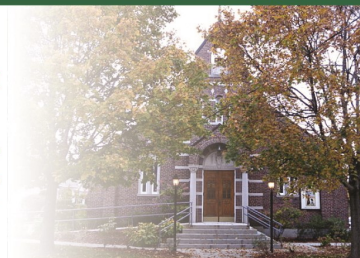


MAY 28, 2023

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 5/27-6/4 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 5/27-5/28 – Easter Weekday/Pentecost Sunday

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

10:00 am - Rose Reardon by the Lindsey family

John Galvin by Ann Scarey White

Mon., 5/29 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church/Memorial Day

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Madelaine & Richard Fonteneau by their children

Tuesday, 5/30 – Weekday

9:00 am - Eileen Flynn by the McGean Family

Lorraine Martin by Rena Stuart, Beverly Leake,
and Fran Wood (The Bereavement Group)

Wed. 5/31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am—Deceased Members of the Keatley Family by Paula
Marguerite Ghosh by John & Carolyn Reed

Thurs. 6/1 – Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00 am - Marilyn Baldwin by the Flynn/Thibodeau Family

Fri. 6/2 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am -Barbara Downing by Jane Taylor

Sat./Sun., 6/3-6/4 – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs/The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 am - Joan Thompson by Tracy Thompson

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

10:00 am - Michael Rupprecht by Joe and Peg Crossman
Adam Bush by Ron and Rosemary Lindsey



Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” — Jn 20:21-23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 The Spirit arrives in driving wind and dancing flame to alight on the new church.

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 The Spirit of God created the world and continues to renew it with the breath of life.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 No matter who we were before, we are baptized into one body in Christ.

John 20:19-23 Jesus imparts to the church the breath of the Spirit and the power to forgive.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

This weekend we conclude the season of Easter with the celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost is the event when the Church first received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Huddled in the upper room in prayer, the disciples and Jesus' mother Mary heard a loud noise and saw the Holy Spirit descend upon them as tongues of fire!

You and I received these seven gifts at Baptism, and they were stirred up in us at Confirmation. Here is a short description of each of the gifts:

- **Wisdom** is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.
- **Understanding** is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God.
- **Counsel** allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation.
- **Fortitude** denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.
- **Knowledge** is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.
- **Piety** is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.
- **Fear of God** is, in this context, “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to “servile” fear, whereby we fear punishment

Blessed Pentecost!

God bless,

Fr. Kevin

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say. ©LPi

Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2
Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



Do you hear the Good Shepherd calling your name as a potential Catechesis of the Good Shepherd assistant or trained Catechist? CGS has been a blessing in my life and in my humble opinion to the lives of the children in our faith formation and sacramental preparation program. Training is like going on a retreat and gaining so much insight about our faith. Finding time to get trained can be the biggest obstacle, but we have been informed of a format that might fit for some of you: **one weekend a month on a Saturday in Pittsfield, Massachusetts beginning August 5**, (less than an hour's drive for most people!)

The formation leader (trainer) is Kate Jonietz and I love her quote: *"I have been a catechist in many age levels for more than 20 years, but the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is what captured my spirit. My life has not been the same, and my faith, which I had thought was solid, was nothing compared to what the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has brought to my life thus far."*

To strengthen our program, we would like to have more people trained as catechists. You need to complete CGS Level I before you can go for the CGS Level II training. Martha Hojnowski and I have completed CGS Level II training. I would love to talk with you more if you are interested. Please reach out with any questions.

Blessings,
Kathy Murphy
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

APRIL 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	...	\$ 9,179.79
Online Offertory	.....	\$ 1,700.00
Total:	.....	\$ 10,879.79

Needed Each Month	.....	\$13,417.00
Monthly Behind	.....	- \$ 2,537.21

Fiscal Year to Date	.....	\$140,955.17
Fiscal YTD Ahead	.....	+ \$6,785.17

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Monday, 5/29 - Happy Memorial Day - Parish Office closed
Wednesday, 5/31 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, 6/2 at 7 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF
Saturday, 6/3 at 9 am - First Saturday Mass followed by adoration and confessions.



Mert and Ida Snow
70 years on May 30, 2023

First Friday Holy Hour at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and First Saturday Mass at St. Johns.

Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next beautiful First Friday closing service on **Friday, June 2nd from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at SHSF**.

On Sat., June 3rd at 9:00 am at St. John's, join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales has Eucharistic Adoration each Friday starting after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 8:00 pm.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.



The SODALITY will be having their annual June dinner at The Publyk House on June 8th at 6:00 pm. All parish ladies are invited to attend. Call Susan Harrington to RSVP at: 802-447-7408.

TOTUS TUUS

Grade School Program 1-8th grade

Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

High School Program (includes dinner!!)

Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Totus Tuus is a fun parish-based summer catechetical program, led by a team of energetic seminarians and college age students as teachers and role models in the faith!

How you can help:

- Invite children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to register!
- Keep the program in your prayers.
- As we get closer, we'll need help with cookies, snacks and meals.
- Sponsor a camper.

Would you like to volunteer to help during the week or at night? For more information contact: shsftotustuus@gmail.com

To register pick up a form at the parish offices or go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Totus-Tuus-Registration-Bennington-2023.pdf>

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!