

MAY 4, 2025

# 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

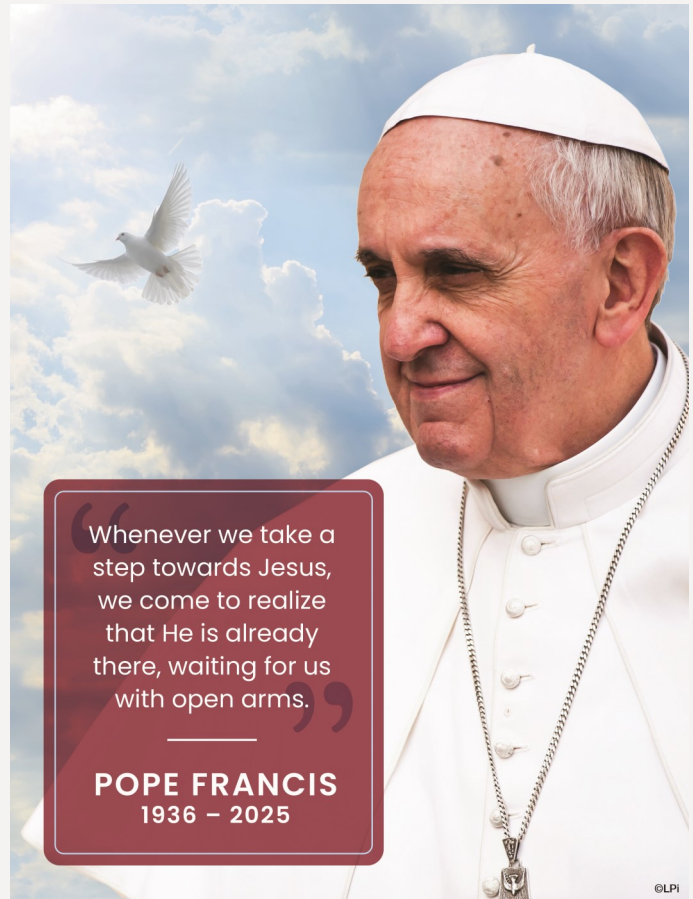
First Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30 am and by appointment.

## 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.



“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

**POPE FRANCIS**  
1936 – 2025



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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 5/3-5/11 at  
**St. John the Baptist and  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales**

**Sat./Sun., 5/3-5/4 - Saints Philip and James, Apostles/  
Third Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am - For Our Parishioners

5:30 pm - Michelle O'Neil by Margy Boulet

10:00 am- Bill Wolfe (1st Anniv) by his wife, Rose  
Eddie Gardner, III by Kevin and Gayle Kees  
Leo and Jean Mahar by Joanie James

**Mon., 5/5 - Easter Weekday**

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Carlo & Maria Cristofolini by Vicky

For the Healing of Max Mattison by Margaret Comar

**Tues., 5/6 - Easter Weekday**

9:00 am- Thomas and Mary Fox

**Wed., 5/7 - Easter Weekday**

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Rita Dee by Michael & Anne Albus

For the Healing of Max Mattison by Erin & Rick  
Roy & children

**Thurs. 5/8 - Easter Weekday**

9:00 am- For Our Parishioners

**Fri. 5/9 - Easter Weekday**

**(Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church)**

9:00 am - Patricia Hine by Kathy & Gary Zack

**Sat./Sun., 5/10-5/11 - Easter Weekday/Fourth Sunday of  
Easter**

5:30 pm -Terry Toomey & deceased members of the Toomey  
family by The McCarthy Family

10:00 am- Henrietta Billow by Kevin and Gayle Kees  
James Fitzgerald, MD by Agnes Carriere



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. — Jn 21:12-13

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

## Sunday Summary

**Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41** Human laws may judge us, but God's law compels us.

**Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13** Mourning becomes dancing when we experience divine rescue.

**Revelation 5:11-14** The divine liturgy of heaven fills its lone witness with awe and wonder.

**John 21:1-19** Peter, who leads the disciples, learns first to follow his Lord.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "**Come, have breakfast**" (**John 21:12**). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *Father John Muir*

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found *joy* amid your own suffering?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

**Gospel:** The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

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## Readings for the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30





