

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome to St. John's Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am
Monday-Friday: Noon
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sacraments

Confession:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm
Saturday, 8:30am & 4:00pm

Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



JUNE 18, 2023 ~ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

June 19 - 25, 2023

MONDAY JUNE 19

Weekday / St Romuald

8:30am Father's Day Novena
12:00pm David & Susan Gehl & Fam

TUESDAY JUNE 20

Weekday

8:30am Father's Day Novena
12:00pm Karen Pondo

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

St Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30am Father's Day Novena
12:00pm Larry Foltz
7:00pm Cecelia Engelstad

THURSDAY JUNE 22

Sts Thomas More & John Fisher

8:30am Father's Day Novena
12:00pm Renée Bodoh

FRIDAY JUNE 23

Weekday

8:30am Father's Day Novena
12:00pm Philip DeLouisa Family

SATURDAY JUNE 24

Nativity of St John the Baptist

8:30am Father's Day Novena
11:00am Parish Family

SATURDAY VIGIL

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mary Jamieson

SUNDAY JUNE 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am John & Marissa Federline & Fam
8:30am Father's Day Novena
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm Fr. Andrew Clark
5:00pm +Archie Kitkoski, Sr.

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday:
8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday:
8:30am & 4:00pm

JUNE 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week:

Mon June 19

Parish Office Closed

Thurs June 22 - 29

Religious Freedom Week

Thurs June 22

40 Hours Devotion begins with
6:30pm Vespers and Talk by
Fr. Clark

Fri June 23

6:30pm Vespers and
Talk by Fr. Clark

7:00pm Catholic Game Night
at Bing Crosby Stadium

Sat June 24

11am 25th Anniversary Mass
& Picnic

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1
Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33

Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive St John's email updates

by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.

[facebook.com/sjtboutreach](https://www.facebook.com/sjtboutreach)

www.sjtb.org

Second Collection

The Second Collection on June 24/25
will be for Summer Fuel.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 24/25

5:00pm	Nick Anderson, Jason Kasevich
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Kyle Foltz
8:30am	Declan Thomas, Brooks Reuwer, Matty & Jack Akers, Isaac Fitzpatrick
10:30am	Damien & Matthew Shunk, Nate Hibl, Joseph & Jude MacDougall, Ronan & Eamonn Glass
12:30pm	Erik Reyes, Juan Aviles-Reyes, Jose Ramirez, Homero Salazar
5:00pm	Finn Sweeney, Brendan Purciel

*Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer
as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!*



ST JOHN'S STAFF

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Director of Music & Organist
- David Wallace**
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God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

“My divine heart is so inflamed with love for men, and for you in particular that, being unable any longer to contain within itself the flames of its burning love, it needs to spread them abroad through you, and manifest itself to them (mankind) in order to enrich them with the precious graces of sanctification and salvation necessary to withdraw them from the abyss of perdition.” Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



40 Hours Devotion at St. John's

Please sign up in the vestibule to spend an hour with Our Lord. 40 Hours Devotion will take place in the church and will begin with 6:30pm Vespers on Thursday June 22, feast of our diocesan patron, St. Thomas More and end at 10:30am on Saturday, June 24, parochial titular feast, the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. Vespers will also be prayed at 6:30pm on Friday the 23rd. After Vespers on both evenings, a talk given by Fr. Andrew Clark. *During these hours Adoration will be transferred from the chapel to the main church.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm
540-635-3780 (phone)
540-635-2683 (fax)
stjohns@sjtb.org (email)

Parish Membership

Welcome! Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.



25th Anniversary Celebration 1998 - 2023

On Saturday June 24th St. John's will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our 1998 church with a special **11:00am Mass** celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Fr. Andrew Clark will give the homily. A **parish picnic** celebration will follow here at St. John's and Bowman Park from 12 - 3pm. Please bring a sliced watermelon or dessert to share. Also bring a picnic blanket and chairs for yourself and family.

Volunteers are needed! Please contact the parish office to volunteer.



FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

David M Wallace, *Director* | dwallace@sjtb.org | (540) 635-3780 ext 202
Darryl & Susan Adams, *RE Assistants*

Our **2023 “SONRISE National Park VBS”** will be held Monday through Friday, **July 17-21** for children in grades rising-5K to rising-5th. To register, simply email dwallace@sjtb.org with name, age/grade, and emergency contact info. **Cost:** \$25 for one child. \$40 for two children. \$60 for three children. \$80 for four children. Make checks payable to St John the Baptist Church or use FaithDirect (parish code: VA922) for a one-time gift. **HELP IS NEEDED!** To volunteer (we’re looking at you Confirmation candidates!), please contact Susan Adams: (540) 631-5894.

