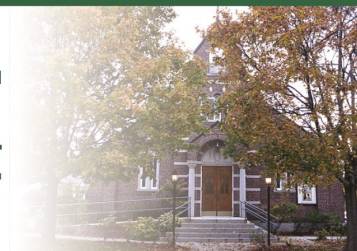


MARCH 10, 2024

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

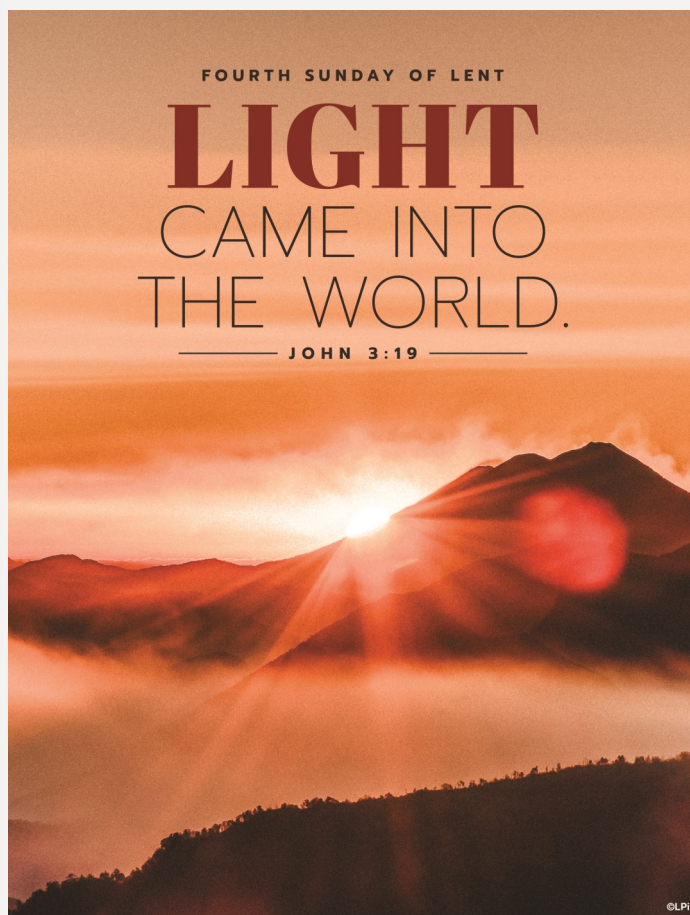
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

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 3/9-3/17 at
**St. John the Baptist and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

Sat./Sun., 3/9-3/10- Lenten Weekday/Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm- John Pierce (23rd Anniv) by his wife, Millie
Bernie Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin
10:00 am- Martha "Marty" Paquin by Margy Boulet
Robert Burns by Joanie James

Mon., 3/11 - Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Charlotte Zack by Kathy and Gary Zack

Tues., 3/12 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 am- Annette Rice by The Lindsey Family

Wed. 3/13 - Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Jonathan Winner by Carol & Dean Winner
Fran O'Neill by the Family

Thurs. 3/14 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 am- Alan Higgins by Mary Ellen and Larry Dupuis
and Dan Higgins

Fri. 3/15 - Lenten Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - Joan Alderman (26) by Doris & Ron Alderman
Frank Johnson (living) by Sister Trina Lamtron

Sat./Sun., 3/16-3/17- Lenten Weekday/Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm- For Our Parishioners
Viola Myers by Kevin and Gayle Kees
10:00 am- Eileen Flynn by Molly and Ashley
Martha Paquin by Linda Meskun



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. — Jn 3:19-20

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

Sunday Summary

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ignorance will reap its reward, so give heed to the messengers of the Lord!

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 The children of exile lament and remember their lost homeland.

Ephesians 2:4-10 Salvation comes by grace, freely given as God's gift to us.

John 3:14-21 God loves the world enough to save it from perishing. Believe it!

✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Saint John Berchmans is the patron saint of Altar Servers, and I chose him as my Confirmation name. I recently spoke to the confirmation class that I chose St. John as my saint because I felt closest to God while serving at Mass. When I was confirmed in 8th grade I was discerning the priesthood and looking into seminaries for training.

In addition to Mass, I also loved serving the Stations of the Cross. Each Lent our parish prayed this devotion together. The server's responsibility was to carry a cross and two candles around the church following the 14 stations. The pastor would remind us each week that if the cross got too heavy, we could rest it on the floor or trade it with those carrying candles. Of course, none of us ever did this – as we processed around the church recalling Jesus' passion, suffering, and death, we felt that any discomfort somehow brought us closer to Jesus.

