

SEPTEMBER 17, 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.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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.

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Mass Intentions



And Liturgical Celebrations for 9/16-9/17 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 9/16-9/17 - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, /Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 pm- Janet Sausville by The Lindsey Family

Eileen Flynn by Judy Rudd

10:00 am- Michael Borden (3rd Anniv) by the family

Eileen Flynn by Lisa Paturzo

Mon., 9/18 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Helen McKenna by Denise & Judy

Fran O'Neill by Rose Nichols & family

Tuesday, 9/19 – Weekday

9:00 am - Laura Meehan by a friend

Wed. 9/20-Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul

Chông Ha-sang

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am-Joan Douglass(1st)by Jane Taylor & Mary Pat
Racicot

Erin Watson-Holland by Penny & Brennan Holland

Jonathan Peat (6th) by the family

Thurs. 9/21 – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 am - Special Intention

Fri. 9/22 – Weekday

(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Gerald Amadon by the family

Karen Mailhot by Betty Tange

**Sat./Sun., 9/23-9/24 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina/Twenty-
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm- Darlene Galipeau by Charlene & Gary Martin

Richard Ames by Ted and Kathy McCarthy

10:00 am- Eddie Gardner, III by Kevin & Gayle Kees

Marcus Martinez by The Murphy Family



*“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I
had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over
to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will
my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives
your brother from your heart.” — Mt 18:33-35*

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Sunday Summary

Sirach 27:30-28:9 The one who feeds resentment against another cannot expect healing from God.

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 God does not remain angry forever. Should we?

Romans 14:7-9 Life and death are the same for the believer because we belong to the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 How much should we forgive? Do we model ourselves after the servant or the Master?

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

On Friday, September 15th, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. In religious art, Our Lady of Sorrows is depicted with seven swords piercing her heart recalling the words of the prophet Simeon at the presentation of Jesus. “And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed’” (Luke 2:34-35).

Traditionally the Church has named seven sorrows of Mary: Simeon’s prophecy, the flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying His cross, the crucifixion, taking Jesus down from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. Mary, like her Son Jesus, and like you and me knew sorrow and sadness in her life. We recall on this feast day that God can transform any sorrow with His grace. The feast day is a reminder of the joy of the resurrection!

The Congregation of Holy Cross holds Our Lady of Sorrows as a special patron. Like Mary, we in the Congregation strive to bear our crosses and hardships trusting in God’s power and love.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the very first Catholic university in the United States?

Answer: Georgetown University
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

Second Reading: Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

Gospel: Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?
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Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



The traveling Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit St. John's soon!

There will be a special mass on Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 9:00 am



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Classes begin Sunday, September 24, 2023

***Classes for pre-K to 5th grade at the SHSF Parish Center
Sundays 9:00 am – 10:30 am OR Mondays 4:30 – 6:00 PM***

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I: ages 3-6
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II: Grades 1st - 3rd
Grades 4 and 5: classes with Jessica O'Connell**

Confirmation and 7 & 8th Grade at St. John the Baptist church: 2 Sundays a month 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Sacramental preparation:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Grades 6 and up: Confirmation (classes are held at St. John the Baptist)

You may register on-line: <https://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org/registration-forms>.

Please reach out to Kathy Murphy (1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Mary Drew (marydrew1@gmail.com) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
Nothing so gentle as real strength.
- St. Francis de Sales*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

JULY 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 11,786.50
Online Offertory	\$ 1,720.00
Total:	\$ 13,506.50
Needed Each Month	\$14,200.00
Monthly Behind	\$ - 693.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$13,506.50
Fiscal YTD Behind	\$ - 693.50

Fiscal Year is July-June

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

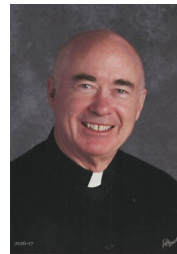


**Sunday, 9/17 at 9 am - Open House at SHSF Parish Center
Wednesday, 9/20 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 9/23 at 9 am - Special Our Lady of Fatima Mass
Sunday, 9/24 from 7-11 am Catamount Rotary Breakfast**

You're Invited!

"Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; And may the gracious care of the Lord God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!"

On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., the parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales and Saint John the Baptist Church are warmly invited to gather for a Taize prayer service to pray for the work and success of their parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales. The service will be offered at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTER MASS SOCIAL CELEBRATING FR. HUGH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Sunday, Oct. 8th at St. John's after the 10:00 am mass OR
Sunday, Oct. 15th at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales after the 8:00 am mass

Fr. Hugh has requested only gifts of your presence and/or prayers. Please be respectful of Fr. Hugh's wishes of no additional cards or gifts. You will have an opportunity to sign a gift from all at the event.

If you would like to help with refreshments at either event, or both, or have any other questions, please contact Kathy Murphy at 802-442-3141 or Christy Miner at 802-447-7504.

There is a sign up sheet for Oct. 8th refreshments in the back of the church.

Catamount Rotary's Pancake Breakfast is back!!

Sunday, September 24, from 7 am to 11 am, join us at the Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, real maple syrup, locally made sausages, and more! Only \$7 adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free for kids under 5. Proceeds support local scholarships and community projects.



Join us for our Fall Open House! *Sunday, September 17 at 9 am*

This event will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, but it is for both Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John the Baptist parish communities.

Stop by for a cup of coffee, snack and conversation as well! Learn about upcoming events such as the October Light of the World retreat, Faith Formation classes and sacramental preparation, Eucharistic Adoration, and more!

We will have a table of Catholic Books to help deepen your faith.

For questions, please contact Kathy Murphy (1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Jen McGean (jenni fermcgean@gmail.com)