

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THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS
celebrates the Ordination to the Priesthood of

REV. ANDREW FRITZ, C.S.C. & REV. JOHN SEBASTIAN GUTIERREZ, C.S.C.



"Father, consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world," says the Lord.
- cf. John 17:17-18

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS
AS A PRIEST OR BROTHER OF HOLY CROSS, VISIT [CSCVOCATIONS.ORG](http://cscvocations.org).



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The Search from FORMED is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Join us on the following Sundays in the SHSF Parish Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass: April 16, April 23, and April 30. The videos run between 25 and 30 minutes. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Come one, come all!

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the Bunny Raffle!
We raised a total of \$865.00. And the winner is.....
THE DOOLING FAMILY!!



THANK YOU to the talented parishioner who repaired the stained glass on the front door, and to C. L. White Glass for donating the glass!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

MARCH 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 16,412.15
Online Offertory	\$ 1,800.00
Total:	\$18,212.15

Needed Each Month	\$13,417.00
Monthly Ahead	+\$4,795.15

Fiscal Year to Date	\$130,075.38
Fiscal YTD Ahead	+9,322.38

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Mon, 4/17 - Fri, 4/21 Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, 4/18 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open
Wednesday, 4/19 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration



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 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

*As the sacraments are fast approaching, please
continue to keep our sacramental preparation
students in your prayers.
Many thanks!*