

JUNE 18, 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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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 6/17-6/25 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 6/17-6/18—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary/11th Sun. in Ordinary Time, Fathers Day**

5:30 pm- Eileen Flynn by The McGean Family
Eleanore Simpatico (Wedding Anniv Remem)
by Henry

10:00 am - David Kees by Kevin & Gail Kees
Bernie Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin

Mon., 6/19 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Ruth & Bob Mulvey & Sons by The Family

Tuesday, 6/20 – Weekday

9:00 am - John Billow (BD Remembrance) by The Family
Fr. Ilayaraja Amaladass for wellness by Terry
Saunders-Boucher

Wed. 6/21 – Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Marcien L. Roy by Denise & Rick Wetzel
Joseph Mintrone by his wife, Connie & Family

Thurs. 6/22 – Weekday

9:00 am - Lorenzo Ferreira by Dr. Roy Girasa

Fri. 6/23 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Elizabeth Maroney by Mary Jepson

**Sat./Sun., 6/24-6/25– The Nativity of St. John the Baptist/
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm- For the deceased, the past and present priests
of St. John the Baptist by St. John's Sodality
10:00 am - Mark Lindsey by the Flynn/Thibodeau Families
Marilyn Baldwin by the Borden Family



*They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called.
He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were
amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed,
and he spoke blessing God. — Lk 1:62-64*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

Sunday Summary

Exodus 19:2-6a Being God's people means embodying the very holiness of God.

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 God made us and claims us. There is no end to God's kindness shown to us.

Romans 5:6-11 To die for someone else is the greatest sacrifice. To die for someone who doesn't deserve the sacrifice is beyond wonder.

Matthew 9:36-10:8 Because the crowds needed shepherding, Jesus supplied 12 of them.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

I recently learned at our priest meeting that the diocese is celebrating its 170th year as a diocese. From our humble beginnings, the Catholic Church has grown and spread throughout the diocese. We have much to be grateful for as a diocese that has labored to make God known, loved, and served for 170 years!

Fr. Hugh and I will be showing the video that Bishop Coyne has sent asking for financial assistance in his Annual Bishop's Appeal. Like our parishes, and like many of our households, the diocese struggles to raise the necessary funds to continue the ministries that our communities need and desire. I would ask for your generosity as you discern a gift to the Annual Appeal this year.

I filled out my pledge card earlier this month. Though I did not give a large gift, I did give sacrificially because I know how important these appeals are and I believe that the diocese is a good steward of our gifts. There are only two ways to conclude this appeal: 1) we meet the goal that was assigned to us; or 2) we get to a participation rate of 100%. No gift is too small and no gift is too big. Even if you are not able to give this year, please fill out a pledge card indicating that you cannot give as it counts towards our participation rate.

The pledge cards that can be found this weekend in the pew (and future weekends at each entrance) give multiple ways to donate. Perhaps I'm old-fashioned, but I wanted to write a check and could not find instructions. If you would like to write a check please make it out to "The Annual Bishop's Appeal" and write the parish name in the memo line. Envelopes can be mailed to the diocese, dropped into the collection basket on any Sunday, or delivered to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did. ©LPi



Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 *Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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!



We now have an Instagram page for our parishes! Please follow us at https://www.instagram.com/shsf_sjb_parish_community/

You can also follow us on Facebook:

SHSF - [facebook.com/SHSFCC](https://www.facebook.com/SHSFCC)

SJB - <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsNB/>

A NOTE FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee would like to remind those with plots in St. John's Cemetery that only live plants and flowers are allowed by the Diocese in Catholic cemeteries in Vermont.

We would also like to make people aware that there have been instances of theft in the cemetery recently. Most of the grounds are, unfortunately, concealed from traffic on Mechanic Street and we are unable to police it much of the time.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

MAY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	.....	\$ 13,038.63
Online Offertory	.....	\$ 1,550.00
Total:	.....	\$ 14,588.63

Needed Each Month	.....	\$13,417.00
Monthly Ahead	.....	+ \$1,171.63

Fiscal Year to Date	.....	\$155,543.80
Fiscal YTD Ahead	.....	+ \$7,956.80

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Sunday, 6/18 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!
Wednesday, 6/21 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

SENIORS 2023

This past weekend we celebrated the seniors that graduated from our two parishes. The Church gave the students a blanket to **symbolize the warmth that we hope you experienced here at Sacred Heart St Francis de sales and St John the Baptist Parishes, a warmth that is indeed an expression of God's Spirit alive and among us.** We as a faith community of Holy Cross are giving an award to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a dedication to the church through service and prayer like Brother Andre. We are presenting the Brother Andre Award to Killian Kervan. Killian, like Brother Andre, has demonstrated a dedication to service to the church through Altar serving and other youth service projects.



Elyse Altland - SJB
Kaitlynn Cherry - SHSF
Skyler Clark - SHSF
Madison Crossman - SHSF
Elise Fischer - SHSF
Gabiella Giorgi - SHSF
Devon Hogan - SHSF
Spencer Jarvis - SHSF
Killian Kervan - SHSF
Grace Kobelia - SHSF
Sawyer Lampron - SHSF
Kari LaTour - SJB
Sean MacDonald - SJB
Maxwell Mattison - SHSF
Peter McKenna - SHSF
Aiden Moscarello - SHSF
Solitaire Niles - SHSF
Matthew Robinson - SHSF
Donald Roy - SHSF

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

TOTUS TUUS

Grade School Program 1-8th grade at SHSF

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

High School Program (includes dinner!!) at St. John's

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: shsfotustuus@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!