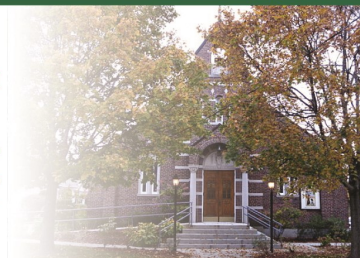


JULY 2, 2023

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

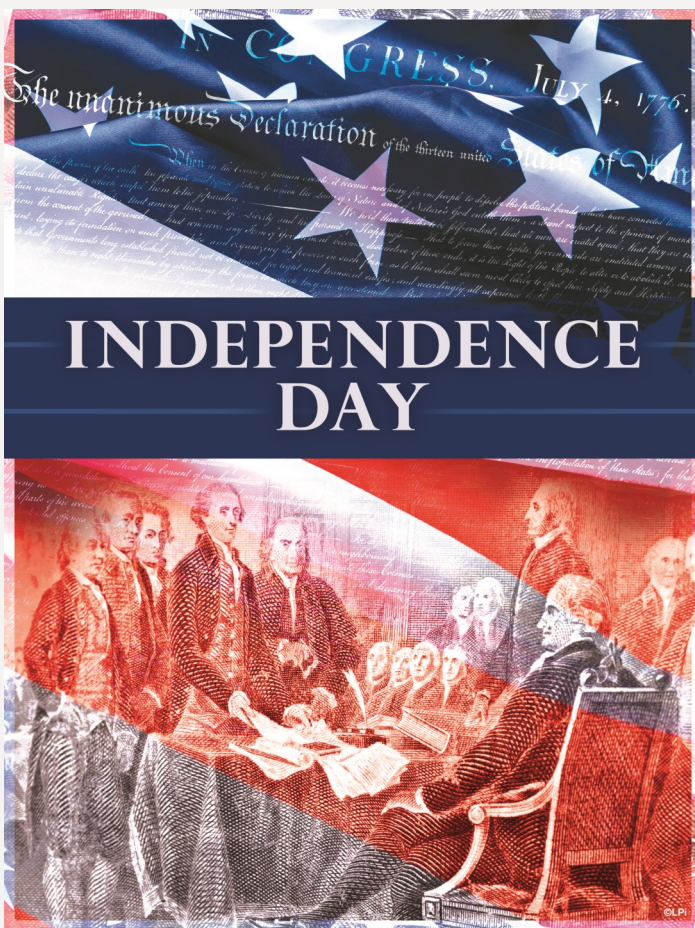
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 7/1-7/9 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 7/3 – Saint Thomas, Apostle (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Peggy Schiffner by Peg & Mike Lochner

Tuesday, 7/4 – Weekday

9:00 am - Betty Ware by Joyce Scarey

Wed. 7/5 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Barbara Downing by Sue & Mike Taylor
Richard & Isabell Sleeman by Daughter, Juliet & Son, Timothy

Thurs. 7/6 – Weekday

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

Fri. 7/7 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Madeline Mooney by Julie Guasconi

Sat./Sun., 7/8-7/9 - Weekday/Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Ed Gardner, Jr. by Kevin and Gayle Kees
For Our Parishioners

10:00 am - Joe Talbot by his wife Bea and family
James Meskun by Linda Meskun



“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” — Mt 10:37-38

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

Sunday Summary

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a An influential woman throws her support behind the prophet Elisha.

Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Those who follow in the way of the Lord are blessed and exalted.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Belonging to Christ involves a journey from death to new life.

Matthew 10:37-42 Ultimate allegiance is required of those who are disciples of Jesus.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

On Sunday, July 16th Saint John the Baptist Church will be hosting relics of Saint Padre Pio from 11am-6pm. Relics have been venerated by Catholics for nearly 2000 years – the catacombs in Rome testify to this practice. Below is a short reflection from one of our parishioners, Mary Spina, testifying to her devotion (thank you, Mary!):

“Have you ever wondered why we venerate a relic of a saint? Does the idea of a carefully preserved arm bone or bloody piece of cloth gross you out? Welcome to one of the great treasures of our Catholic Church!