**Faith Formation**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

**Baptism** - If you are interested in seeking Baptism for your child, contact Kathy Murphy.

**Faith Formation (Pre-K - 5th grade)**  
Classes meet 9:00 - 10:30 AM at SHSF  
May 4 - Last Class

**First Communion Upcoming Dates**

CGS First Reconciliation Meditations for students AND adults Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at SHSF Parish Center  
May 3 Found Coin, May 10 Forgiving Father

**Retreat & Sacraments (SHSF Parish Center & church)**

Fri., May 16, 3:30-6:00 p.m. & Sat., May 17 10 am-4 pm  
Sat., May 17 at 1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation as part of the retreat, and Sunday, May 18, First Communion Mass at SHSF at noon

**Confirmation**

Sat., May 3 - Retreat at Our Lady of Ephesus - 10-5  
Sunday, May 11 Confirmation 1:00 PM at SHSF

**Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)**

Youth Group continues on Sundays at St. John's - 6:15-7:30 pm

Registration is now open for our **Totus Tuus** Summer Camp.

Please call Mary Drew at 442-3141 if your teen is interested in attending **Steubenville East**.

**Any questions please contact us:**

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[lkathy.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:lkathy.murphy@gmail.com)

Mary Drew, Director of Youth Ministry  
[marydrew1@gmail.com](mailto:marydrew1@gmail.com)



The next **Coffee Hour** will be after the 10 am mass on Sunday, **this weekend!** Hope to see you there! There is also an Altar Server training class at 6 pm. Contact Jim Woodside for more information.



We want to thank Diane Granger for the great job she did helping us with our annual bake sale. We are grateful for all you did for us. It was a great success.  
Sincerely, St. John's Sodality Members.



**A Heartfelt Thank-You** to my dedicated and talented team of decorators for creating such a beautiful spring "garden" to welcome our Risen Savior on Easter: Nancy Myers, Rosemary Lindsey, Linda O'Brien, Fran Endres, Tim & Rosie Goliber and Kevin Kees. ~ Margy Boulet

**THE WILD GOOSE**

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Join us in May for the beginning of the series **Wild Goose - Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.**

**When:** Thurs., May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 after the 9 am Mass

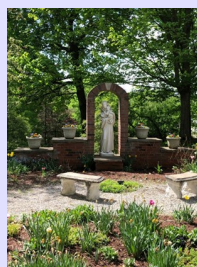
**Where:** In-person at St. John's, or on your own at Formed.org

If you have not signed up for the parish paid subscription for FORMED

Go to: [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Select the parish by entering 05201.

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**Mary's Day Celebration**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**in Mary's Garden starting at 1:00 PM**

This program will start the 25th year of Mary's Garden. The celebration will include a May Crowning, the recitation of the Rosary, prayers for our church and the right to life, and Marian Hymns. Coffee and cake will be served after the program.



**Easter Vigil 2025** - We welcomed new members to join our Catholic family on this most Blessed Day. He is Risen- Alleluia!

**Lectors Needed for the 5:30 Saturday Mass.** If interested, please contact Margy Boulet at 802-442-3434, or e-mail [margyb46@yahoo.com](mailto:margyb46@yahoo.com).

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

**MARCH 2025 MONTHLY OFFERTORY**

Offertory .....	\$ 20,951.25
Online Offertory .....	\$ 2,675.00
Total: .....	\$ 23,626.25
Needed Each Month .....	\$ 18,243.00
Monthly Ahead .....	\$+ 5,383.25
Fiscal Year to Date .....	\$ 154,754.26
Fiscal YTD Behind .....	\$ - 9,432.74

*Fiscal Year is July-June*

*The monthly offertory requirement is based on budgeted 2024 /2025 expenses that were calculated using last fiscal year's actual operating costs.*

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Sun., 5/4 after the 10 am mass** - Coffee Hour

**Sun., 5/4 at 1 pm** - Mary's Day at Mary's Garden

**Sun., 5/4 at 6 pm** - Altar Server Training

**Tuesday, 5/6 at 6 pm** - Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, 5/7 from 10:00 - 11:30 am** - Choir Practice

**Wednesday, 5/7 from 4-5 pm** - Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, 5/8 after the 9 am mass** - The Wild Goose study

**Thursday, 5/8 at 6 pm** - Sodality meeting

**Friday, 5/9 from 11-12** - Food Shelf Open

**Sunday, 5/11** - Happy Mother's Day!!