It is natural for us to look at the crucifixes hanging in our homes and churches and "see" the suffering of Jesus. There was nothing pleasant about crucifixion – it was painful. But I encourage us to "see" something deeper: God's love for us! The reason for Jesus' passion is our redemption. God loves us! I try to see Jesus' outstretched arms on the cross as a posture of Him desiring to embrace or hug me. In addition to the pain of crucifixion, can we also see God's love when we contemplate His passion?

SHSF will host "Family Stations of the Cross" this year on Friday, March 15th beginning at 5:30. Different families from both parishes will help us to pray and reflect on God's love. It is followed by a simple soup and bread supper. I hope you will join us.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



Please notice our Cross of Compassion. Parishioners are invited to write their spiritual and material needs on the purple papers in the basket in front of the cross. Then place your petition papers on a nail on the cross. Throughout Lent we ask our parish family to pray for all of these special needs.

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33




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

Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm at SHSF Parish Center (CGS Level II only): March 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
 April 7

March 15 - Family Stations of the Cross followed by soup & bread at SHSF, March 23 -Pilgrimage/retreat in Jamaica
 April 21 - class and practice will be at SHSF
 May 5th - Confirmation at 1:00 pm at SHSF Church with Mass

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.



SPAGHETTI DINNER
 to benefit School of SHSF 8th grade end-of-year trip and graduation activities

When: Thursday, March 21 from 5-7 pm
Where: VFW, 137 North St., Bennington VT

Tickets are \$15 per person, and are sold by 8th graders, at the school or VFW. (Also sold at the door.)

Dinner includes salad, garlic bread and dessert - eat in or take out.

The Chrism Mass will be held Monday, March 25th at 11 am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Burlington. Free parking is available along Elmwood Avenue and pay lots/garages are near the Cathedral. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

FEBRUARY 2024 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory / Mail Collections	\$ 23,843.15
Online Offertory	\$ 1,525.00
Total:	\$ 25,368.15
Needed Each Month	\$ 14,200.00
Monthly Ahead	+ \$ 11,168.15
Fiscal Year to Date	\$130,340.01
Fiscal YTD Ahead	+ \$ 18,093.73

Fiscal Year is July-June

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



Tuesday, 3/12 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Food Shelf open
Tuesday, 3/12 from 5:30 - 6:00 pm Taize Service at SHSF
Tuesday, 3/12 at 7:00 pm - Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday, 3/13 from 10-11:30 - Choir practice
Wednesday, 3/13 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs3/14 at 8:30 Stations of the Cross/Presence after Mass
Thursday, 3/14 at 6:00 pm - Sodality meeting
Fri., 3/15 at 5:30 pm - Family Stations of the Cross at SHSF



Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist Join us this Lent to watch the series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way.

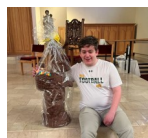
Time: Thursday, March 14th after the 9 am Mass at St. John's Fr. Demasi Hall and 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center, or on your own! To find Presence and more great media, register for a free FORMED account at signup.formed.org

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how, with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours, Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

ST JOHN'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday 3/25 -Chrism Mass at 11 am in Burlington
Tuesday 3/26 - Daily Mass at 9 am
Holy Thursday 3/28 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Good Friday 3/29 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7 pm
Holy Saturday 3/30 Easter Vigil at 8 pm
Easter Sunday 3/31 Mass at 10 am



BUNNY RAFFLE

Thank you to the Village Chocolate Shoppe for generously donating the 3 foot chocolate bunny to the Youth Group of our parishes again this year. We are so happy to be able to have this raffle to support our youth programs! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and will be available at both parish offices and sold after Masses the weekend of March 16 & 17, 2024. The Bunny Raffle will be drawn on March 25th in time for Easter.



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Community dinner at the Second Congregational Church this past Sunday. Thank you to Susan Harrington, Sue and Jim Altland, Andrea and Bill Hogan, Rosemary Lindsey, Gayle Kees, Jane Altobell, John Ulrich, Sarah Wilson/Raymond Cox, Christy Miner, Rosie and Tim Goliber, Sharon Stewart, Laurie Solari, Rebecca Solari, Diane and Brian Granger, Michelle Vandemark, Nancy Myers, Kevin and Kathy Murphy, Arla Sampsell, and Fran Endres for joining me in providing food.

Thanks also to Mary Canavan, John Ulrich, and Andrea Hogan for joining me to pack and help distribute the dinners.

We provided food for 97 people as well as had quite a bit left over for them to freeze to use in the future. I know they appreciate all of your contributions and so do I.

Thanks again,
 Sherry Monte

Come and Rest in the Lord

Rediscover Christ's redeeming love, mercy and compassion during the holy season of Lent through song and scripture in the tradition of Taize.

Tuesday evenings through March 19, 2024 from 5:30 to 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales.