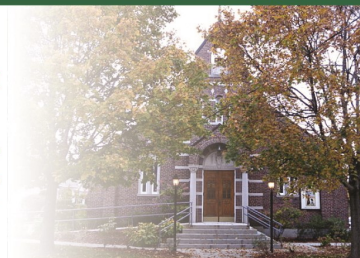


APRIL 23, 2023

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

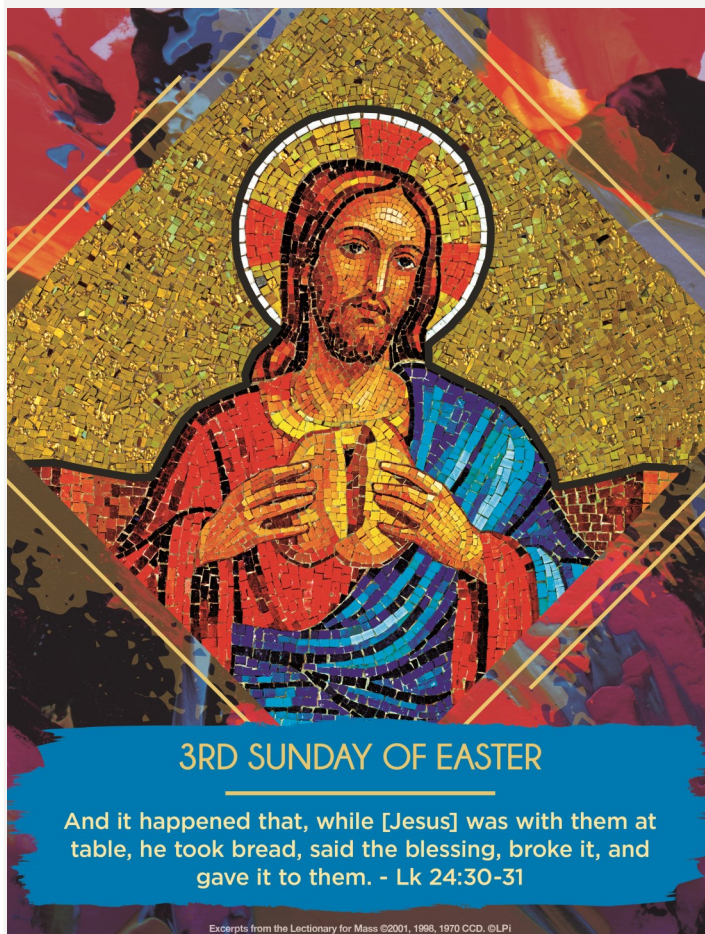
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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

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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 4/22-4/30 at
St. John the Baptist and

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

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

Mon., 4/24 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Dr. Thomas Tappas (living) by Thomas
and Kelly Murphy

Tuesday, 4/25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 am - Adam Bush by The Flynn/Thibodeau Family

Wed. 4/26 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Thomas & Kelly Murphy (living) - his mom

Thurs. 4/27 – Easter Weekday

9:00 am - Eileen Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)
by Lee and Susan Harrington

Fri. 4/28 – Easter Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Donald Gaghan - Peg & Mike Lochner

Sat./Sun., 4/29-4/30 – Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church/Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm- Eileen Flynn by The McGean Family
Father Hugh Cleary for successful surgery and
recovery by Fran and Jack Endres
10:00 am - Michael Rupprecht by Joe and Peg Crossman
Lorraine Martin by Rosemary Lindsey and Joyce Scarey



And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. — Lk 24:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1988, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 Peter speaks confidently to his fellow Jews about the Resurrection of Jesus

Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 The fear of the netherworld can have no place in one who holds fast to God.

1 Peter 1:17-21 Ransomed by the Blood of Christ, our faith and hope are now in God.

Luke 24:13-35 We cannot recognize the presence of Christ without a share in the breaking of the bread.

✠ From the Associate Pastor's Desk ✠

This Easter Season has been a beautiful time of renewal for our community. May it continue through Pentecost and beyond.

Easter Sunday the Church was filled to capacity. We hope to continue a renewal of faith in Jesus and his Gospel.

Jesus died holding firm obedience to his Father's will to restore Divine love to our everyday activities and relationships.

God's love is the glue that holds us together. Despite the chaos and mutual suspicion and loss of faith in our ability to ever find our way through the traumas and trials of the world's sin, we can open ourselves anew to the Easter graces of faith in a destiny beyond our failures and limitations.

The Reign of God's love is our salvation. We believers have taken it into our hearts and with Pentecost fervor may we never grow weary in sharing what we treasure.

Like those first followers of Jesus may we go out into our city and nation, and indeed the world, proclaiming what we believe with courage and tenacity. Though the world may seem to dismiss our faith, we know it nonetheless longs for faith's promise if only with a vague sense of understanding, let alone belief. May we help to sharpen the vague shadows of belief in all people.

Pope Benedict XVI captures the perplexing reality of our day which begs our attention.

"God's Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. At the same time his love is our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless in our deepest self, we await: a life that is 'truly' life."

Life is truly good; life is truly beautiful. Life in God's love is our dream come true.

God Bless,
Fr. Hugh

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was - God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see. ©LPi

Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

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

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

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

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 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Thank
you 

Margy Boulet

For all the extra work and time that you spent making our parish look it's best, at both Easter and Christmas. It is noticed, and it is appreciated!



REMINDER:

Neither Father Hugh, Father Kevin, or any Parish Staff Member will ever send an email or text requesting donations of any sort. Please beware of fraud.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Ven. Maria Consuelo Sanjurjo Santos

Venerable Maria Consuelo Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was a native Puerto Rican who served as Provincial Superior of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick in the Caribbean in the mid-1900's. During her 62 years of consecrated life, she greatly expanded the mission of the congregation!

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



Wednesday, 4/26 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday 4/30 at noon at SHSF - First Communion Mass

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 23, and April 30. The videos run between 25 and 30 minutes. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Come one, come all!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - The Walk to Emmaus

Let us take that walk to Emmaus! Luke 24:13-14 and 30-32: "Two disciples were walking when Jesus joined them", but they did not know it was Jesus. "When he sat down with them at the table, broke bread and said the blessing, their eyes were opened and they recognized him." They said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while Jesus spoke to us on the way..?" We can make our hearts burn within us in our marriage. Take your spouse on that walk to Emmaus by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new ways/tools to renew and revitalize your relationship.

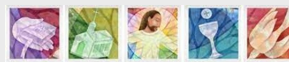
June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 and September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

August 11-13, 2023 in CT

October 20-22, 2023 in VT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or <https://www.mevtw.org/>.



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 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!*