

JUNE 4, 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

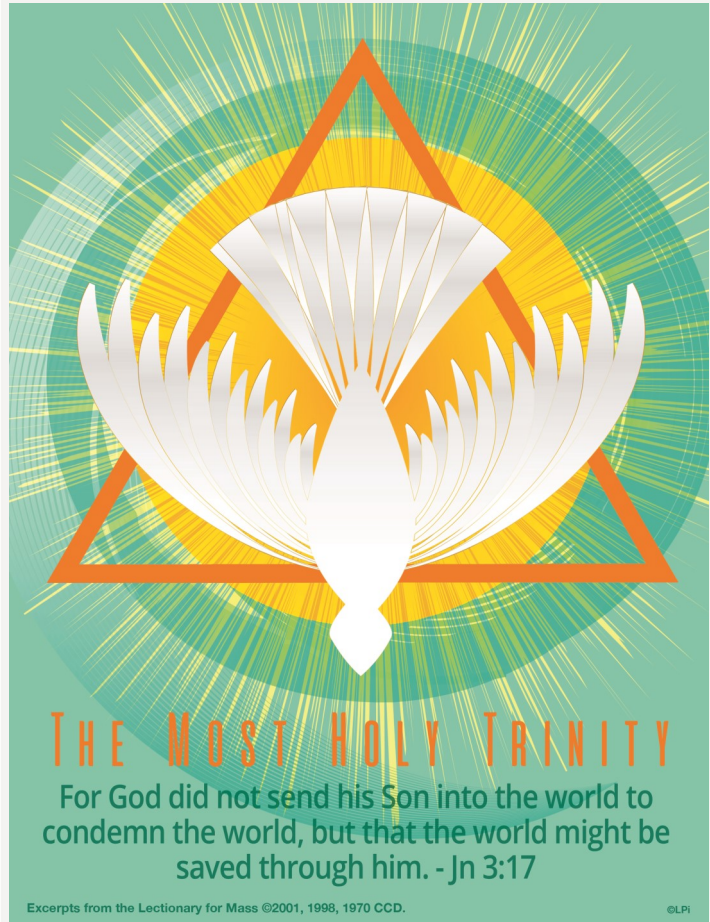
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 6/3-6/11 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 6/5 – Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Bert Trudeau by Vicky & Family

Tuesday, 6/6 – Weekday

9:00 am - Maureen Moore-Bond by Joyce, Jane & Carolyn

Wed. 6/7 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am– Erica Trudeau by Vicky & Family

Thurs. 6/8 – Weekday

9:00 am - Dr. Pedro Ruiz by Dr. Roy Girasa

Fri. 6/9 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Lorraine Vivaldi by The family
Yvonne & Walter LaFlamme by The family

Sat./Sun., 6/10-6/11 – Weekday/The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

5:30 pm- Jack Galvin by The McCarthy Family
For Our Parishioners
10:00 am - Eileen Flynn by Mary Harrington
James Mahoney by Judy Rudd



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the
world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— Jn 3:16-17

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Sunday Summary

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 A most gracious and merciful God
supplies Moses with the sacred law.

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55 (52b) God is revealed by name, in the
temple, and by divine authority.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 God is known to us in the trinity of
grace, love, and fellowship.

John 3:16-18 The rescue of the world comes from God by
means of the divine Son.

✠ From the Faith Formation Desk ✠

This weekend, we gather in celebration of the Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity. While I leave the in-depth reflection on this
profound mystery to scripture scholars, it's important to note that
this feast invites us to contemplate the nature of our triune God -
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and how we're called to live in
relationship with one another.

I have the blessing of working with families through the Faith
Formation program and sacramental preparation. The increasing
presence of young families in church is truly heartening.

Reflecting on my own journey, I recall the challenging, yet
endearing days of self-described "baby wrestling" and engaging
my boys with the simple wonder of spotting ladybugs in the
windows at the church's entrance when they were restless sitting
in the pews. These personal experiences make me appreciate
even more the dedication of today's parents who bring their
young children to Mass.

I recently read a compelling article by Monica Portogallo from
the Holy Cross Family Ministries, through the CatholicMom.com
ministry. In it, she eloquently articulates what moms who bring
their little kids to Mass need most from their fellow parishioners:

- *Smile at us.*
- *Tell me my kids are cute.*
- *Pray for me.*
- *Tell me you wish your kids took your grandchildren to Mass,
the way I do.*
- *Say you love seeing and hearing little ones at Mass.*
- *Let me know that you hope to see our family next Sunday.*
- *Tell me I'm doing something important that's good for my
children.*
- *Say I'm doing a good job.*

According to Monica, sometimes, a gracious response can mean
the difference between attending Mass regularly and falling away
from the faith.

These young families and children are the future of our church.
Pray for them, encourage them, and on the more challenging
days, have patience and understanding that they have made the
choice to share their faith with their families. Let's keep fostering
a community that uplifts each other in faith, for in doing so, we're
truly living out the love of the Holy Trinity.

Blessings,

Kathy Murphy, Director of Faith Formation

You can visit [Sunday Gospel Activities for Sunday Mass |
CatholicMom.com](http://SundayGospelActivitiesforSundayMass.CatholicMom.com) and find activities that are very helpful for
living your faith at home.

Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

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

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-
9/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
(12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



Padre Pio Relic Tour

Our Parishes will be hosting First and Second Degree Relics of St Padre Pio! This event will take place at St. John the Baptist Church on **Sunday July 16th from 11 am -6 pm.**

We are one of only three Vermont locations to receive this honor and we expect to have many visitors from the surrounding area. We are looking for volunteers to direct visitors and help with other light duties. For more information or to sign up for an hour or two (or more) please call Mary Spina @ 802-442-4863 or email maryspina@yahoo.com

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: At Mount Sinai, the Lord revealed himself to Moses as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful. Do you see these positive traits in yourself?

Second Reading: In the closing remarks of his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live in peace and love with one another, modeled after the grace, love, and fellowship of our Triune God. Where do you think you most need to show peace and love with others this week?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples that God loved the world and desired to save the world by offering believers eternal life. How do you think believers having eternal life saves the world?



First Communion Students were invited back on May 7th in their First Communion outfits to crown Mary and present a rose to Our Lady.

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



Wednesday, 6/7 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 6/8 at 6 pm - Sodality Dinner at Publyk House
Friday, 6/9 from 11-12 - Food Shelf Open



Mary's Day 2023

Worldwide Rosary Relay: Join Bishop Christopher Coyne as he leads the Diocese of Burlington in the Sorrowful Mysteries on **Friday, June 16 at 11:30** at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. This relay is to pray for the sanctification of all priests. If you are unable to attend in person at that time, please plan to join us on the diocesan website, pray with your parish, on your own or tune in live to WRJX 105.5 radio. This year we will receive the rosary from The Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill, London. We will pass it on to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Phoenix, Arizona.



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!