

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

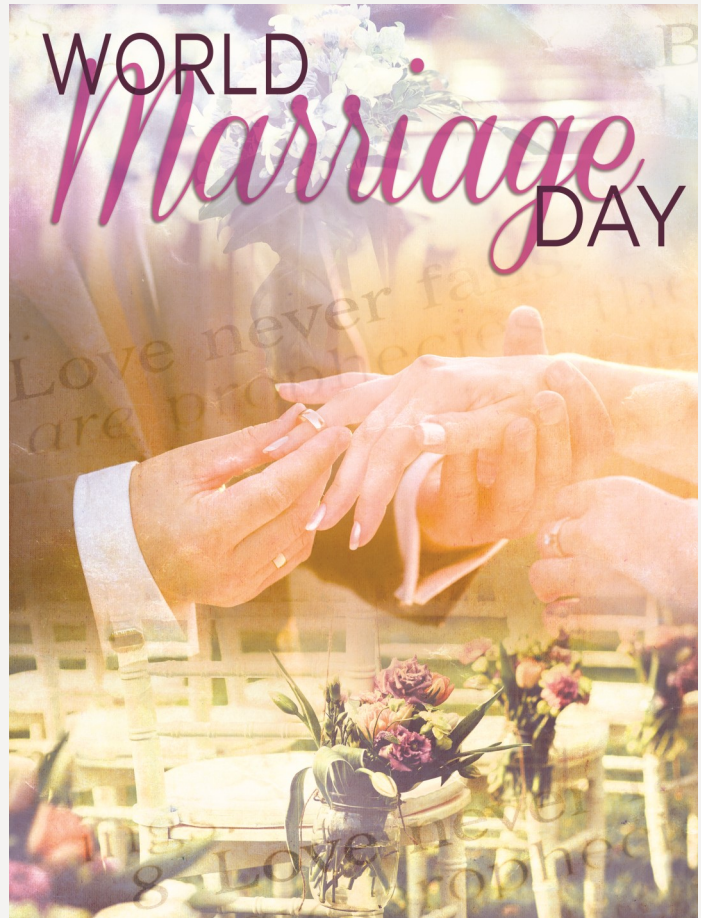
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 2/10-2/18 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 2/10-2/11 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin/Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm- Janet Cross Tolisen (12 yr Anniv) by the sisters
Shirley Heeks (7th Anniv) by the family
10:00 am- Harold and Florence McMahon by Linda Meskun
Frank Paturzo (6th Anniv) by his daughter, Lisa

Mon., 2/12 - Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Len Nichols by Rose & Family

Tues., 2/13 - Weekday

9:00 am-James Mahoney by Robin and Kathy and families
Fran O'Neil by the family
Jonathan Winner by Carol and Dean Winner

Wed. 2/14 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am- For Our Parishioners
12:15 pm - Elaine Letourneau by The McGean Family

Thurs. 2/15 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am- Dick Hall by Alice Tatreault
Kenneth Coonradt for healing by The Lindsey Family

Fri. 2/16 - Friday after Ash Wednesday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Lucy Thibodeau by the Family

Sat./Sun., 2/17-2/18 -Saturday after Ash Wednesday/First Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm- Special Intention
Frederick Solari (1st Anniv) by the family
10:00 am- Bruce Knapp by friends
Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin
Patti Mahar Ryan for healing by Joanie James

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

As I write this column, I feel a great deal of gratitude in my heart. From the simple gifts: like having more sunshine these days and enjoying smiles on our grade-schoolers' faces; to the intricate gifts of the Holy Spirit moving our community in a 33-day retreat and leading candidates and catechumens towards full communion with the Church this Easter Vigil; God is good!

Parishioners, you too are a source of my gratitude. Our daily interactions, our celebration of the sacraments, and our involvement in our local communities are inspiring to me. A topic that many priests, including myself, fail to raise throughout the year is the weekly collection. In my recent studies for an Executive Master Non-profit Administration degree, there was a professor who used to remind us of two simple truths: 1) "no money equals no mission" and 2) "the non-profit dimension of a religious organization is a tax status, not a business model." These simple truths taught me that no matter how efficient or successful our ministries become, without sufficient resources they are not sustainable.

Both parishes gave generously in the first six months of our fiscal calendar (our years start in July and end in June). It is always encouraging to see when we are "ahead" of the pace instead of being behind. Thank you! And while this is good news, I ask that you continue to be as generous as you can. While we do our best to control expenses, both parishes have incurred unplanned costs and likely will have more in the months ahead. And as I mentioned in the last Annual Report, even when the parish meets its offertory goal, we are still dependent on our endowment. We should be as stingy as possible with our endowment as it represents the future financial viability of the parish.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for His gifts to us. Thank you for your support.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

— Mk 1:40-41

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Sunday Summary

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Those who suffer from skin ailments and are declared unclean must live apart.

