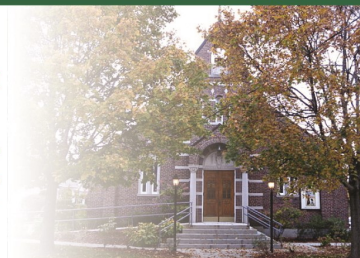


JULY 9, 2023

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

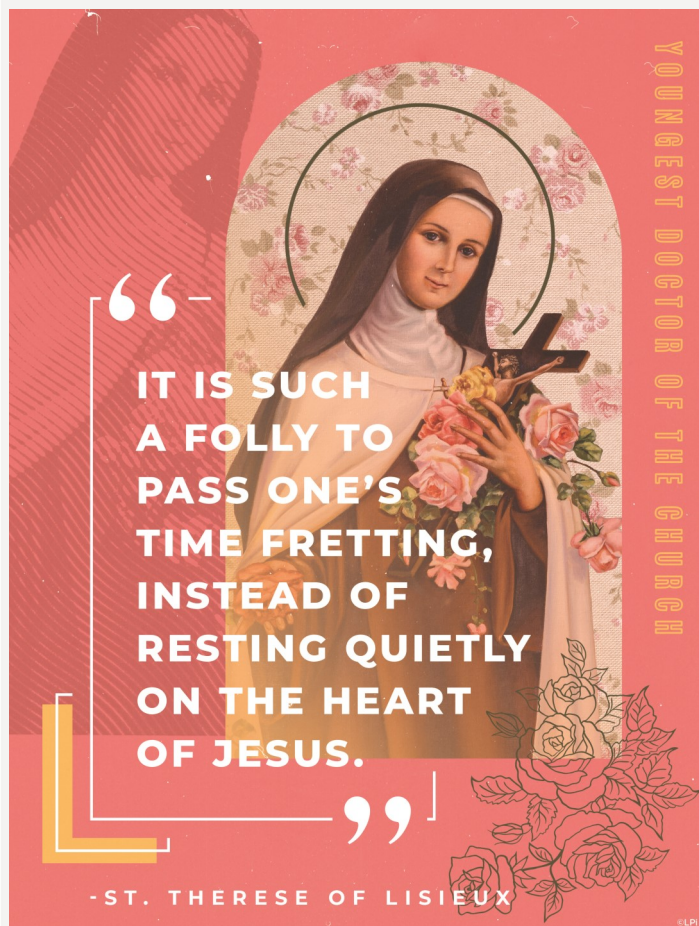
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 7/8-7/16 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

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

Mon., 7/10 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Idella Johnson by Doris & Ron Alderman

Tuesday, 7/11 – Saint Benedict, Abbot

9:00 am - Lorraine Martin by Joyce Scarey and Rosemary
Lindsey

Jack Sullivan by The Lindsey Family

Wed. 7/12 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am – Madeline Mooney by Vicky Trudeau

Thurs. 7/13 – Weekday

9:00 am - Betty Ware by The Lindsey Family
Fran O'Neill by the family

Fri. 7/14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Jonathan Winner by Carol & Dean Winner
William Peat, Jr. (2nd) by The Family

Sat./Sun., 7/15-7/16 -Saint Bonaventure/Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Francine Howard by The Lindsey Family
Derly Astrid Ochoa Gozalez by Ted & Kathy McCarthy

10:00 am - Eileen Flynn by The McGean Family
Michael Borden by the family



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

— Mt 11:28-30

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

Sunday Summary

Zechariah 9:9-10 The prophet foretells the era of a peaceable kingdom on Earth.

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 God rules with compassion and kindness toward all of creation.

Romans 8:9, 11-13 The material world has no claim on those who live according to the Spirit.

Matthew 11:25-30 Followers of Jesus receive a new way of seeing and being in the world.

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

I first heard of *Totus Tuus* when I was a young priest working in our Office of Vocations and directing our Undergraduate Seminary Program. One of the young men applying to the seminary named his participation in *Totus Tuus* as one of the events that led him to consider a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. He told me that *Totus Tuus* was the motto of Saint Pope John Paul II. The literal translation for *Totus Tuus* is “all yours.” To Saint John Paul II it meant that he chose to give himself fully to Jesus through Mary.

This week our parish is hosting *Totus Tuus*. There will be more than 50 young people attending a week-long “camp” dedicating time to deepen their faith. Like Fr. Jarrod, I have heard from several students in our parish who have participated in *Totus Tuus* in the past and see this annual week as a highlight for their summer. They can't wait for it to start!

Our students will be participating in *Totus Tuus* from July 9-14th. This week is “dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship” (taken from *Totus Tuus* website). They will have the opportunity for daily mass, reconciliation, adoration, devotional prayers, and much more. Please keep our students in your prayers throughout this week. As our society continues to deemphasize the importance of our relationship with God, *Totus Tuus* helps our youth be a light for all nations to see.

Blessings to our participants, the missionaries and chaplains who accompany them, and our leaders (especially Mary Drew) who make this all possible!

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Zechariah saw the future king of Israel restoring both the land and the people, bringing peace and justice to all the nations. How might you help build toward this promised future?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the power of the Spirit living in those who believe in Jesus. When have you felt or experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel: Jesus invites all who are burdened and laboring to find “rest” in him. What burdens do you or your family need lifted from your life? ©LPi

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



July 16th Padre Pio Relics Tour!

Veneration of Relics 11am-6pm in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring rosaries or other religious items to touch to the relics. There will also be religious items from the St Pio Foundation for sale.

Also planned for this special day:
Adoration 11-6 pm with Benediction at 5:30.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 12pm - 4pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary 3pm

For more information or to volunteer call 802-442-4863 or email maryspina@yahoo.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- "Come to me and I will give you rest."

Matt 11:25-30: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart: and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Would you like to find rest for your souls? Also it says in Romans 8:11-13: "The Spirit who dwells in you will give life to your mortal bodies." Want to have more life in your marriage? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT
August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont
September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY
October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or <https://www.mewt.org/>.

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



Sun., 7/9 - Thurs., 7/13 from 6-8:30 pm Totus Tuus at STJ
Mon. 7/10 - Friday, 7/14 from 9-3 Totus Tuus at SHSF
Wednesday, 7/12 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 7/12 at 7 pm - Finance Council Meeting
Friday, 7/14 from 11-12 - Food Shelf Open
Sunday, 7/16 from 11am - 6 pm - Padre Pio Relics

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

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 28th, and continue through September 27th. The program begins at 5PM with evening prayer followed by the presentation.

LIVING WITH LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Bennington Free Library - Weekly on Thursdays
during July and August from 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

To register call 802-442-0540



TOTUS TUUS BEGINS SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023!

As we start our week of Totus Tuus Summer Camp please continue to pray for campers and our missionaries. We are looking forward to a wonderful week full of Faith, Fun and Fellowship!!

Thank you to all that have signed up and to all that have donated food and money toward the week. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We have 50 day campers and 10 high schoolers signed up.