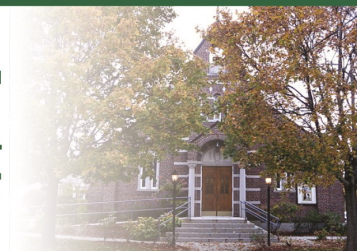


MAY 12, 2024

# 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 5/11-5/19 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

### Sat./Sun., 5/11-5/12- Easter Weekday/Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

5:30 pm - Terry Toomey and deceased members of the Toomey family by The McCarthy Family  
Eleanore Simpatico by Henry Simpatico  
Ron Higgins (BD remem) by Henry Simpatico  
10:00 am- Florence Donlay by Linda Meskun  
Ron Higgins (BD remem) by Margy Boulet  
Margaret and Henry Crossman by Joe and Peg Crossman

### Mon., 5/13 - Easter Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

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

### Tues., 5/14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle

9:00 am- Christopher Thompson by the family  
Ann Garant for healing by Judy Rudd

### Wed. 5/15 - Easter Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am - For Thanksgiving by Vicki

### Thurs. 5/16 - Easter Weekday

9:00 am - J. Arthur Hogan and Jane Tudor (BDay Remem)  
by the Lindsey Family

### Fri. 5/17 - Easter Weekday (Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)

9:00 am- Our Parish Family

### Sat./Sun., 5/18-5/19- Easter Weekday/Pentecost Sunday

5:30 pm - Darlene Galipeau by Charlene and Gary Martin  
Special Intention  
10:00 am-Joe Talbot by his wife Bea and family  
Patty Mahar Ryan for health and healing by a friend



**"I** do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." — Jn 17:15-17

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## Sunday Summary

**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11** For 40 more days the disciples enjoy the revelation and instruction of the Risen Lord.

**Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9** God receives royal acclaim in heaven and on Earth: blaring trumpets and clapping hands.

**Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13** Christ returns to heaven in the glory of victory, distributing gifts to his church.

**Mark 16:15-20** Jesus departs for the heavens while the disciples are dispatched to the ends of the Earth.

## ✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

Monsignor John McDermott presided at the Confirmation Mass last weekend. On Monday it was announced that Monsignor will be ordained Bishop of our Diocese of Burlington later in July. Let us give thanks to God for the appointment of our 11<sup>th</sup> bishop and pray for Monsignor John as he prepares to lead us as our shepherd.

At the Confirmation Mass, Monsignor preached about four things all Catholics can do to grow closer to God and grow in holiness. While he was speaking to those who were about to be confirmed, these steps are good for all of us to hear and practice as we strive to follow Jesus.

**First: Pray every day.** Prayer involves listening and talking to God. Communication is essential for all relationships – and our relationship with God is no exception. While the time we spend in prayer might vary for each person, all of us need to make time for prayer and be disciplined to doing it. **Second: Worship every weekend.** Monsignor reminded us that Jesus told His apostles at the Last Supper to “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). Gathering as a community, listening to God’s word, and receiving the Eucharist help us grow in holiness. We have 168 hours in each week; God asks us to give Him one. **Third: Find ways to serve others.** Monsignor suggested we can help siblings with chores, listen to people who are hurting, do random acts of kindness, get involved in our community, etc. When Jesus washed the feet of His apostles he gave them an example of service and told them “As I have done for you, you should also do” (John 13:15). **Finally: Seek reconciliation.** Monsignor reminded us that we are all sinners. Despite our efforts, we will fail to pray, worship, and serve. But when we do, we should not give up but rather seek reconciliation and renew our commitment to grow in holiness.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.  
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## Readings for the Week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
(19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/  
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 114: 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1  
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13



**Congratulations** to those who received the sacrament of confirmation on Sunday, May 5th. God bless!



Lillian Avienue, Kathryn Burnor, Meredith Dame, Reagan Fahey, Riley Favreau, Isabell Kingsley, Wyatt Lozier, Tracey Mattison, Steve McCay, Clare McKenna, Ambrose O'Connell, Paislee Potvin, Giovanni Rodriguez, James Sauer, Jack Sauer, Isabella Spence



And, we welcome Nova-Lee, Theodor and Benjamin Mattison Barber to the church! They were baptized on Sunday, May 5 after Confirmation.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated used or broken rosaries for the missions. I recently sent out about 100 rosaries to several missions who will send them on to various countries, and am about to send out another large batch. Please keep sending me your old rosaries; I assure you that nothing will be wasted! If a rosary cannot be repaired I can still use the parts to make new ones. Many who receive these rosaries will consider them their most precious possession. Thanks so much for your generosity! (Rosaries can be left in the SJB rectory or SHSF parish office.) Mary Spina

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

### APRIL 2024 MONTHLY OFFERTORY

Offertory .....	\$11,473.36
Online Offertory .....	<u>\$ 1,870.00</u>
Total: .....	\$13,343.36
Needed Each Month .....	\$14,200.00
Monthly Behind .....	\$ - 856.64
Fiscal Year to Date .....	\$160,580.87
Fiscal YTD Ahead .....	\$ 14,539.59

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

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

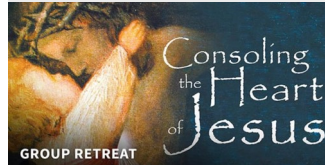
### EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, 5/12 at 1 pm - Mary's Day Celebration**  
**Tuesday, 5/14 from 3-4 pm - Food Shelf Open**  
**Tuesday, 5/14 at 7 pm - Liturgy Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 5/15 from 10-11:30 - Choir practice**  
**Wednesday, 5/15 from 4-5 pm - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Thursday, 5/16 after the 9 am mass - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat, also 6:30 pm at SHSF, 7:30 pm by zoom**

### Mary's Day Celebration



Sunday, May 12th in the Mary's Garden starting at 1:00PM. The celebration will include a May Crowning, the recitation of the Rosary, prayers for our church and the right to life and Marian Hymns. The Madonna Della Strada Garden Guild maintains and coordinates events at the Garden. Music provided by the Madonna Della Strada Singers.



You are invited to join us for our retreat using the book "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" by Fr. Michael Gaitley and using the accompanying videos on FORMED.

**Dates:** Thursdays through June 6

**Times:** Following the 9 am Mass at St. John's, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center, 7:30 pm via zoom with Deacon Gary and Kathy Zack, or on your own!

For more information contact Kathy Murphy  
[1kathy.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:1kathy.murphy@gmail.com) or call 802-442-3141

### TOTUS TUUS

Grades 1 through 8 - July 29th - August 2

9:00am - 3:00pm

High School Nights - July 28th - August 1

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us this summer for a week of faith and fun. The high energy program, run by 4 college-age young adults, is a five day catechetical program that assists parents and parishes in evangelizing our children. The cost for grade 1-8 is \$70 per student/\$160 per family. High School cost is \$25. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and at the parish offices, or may be downloaded at [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) under Ministry/youth & young adult. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Offices. FMI contact Mary Drew @ 442-3141 or [marydrew1@gmail.com](mailto:marydrew1@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there!!

### A Note From The Cemetery Committee

As we approach the warmer seasons, please remember that only live plants and flowers are allowed by the diocese in Catholic cemeteries in Vermont. Please do not plant anything in the ground. Fake flowers will be removed and disposed of. We encourage the use of shepherd's hooks because they significantly lessen the chances of plant containers being broken and make maintaining the lawns much easier. The Cemetery Committee appreciates your cooperation.



Reminder - please pick up a bottle if you'd like to participate in the Annual Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Care Center in Bennington. They can be filled up with spare change, bills, or checks. The drive will go through Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>.