# 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)

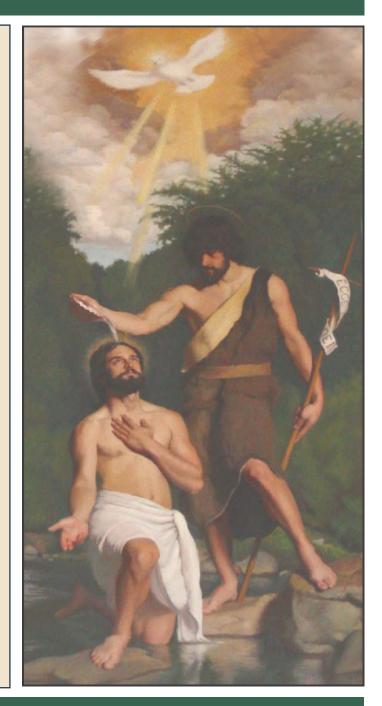
# Sacraments

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 25, 2023 ~ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MASS INTENTIONS June 26 - July 2, 2023

#### **MONDAY JUNE 26**

Weekday 8:30am Father's Day Novena 12:00pm +Damian & Irene Fedoryka

#### **TUESDAY JUNE 27**

Weekday / St Cyril of Alexandria Our Lady of Perpetual Help 8:30am Margaret & Farrell Miller 12:00pm Fr. Tom Shenpanzyk

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 28

Saint Irenaeus 8:30am Stephen Burnette 12:00pm +Elmer W Geil 7:00pm Rhonda Flores

#### **THURSDAY JUNE 29**

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles 8:30am +Fred J Ringley 12:00pm Bojar Family

#### **FRIDAY JUNE 30**

Weekday / First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 8:30am +Merle&Albertina Myers 12:00pm Melissa Bloom

# **SATURDAY JULY 1**

Saint Junipero Serra 8:30am +Carolyn Baldanza

#### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm +Emma Conti

# **SUNDAY JULY 2**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am +Victor Marnopolsky
8:30am +John LeClaire
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm +Holy Souls
5:00pm +Andrew McDonald

# **CONFESSION TIMES**

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

# JUNE 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# This Week:

**Mon - Fri** Directory Photo Sessions in FRH

**Thurs June 29** 7:30-8:30pm Frassati House Human Development & Formation Workshop

Religious Freedom Week Ends



# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
	Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/
-	Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-4

# Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive St John's email updates by going to http://eepurl.com/djz4OT to subscribe. www.sjtb.org

Second Collection

The Second Collection on July 1/2 will be for Peter's Pence.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1/2	
5:00pm	Brennan & Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Samuel Price
8:30am	Max Stanmeyer, Jude & Jaxton Fusaro, John & Andrew Mavretich
10:30am	Edmund Brugger, John, Sebastian & Raphael Durgin, Cajetan, Crispin & Leo Lemmon
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriquez, Yovann Miramontes, Leonardo Reyes
5:00pm	Greg & Luke Hsu

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



# Thank You

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the 25th Anniversary Parish Picnic a success! St John the Baptist, Pray for Us!

# New Parish Directory Photo Sessions Begin this Week

A reminder that directory photo sessions begin this week. There are still some time slots open for July 13-15 and we really want as many parishioners as possible to be included in our Directory. Please go to Saint 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). By having your photo taken you will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory.

# **Contact Information in New Directory**

The 2023 Directory will include a roster of all parishioner addresses and phone numbers. If you do not want your contact information printed in the Directory, or prefer only part of the information printed, please contact the parish office. If you need to update your current contact information with the parish, please do so. If you are having your photo taken, you will have an opportunity to take care of this at the time of your photo.

> June is the Month of the Sacred Heart "My divine heart is so inflamed with love for men..."



# ST JOHN'S STAFF

#### **Rev. Daniel Gee**

Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com **Rev. Tom Shepanzyk** Parochial Vicar frtom@sitb.org **Rev. Michael Duesterhaus** Parochial Vicar, frmrd@sjtb.org **Deacon Rafael Goldsmith** Permanent Deacon. rgoldsmith@sjtb.org **Deacon Mark Jerge** Permanent Deacon **Deacon Gerald Solitario** Permanent Deacon Gerry.solitario@arlingtondiocese.org **Patty Sonak** Administrative Assistant Karen Pondo Parish Secretary **Tina Furtado/Michelle Bodoh** Parish Secretaries **Phil Rexrode** Facilities Manager Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban Director of Music & Organist **David Wallace** DRE/Bookkeeper

# **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**

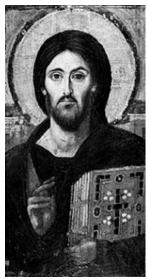
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

#### 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.



# 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-5<sup>th</sup>. 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: VA622) for a one-time gift. **HELP IS NEEDED!** To volunteer (we're looking at you Confirmation candidates!), please contact Susan Adams: (540) 631-5894.

On Thursday this week, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, **Apostles (June 29)**. Here is the conclusion of Sermon 82 of Pope St Leo I, given on this feast day in the 450s: "And over this band [of apostles], dearly-beloved, whom God has set forth for our example in patience and for our confirmation in the Faith,

there must be rejoicing everywhere in the commemoration of all the saints, but of these two Fathers' [i.e. Peter and Paul] excellence we must rightly make our boast in louder joy, for God's Grace has raised them to so high a place among the members of the Church, that He has set them like the twin light of the eyes in the body, whose Head is Christ. About their merits and virtues, which pass all power of speech, we must not make distinctions, because they were equal in their election, alike in their toils, undivided in their death. But as we have proved for ourselves, and our forefathers maintained, we believe, and are sure that, amid all the toils of this life, we must always be assisted in obtaining God's Mercy by the prayers of special interceders, that we may be raised by the Apostles' merits in proportion as we are weighed down by our own sins." *Sancti Petre et Paule, orate pro nobis!* 

#### VOCATIONS

I will praise thee, for thou art fearfully magnified: wonderful are thy works, and my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 138:14

What does God call us to in the Bible?

To salvation: God calls all people to repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation, as it says in Acts 2:38. To love: God calls us to love Him and others in Mark 12:30-31. To holiness: God calls us to live holy and righteous lives in 1 Peter 1:15-16. To service: God calls us to serve Him and others in Galatians 5:13.

#### "Be not afraid."

Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help discerning your vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



**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/religiousfreedom-week

**Stay Informed About Local Cultural & Political Matters** The Front Royal Catholics Civic Education Group is the parish's premiere resource for staying informed about issues affecting your community! Join the mailing list to receive

non-partisan important information from a Catholic perspective about local cultural and political issues. This is your Church and your community - Get active, informed, and involved! Scan the QR Code to join the email list. Or go to: frontroyalcatholics.myfreesites.net/



# Activities & Events

#### "Catholic Night" at Bing Crosby Stadium

Attention parish baseball fans! The next date of the 'Catholic Night" baseball game at Bing Crosby Stadium **is Friday**, **July 21st**, against



the Strasburg Express. Game starts at 7pm. A flyer from the church bulletin - distributed the weekend before the game - gets the entire family into the game FREE. Sponsors of the summer 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, July 21st!

#### 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.

#### **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.

# **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

#### Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's? Follow event info on FB @youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist, IG@st\_johns\_young\_adults\_va or to join the e-news-letter email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@ gmail.com **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

**Scripture Study** Thursdays at 10am in Padre Pio Hall with Deacon Goldsmith

**Children's Holy Hour** Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

**RCIA classes** Returning in the Fall

**Little Flowers** Monthly meeting for girls Returning in the Fall

#### **Longest Married Couple**

**Project.** Do you know a couple who's relationship has stood the test of time? Why not nominate them for Virginia or the country's longest married couple! They do not need to be Catholic to be considered. Make your nomination today at: https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple/. Nominations open through September 15th.



#### Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

Join hundreds from across the Diocese of Arlington for a day of faith and fun on Wednesday, July 26! We will begin the day with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant and homilist of the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg. After Mass, we will head to Kings Dominion and be ready to go as the gates open! This event is open to anyone in the Diocese of Arlington. All tickets, at a reduced rate, also include Soak City. Please note: The deadline for families to mail in a check and ticket order form is Friday, July 7. The deadline for parish groups to request tickets is Tuesday, July 26. Tickets are distributed exclusively online, please plan accordingly. Please also take note of the updated Kings Dominion Code of Conduct.

#### Sermon on the Mount Men's Silent Retreat

All Diocesan men are invited to join Fr. William Saunders from July 14-16 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@ arlingtondiocese.org. Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771 www.kofc7771.org



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

# 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.

# Front Royal Catholics Civic Education Group

is seeking parishioners particularly from the South River District of Warren County to subscribe to its email list that provides nonpartisan voter education. South River District begins on the south side of E. Main Street and extends to Browntown and Bentonville. A School Board election in the South River District is of enormous importance to Catholic interests. To subscribe: Frontroyalcatholics.com.

# Sundays with the Sisters

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! The tour showcases the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The next stop on the tour is with the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (Spanish, July 23), the Poor Clares (September 24), and the Adorers of the Holy Cross (English and Vietnamese, October 22). For single women ages 18-50. RSVP by the Monday before each event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour. This Week's Saints...



DIVINE MERCY SAID: "I saw the glorious face of the Lord, and He said to me, What you see in reality, these souls see through



faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to me is living faith!" (St. Faustina Diary, 1420) (Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of

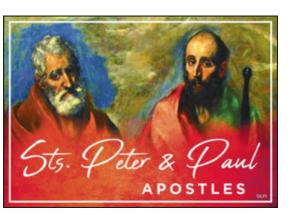
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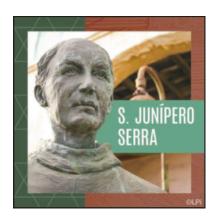
Access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. www.formed.org Parish Code: QBKRGW

Summer Attire Please be respectful of the sacredness of the church, and of others, by continuing to dress modestly at Mass during the summer months. Thank you.









#### **PRAYER LIST**

Gabby Abril John Alsberry Brenda Bailey Rozie Baker Susan Bill Robert Bond, Sr Rose Britain Mary Ann Carlson Tom Carlson Tony Casarotti Joseph Centrella Jorge Daniel Chang John Janaro Kenneth Clough Peggy Cochran Dominique DeClue Peggy Leonardi Bob & Anne DeLongMaureen Lewis Barbara Dicostanza Linda Donahue Clara Anne Duda Al Dudeck Ignatius Ehlinger Kathy Elar

Ned Farinholt Mike Farris Tahlia Fernandez John Fusto Laura Fusto Gary Garcia Joseph Gillette Michael Greco Eileen Hawkins Billy Hooten Norman Hunt Erik Jurek Susan Kirby Manuel Reyes Martinez Carol B. Mav Laura McMahon Edward Meinsen Marie Miller Peter Monfasani

Sara Mulcahy Magdalena O'Neill Barbara Ann Orozco Carmela Rao Judy Ratigan Collin Rexrode John William Rice Mary Alice Rice Aiden Rizzotti Gabbi Rodgers Elaine Ryan Dan Schneible Mary Shaffer Sophie Shannon Anee Stanford Dr.Marie Mesaros Stewart Colleen Stivers Mary Ellen Sullivan Ron Tesorero Judith Thompson Karen Waldron 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory.

#### **Active Military Prayer List**

Esther Alger Brady Anderson Jeffrey Bayne Mark Belton David Berry Stephen Bill Heather Bill-Blanchard John Bowes Shannon Brugh Ben Cabreva Christian Carino Hannah N. Christman Nathan T. Christman Sean Conrov Robert Cooke Kevin Corella Rory Crooks Vince E. Cruz Trey Dusseault Matthew Farrall Parker Feiring Zachary Francis

Jasmine Frank Kristina Grdina Steven Gregg Benjamin Gregory Jonathan Hamilton Steven Held, Jr. Daniel Heywood Peter Hickson Erik Hickson David Kelleher David Larsen Glen Lash Joseph Marsch Christine Marsch Emma Morgan Clement M. O'Reilly David Parnes Justice M. Parrott Jason Pettingill John C. Price Jason Pugh Chris Reinhard

Michael Reuwer Anthony Reves Lxex Robles David Rogers Alex Rojas Bobby Saxon Truman Sayre, Jr. David Schmitt Forest Selby Paul Shannon Andrew Shorter Richard Skelton, Sr. Devon Smith **Timothy Smith** Sean Smith Keegan J. Thomas Brian Tilley Jamie Troutman Manuel A. Vicente Kieran Vieira Michael Wood

#### Check out St. John's new website! www.sjtb.org



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