June 24 is our parochial titular feast, the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. A plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, reception of Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to the faithful who devoutly visit a parish on its titular feast and recite one Our Father and the Creed (Norm 19, *Manual of Indulgences*, 4th Edition). Did you know

that the names we assign to notes on the musical scale (Do, Re, Mi, etc) came from the ancient vespereal hymn for this feast of St John? The original names are derived from the initial syllables of each of the first six half-lines of the first stanza of the hymn *Ut queant laxis* composed by the eighth-century monk, Paul the Deacon. In the eleventh-century, Guido d’Arezzo invented a notational system that named the six pitches of the hexachord after the first syllable of each line of St John’s hymn. Each successive line of this hymn begins on the next scale degree, so each pitch’s name was the syllable sung at that pitch in this hymn: “**Ut** queant laxis / **re**sonare fibris / **Mi**ra gestorum / **fa**muli tuorum / **So**lve pollute / **la**bii reatum / **San**cte **I**ohannes.” (Trans. “So that your servants may, with loosened voices, resound the wonders of your deeds, clean the guilt from our stained lips, O Saint John.”)

VOCATIONS

For thus says the Lord God:

I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out. Ezekiel 34:11

God shares his message of hope to a people in exile, a depiction of a perfectly just, perfectly loving ruler and of a peace that is to come. It is a reassurance of the Lord’s provision in times of need and a warning of his judgment on those who seek their own gain at the expense of the wellbeing of others. Over a lifetime, servicing the common good comes far more from doing each day’s work to the best of your ability in Christ, than it does from finding the best vocation/job for yourself.

Read more: [https://](https://www.theologyofwork.org/key-topics/vocation-overview-article)

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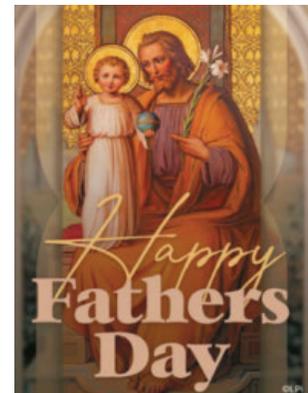
“*And as you go, preach, saying the 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'*”

How has Jesus called you to help Him build his Church? If you are discerning your vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Opportunities

Religious Freedom Week 2022: Life and Dignity for All
Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God’s first! June 22-29 is an opportunity for Catholics across the country to take a “stand for the freedom on which this country was founded: The freedom to live out our faith publicly,” said Bishop Burbidge. For more information go to: www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week

Father’s Day Novena of Masses
You may still enroll your father and other loved ones in our Novena of Masses. Drop off the names and stipend at the parish office.



Activities & Events

40 Hours Devotion

As we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our church we will hold a 40 hours devotion in the main church beginning with Vespers at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 22nd. Please sign up in the vestibule and come spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Reflections by Fr. Andrew Clark

Fr. Clark will lead Vespers and give a talk at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday June 24, 2023

11:00am Mass with Bishop Burbidge followed by a parish picnic celebration from 12-3pm! Bring a sliced watermelon or dessert to share (drop off at tent in Bowman Park area), and a blanket and chairs for Bowman Park.



Human Development & Formation Workshop

Please come join us for our Human Development Workshop series, led by certified coach, Chris King-Archer. This workshop builds on becoming intentional about your life's design and turning your God given desires into achievable goals. You will be given a systematic guide to designing your life and legacy through practical skills on how to manage your mind, body and goals. Thursday June 29th, 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Frassati House.

San Damiano Retreats

Fr. John Riley is the newly appointed Spiritual Director at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Check out the retreats coming up this summer and fall at www.arlingtondiocese.org/san-damiano-retreat-center/san-damiano-retreats-and-events/

“Catholic Night” at Bing Crosby Stadium

Attention parish baseball fans! The dates of the two “Catholic Night” baseball games at Bing Crosby Stadium this summer are **Friday, June 23rd**, against the Waynesboro Generals, and **Friday, July 21st**, against the Strasburg Express. Games start at 7pm. A flyer from the church bulletin - distributed the weekend before the two games - gets the entire family into the game FREE. Sponsors of the two games are a) the Knights of Columbus, b) Christendom College, and c) the Lloyd/Lemmon Law Firm Catholic Night is a fun evening for the entire family. Highlights include parishioners throwing out the first pitch; a parish group singing the National Anthem before the start of the game and “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” during the 7th inning stretch; and kids running the bases after the game. See everyone on Friday, June 23rd and Friday, July 21st!

Marriage Meetings

For Catholic couples to pray together and work on strengthening relationships. If you and your spouse are interested in meeting monthly to share a simple meal and discuss a topic relating to growing in relationship with your spouse, contact Viviano Rodriguez by voice or text at 559-347-4585.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you volunteer 1 hour at the Parish Picnic? Or help with prep work or clean up? Can you volunteer for shift as a greeter when our Directory photos are being taken?



If you can spare some time to give back to your church community in these ways, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Ongoing Activities

SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am. For more information contact DeWayne Coats at 540-660-5776 or dewaynecoats20@gmail.com.

The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/womenofstjohns/>

Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's? Follow event info on FB [@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist), [IG@st_johns_young_adults_va](https://www.instagram.com/IG@st_johns_young_adults_va) or to join the e-news-letter email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com

RCIA classes

Mondays from 6-7pm
Frassati House

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

Little Flowers

First Tuesdays of the month for girls in grades 1-6 at 4pm - FRH

Scripture Study

Thursdays at 10am in Padre Pio Hall with Deacon Goldsmith

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

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www.kofc7771.org



We are looking for volunteers to help at our Parish Picnic 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday June 24. 1 hour commitment. Please contact the Parish Office.

Contact us

GK Bill Castellan gknightwc@gmail.com
Field Agent Cory Cook: (866) 868-1492 x1604

DIVINE MERCY SAID:
“...IN THE HOST IS YOUR POWER; IT WILL DEFEND YOU. After these words, the vision disappeared, but



a strange power entered my soul, and a strange light as to what our love for God consists in; namely, in doing His will.” (St. Faustina Diary, 616)
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Front Royal Pregnancy Center

(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org
Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline
(877)558-0333 abortionpillreversal.com
Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org



Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Sermon on the Mount Men's Silent Retreat

All Diocesan men are invited to join Fr. William Saunders from Friday-Sunday, July 14-16 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA to explore the Sermon on the Mount beginning with personal self-examination through the Beatitudes, living the fullness of the moral life facing the challenges of today, and spiritual strengthening through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

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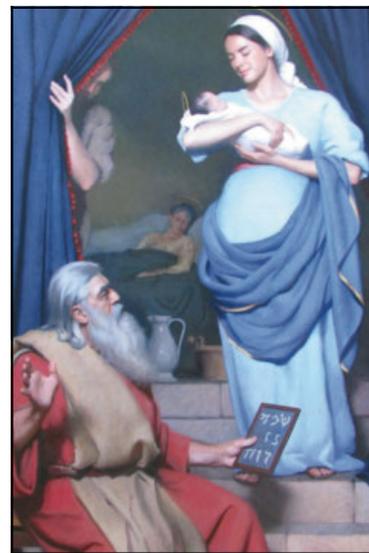
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Patron Saint of our Parish,
Pray for Us!



New Parish Directory!

Have you signed up to have your photo taken for the new Directory? By having your photo taken you will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory. We would love to see as many parishioners in our parish family photo album as possible. Photos will be taken June 26 - 30 and July 13 - 15. Please go to St. John's website www.sjtb.org and click on the link to secure your 10 minute time slot.

Please Note: if you have more than 7 members in your family, you must sign up for 2 adjacent time slots. Leave email blank on second slot form. Please contact the church office if you can volunteer as a greeter during photo sessions.



Say Cheese

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Ned Farinholt	Sara Mulcahy
John Alsberry	Mike Farris	Magdalena O'Neill
Brenda Bailey	Tahlia Fernandez	Barbara Ann Orozco
Rozie Baker	John Fusto	Carmela Rao
Susan Bill	Laura Fusto	Judy Ratigan
Robert Bond, Sr	Gary Garcia	Collin Rexrode
Rose Britain	Joseph Gillette	John William Rice
Mary Ann Carlson	Michael Greco	Mary Alice Rice
Tom Carlson	Eileen Hawkins	Aiden Rizzotti
Tony Casarotti	Billy Hooten	Gabbi Rodgers
Joseph Centrella	Norman Hunt	Elaine Ryan
Jorge Daniel Chang	John Janaro	Dan Schneible
Kenneth Clough	Erik Jurek	Mary Shaffer
Peggy Cochran	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Dominique DeClue	Peggy Leonardi	Anee Stanford
Bob & Anne DeLong	Maureen Lewis	Dr. Marie Mesaros Stewart
Barbara Dicostanza	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Colleen Stivers
Linda Donahue	Carol B. May	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Clara Anne Duda	Laura McMahan	Ron Tesorero
Al Dudeck	Edward Meinsen	Judith Thompson
Ignatius Ehlinger	Marie Miller	Karen Waldron
Kathy Elar	Peter Monfasani	Kathy Winkle

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2023

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

RON TESORERO

LOREEN NOVAK

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Jasmine Frank	Michael Reuwer
Brady Anderson	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Lxex Robles
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	David Rogers
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	Alex Rojas
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Bobby Saxon
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Truman Sayre, Jr.
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	David Schmitt
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	Forest Selby
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Robert Cooke	Emma Morgan	Sean Smith
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Vince E. Cruz	Justice M. Parrott	Jamie Troutman
Trey Dusseault	Jason Pettingill	Manuel A. Vicente
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Parker Feiring	Jason Pugh	Michael Wood
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