

JUNE 25, 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.



**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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## Mass Intentions

And Liturgical Celebrations for 6/24-7/2 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### 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

### Mon., 6/26 – Weekday

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Ilona Spada by Dr. Arunas Budnikas  
Kasey & P.J. Frasier by Carol, Anthony & Maria  
For healing of the Frasier Family by Carol, Anthony & Maria

### Tuesday, 6/27 – Weekday

9:00 am - Mr. & Mrs. Henry Simpatico, Sr. (wedding anniv.  
remembrance) by Henry Simpatico

### Wed. 6/28 – Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am – Jack Kehoe

### Thurs. 6/29 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

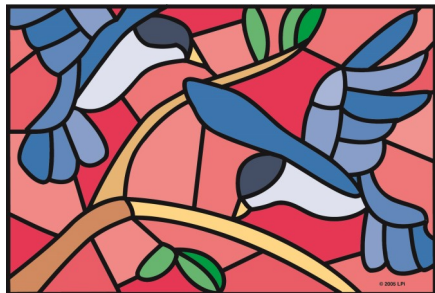
### Fri. 6/30 – Weekday

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Erica Trudeau by Julie Guasconi

### Sat./Sun., 7/1-7/2 – Weekday/Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners  
5:30 pm- Greg Cone by Kevin and Gayle Kees  
Eileen Flynn by Anna Becker  
10:00 am - Michael Rupprecht by The Lindsey Family  
Adam Bush by Alice Hewson-Tetreault



“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of  
them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.  
Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be  
afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” — Mt 10:29-31

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## Sunday Summary

**Jeremiah 20:10-13** Terror is on every side. Yet the just  
entrust their cause to God alone.

**Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35** Insults and humiliations may  
come, but zeal for God's house consumes the faithful one.

**Romans 5:12-15** From the time of the first disobedience, sin  
is in the room. But Jesus is greater than human transgression.

**Matthew 10:26-33** Fear is unnecessary. God beholds every  
facet of creation with loving attention.

## ✠ From the Office of Faith Formation ✠

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://Sunday Gospel Activities for Sunday Mass | CatholicMom.com) and find activities that are very helpful for  
living your faith at home.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will  
acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge  
Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to  
distance ourselves from him? ©LPi

## Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-  
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Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17  
-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt  
8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
(2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42





### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maryspina@yahoo.com)



"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." - Proverbs 19:17 The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports more than 2,000 individuals who are struggling financially through the Vermont Catholic Emergency Aid program. Many of your neighbors are silently struggling to make ends meet and the number keeps rising. Our emergency aid program is a lifeline to households who can't make the rent, pay their utilities, or must choose

between food and prescription drugs. To learn more or make a gift online visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).



### A note from Mrs. Susan M. Wing, Office of the Bishop

It has been brought to our attention that parishioners are receiving phone calls from people stating that they are from a particular parish office and asking for their Medicare information. A parish office would never call and ask for this information. A good rule of thumb is if you get a direct call from "Medicare," it is always a scam. Unless you called Medicare directly and request help with something, they will not call you. If you get an unsolicited call from someone claiming to be from Medicare, it is a scam, and you should hang up.

### First Saturday Mass at St. Johns.

**On Sat., July 1st at 9:00 am** please join us for a First Saturday Mass with Adoration and Confession to follow.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m and Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales has Eucharistic Adoration each Friday starting after the 9:00 am Mass and ending at 8:00 pm.

These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.

### Faith Formation begins again in the Fall

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Level I:** Pre-K and Kindergarten children. (Ages 3 - 6)

**Level II:** Grades 1st thru 3rd Faith Formation

**Grades 4 and 5** classes with Jessica O'Connell

#### Sacramental preparation:

**Grade 2** First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**Grades 6 and up** Confirmation.

Registration will begin soon. Please reach out to Kathy Murphy or Mary Drew with any questions at 802-442-3141.

**Have a blessed summer!**

### TOTUS TUUS



Thanks to all that have registered already!! We are getting very excited for this year's program. There are some new and exciting changes that are happening.

The BIG change this year is that we are going to hold High School nights at St John the Baptist AND the teens will be having dinner with the team every night to add to the fun!!

If you haven't already, NOW is the time to register for this fun and faith-filled summer camp!

If you don't have kids, but want to still help here's how...

- Invite children, grandchildren, neighbors & friends to register!
- Keep the program in your prayers.
- Bring some cookies or ice pops for the day program.
- Bring some snacks for the high school night program.
- Provide a meal or financially support a meal - lunch or dinner.
- Sponsor a camper.
- Would you like to volunteer to help during the week or at night?

### Grade School Program 1-8th grade

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

### High School Program (includes dinner!!)

Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at St. John's

If you have any questions please contact Mary Drew at the Parish Center - 802-442-3141 or [marydrew1@gmail.com](mailto:marydrew1@gmail.com).

## 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



**Wednesday, 6/28 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Saturday, 7/1 at 9 am - First Saturday Mass followed by Adoration and Confession**