

MAY 14, 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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Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 5/13-5/21 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 5/13-5/14 – Easter Weekday/Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm- Terry Toomey and deceased members of the Toomey family by The McCarthy Family
10:00 am - Christopher Thompson by Tracy Thompson
Patricia Becker by The Family

**Mon., 5/15 – Easter Weekday
(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Linda Greenslet by Matthew Paul

Tuesday, 5/16 – Easter Weekday

9:00 am - J. Arthur Hogan and Jane Tudor (BD Remem) -
by The Lindsey Family

**Wed. 5/17 – Easter Weekday
(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am – Fred L. Towslee, Jr. by Sharon Stewart
5:30 pm - Vigil Mass at **St. John's** - For Our Parishioners

Thurs. 5/18 – The Ascension of the Lord

12:15 pm - Eileen Flynn by Joe and Peg Crossman

**Fri. 5/19 – Easter Weekday
(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Anita Capella by Mary and Tom Cox

Sat./Sun., 5/20-5/21 – Easter Weekday/Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm- Eileen Flynn by Megan and Melissa Kees
Jack Galvin by Anne and Mark Rawson and Mary McGuire
10:00 am - Joe Talbot by his wife Bea and family
Florence Donlay by Linda Meskun



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” — Jn 14:15-17

Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 Thanks to Philip's preaching, Samaria comes under the influence of the gospel.

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Israelites of a new generation appropriate the saving acts of God from of old.

1 Peter 3:15-18 Those who sanctify Christ in their hearts will be able to articulate the reasons for their faith.

John 14:15-21 Jesus leaves no orphans, for the Spirit of truth remains with the community of faith.

✠ From the Associate Pastor's Desk ✠

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

“The more things change the more they remain the same.” That thought comes to mind after events of last weekend. As most of you know I was scheduled to go to the Cleveland Clinic for long-anticipated back surgery. For a year and a half now, I have had debilitating sciatica back pain. The surgery scheduled for May 17th was to be the last possible healing solution.

While visiting my primary doctor this past week I told him of my improvement through the intensive physical therapy of these past six months. Although I still have severe back pain it is not as debilitating as in the past and the sciatica pain shooting down my leg has subsided. My doctor said I should not have the surgery since it is that which would have alleviated the leg pain. The surgery would not have addressed the back pain, just the leg pain. And potential complications in such surgery suggest a conservative approach.

My doctor called the Cleveland Clinic and gave them his recommendation to cancel the surgery. The neurosurgeon accepted his recommendation and canceled my surgery. I am to continue the physical therapy in the hope that it will bring greater relief.

Needless to say, I was stunned by this development. I will have a new MRI shortly to see if any changes to the damaged nerves have occurred. I am told that a natural healing could be at work.

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement throughout this time. I am well aware that other parishioners are also dealing with health concerns. Let us all continue to pray for each other's healing and well-being.

I am so grateful for all of you,

Father Hugh

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans — God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth! ©LPi

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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/Mt 28:16-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8(13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP COYNE ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

Congratulations to the following ten confirmation students, listed in no particular order:

Aundrea Michael the Archangel Toromino, Sophia Catherine of Alexandria Perry, Tilia Catherine of Bologna Gardner, Morgan Mary McGean, Nieve Cecilia McKenna, Matthew Hubert Gardner, Judah Sebastian Lawrence, Henry Padre Pio Fischer, Donavan John the Evangelist Smith, Solomon Thomas the Apostle Lawrence

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist:
Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 at 12:15 p.m.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales:
Thursday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

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



Monday, 5/15 - Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, 5/16 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open
Wednesday, 5/17 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 5/17 at 5:30 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass
Thursday, 5/18 Ascension of the Lord - see schedule above



MARY'S DAY AT MARY'S GARDEN

A Mary's Day celebration will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in the Mary's Garden at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, VT 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.



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Community dinner at the Second Congregational Church this past Sunday. Thank you to Susan Harrington, Joyce Scarey, Sue Altland, Rosemary Lindsey, Kay Powers, Jane Alobell, Marcy and Dennis McCarthy, Mary Canavan, John Ulrich, Christy Miner, and Fran Endres for joining me in providing food.

Thanks also to Betty Levesque, Joyce Scarey, John Ulrich, Dennis and Marcy McCarthy, and Jane Altobell for joining me to pack and help distribute the dinners.

We provided food for 108 people as well as had some left over for them to freeze to use in the future. I know they appreciate all of your contributions and so do I.

Thanks again,
Sherry Monte



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:

May 21, 22 - Last Class

***Please continue to keep our sacramental
preparation students in your prayers.
Many thanks!***