Some Catholics will tell you that preserving the relics of saints is like having an item belonging to a deceased loved one. We cherish a piece of jewelry, a rosary, a special tool or other keepsake, and holding, using, or wearing it brings beloved memories and makes us feel closer to a special someone who is no longer with us. Our saint's relics are all this, yet are so much more. Most of us have never met someone who has gone on to be a canonized saint, yet their stories have been passed on in Catholic tradition over two millennia. We often recognize something personal in these tales of suffering and hardship, courage and perseverance, and are inspired by the triumphs of such men, women, and even children. We identify with some aspect of their lives and adopt them as our patron saints. We feel as if we know them, and they can become as beloved to us as a favorite relative. With all of the resources available in Heaven, a saint can also identify with us and come to know and care for us as well! They truly become our “friends in high places.”

Love has always been the most important virtue of all our Catholic saints, and that love of God and mankind surpasses the distance and time which separates us from them. Such Love is the source of the miracles which often bless us when we venerate a relic or say a prayer asking a saint to intercede for us. We can have full confidence that the saint is in Heaven with the Holy Trinity. The saint can hear our prayers, and lovingly petition Our Lord for us. Through the saint's love for us, and our love for the saint, with hope and faith, it is God, with Perfect Love for both, who performs the miracle according to His Most Merciful Will.

So make friends with a saint today, and maybe even, venerate a relic, a true treasure of our Faith!” –Mary Spina

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



Padre Pio Relic Tour

St Padre Pio is well known as one of the most powerful saints of the 20th century. He is especially helpful with both physical and spiritual healing. If you are praying for a special intention, consider praying the Novena to Padre Pio. If you begin on July 8th you can finish the novena before visiting the relics at SJB church on July 16th between 11 am and 6 pm. Novena cards are available at both SJB & SHSF this weekend.

MASS BAGS ARE BACK!

Thank you for bringing your young children to Mass. We invite you to borrow our updated parish Mass Bags to help your young disciple be more engaged during our Eucharistic Celebration. Mass Bags are available at the front entrance of the church. Feel free to take one during Mass—after you're done with them, please put them back in the basket. Thank you.

Children are a gift from the Lord—Psalm 127:3

First Friday Holy Hour at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales



Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next First Friday closing service on **Friday, July 7th** from 7-8 pm at SHSF.

St. John the Baptist Church has Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm 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.

Summer Lecture Series at Saint Michaels on Stained Glass: A Foretaste of Heaven

Saint Michael Catholic Church in Brattleboro, Vermont has a marvelous collection of stained glass windows. They were created for the church in 1889 by the Art Stained Glass Institute of F. Nicolas and Sons in Roermond, Holland. A program on the saints pictured in the stained glass windows will be presented in the church by a number of visiting priests, artisans and teachers starting on Wednesday, June 28 The program begins at 5PM with evening prayer followed by the presentation.

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



Mon, 7/3-Tues, 7/4 Parish Office Closed - Happy July 4th!
Wednesday, 7/5 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, 7/7 from 7-8 pm - First Friday Service at SHSF.

Refresher/Training for current & new Eucharistic Ministers

On **Wednesday, July 19th 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** in the Father Demasi Hall, there will be a refresher/training course for both SJTB and SHSF current and new Eucharistic Ministers.

Ministry to the Elderly

Our parishes have parishioners who currently live in long term care facilities and are in great need of visitation and the blessing of receiving Eucharistic communion.

We are in the process of forming one committee that is inclusive of members of both churches who will form into teams to visit these parishioners and offer prayers and communion during scheduled visitation times. These teams will determine their own visitation schedule and will be assigned to only one Long Term Care Facility.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. At that meeting, we will join and participate in the training for new and current Eucharistic ministers. After this training, there will be on site Nursing Home visitations to introduce each team to their assigned facility.

If you are interested in joining this valued Ministry to the Elderly Team, please contact me by July 15th.

Marylou Young, RN (Chairperson),
 Mountainview4@hotmail.com
 802-688-4614

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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...

- 1 - 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.