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 The Lord removes blame, covers sin, and relieves guilt at the confession of fault.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Make all of your decisions for the glory of God and avoid scandalizing others.

Mark 1:40-45 Jesus heals a leper who just can't keep quiet about the miracle.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.
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Readings for the Week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



Class schedule for Pre K- 5th grade at SHSF Parish Center
Sundays 9:00 -10:30 am: February 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7, 21, 28, May 5

Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only): February 12, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8, 22, 29, May 6

Confirmation class schedule at St. John's 4:30 - 6 :00 pm.
Sponsors and parents are encouraged to attend
 Feb. 25, March

You may register on-line: <https://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org/registration-forms>. Please reach out to Kathy Murphy (1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or Mary Drew (maryedrew1@gmail.com) with any questions or call 802-442-3141.



Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Join us this Lent to watch the series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way.

Time: Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass at St. John's Fr. Demasi Hall and 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center, or on your own!

Dates: Begins February 15, (no sessions on February 22), February 29, March 7 and March 14, 2024

Contact: Kathy Murphy 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com or the Parish Offices. Come to one or all the sessions, or view the videos on your own at Formed.org. We have some workbooks that are available, first come first serve. Please let us know if you need a workbook. To find Presence and more great media, register for a free FORMED account at signup.formed.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 13,992.75
Online Offertory	\$ 1,420.00
Christmas	\$ 3,349.60
Total:	\$ 18,762.35

Needed Each Month	\$ 14,200.00
Monthly Ahead	\$+ 4,562.35

Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 91,391.39
Fiscal YTD Ahead	\$+7,545.11

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Sat./Sun., 2/10-2/11 -Souper bowl collection after all masses
Tuesday, 2/13 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf open
Wed., 2/14-Ash Wednesday masses at 7 am and 12:15 pm
Wednesday, 2/14 from 10-11:30 - Choir practice
Wednesday, 2/14 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Mass Schedule

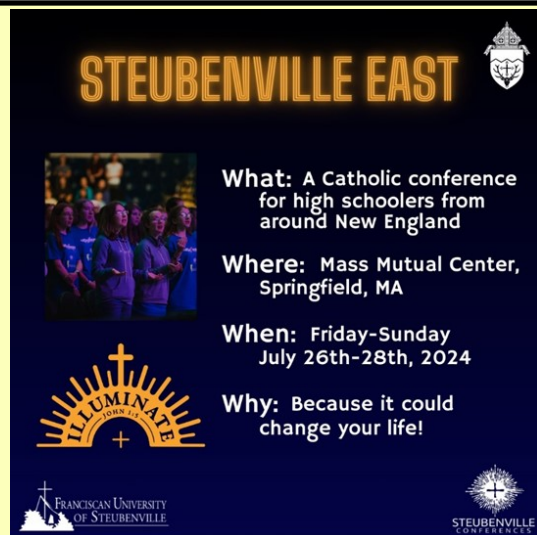
St. John the Baptist
 7 am and 12:15 pm

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
 9 am and 5:30 pm



Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Weekend
February 10 - 11

The youth of our parishes will be collecting money after each Mass this weekend. All the money collected will stay here and be donated to HIS Pantry and the Food Shelf at St. John the Baptist.



What: A Catholic conference for high schoolers from around New England

Where: Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, MA

When: Friday-Sunday
 July 26th-28th, 2024

Why: Because it could change your life!

Save the date for Steubenville East 2024
 Join your fellow high school Vermonters for a weekend of fun and faith. Contact Mary Drew for more information: maryedrew1@gmail.com
 Early deadline to save your spot is March 1



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this year:

Douglas and Patricia Crossman - 49 years on March 15, 2024
 Joseph and Margaret Crossman - 68 years on January 14, 2024
 Larry, Jr. and Mary Ellen Dupuis - 50 years on June 15, 2024
 Brad and Katie Hayden - 15 years on August 8, 2024
 Ron and Rosemary Lindsey - 61 years on November 16, 2024
 Dennis and Marcelaine McCarthy - 52 years on Aug. 19, 2024
 Donald and Melanie McKenna - 60 years on August 29, 2024
 Ted & Shirley Morse -70 years on November 20, 2024
 Ernie and Mary Murray - 30 years on July 9, 2024
 Jack and Kay Powers - 53 years on Sept. 11, 2024
 Neal and Donna Strong - 52 years on September 29, 2024
 Kathy and Joe Thibodeau - 51 years on July 7, 2024



Upcoming Cross Presentation

Frederick Solari -Saturday, February 17th at 5:30 pm mass

