

# 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.



**JULY 16, 2023 ~ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### July 17 –23, 2023

#### MONDAY JULY 17

*Weekday*

8:30am Carmela Rao  
12:00pm Ed, Joanne &  
Danny Portzer

#### TUESDAY JULY 18

*Weekday /*

*USA: St. Camillus de Lellis*

8:30am +Rick Koch  
12:00pm Carmela Rao

#### WEDNESDAY JULY 19

*Weekday*

8:30am +Barbara Ullom  
12:00pm Benedict Lancaster  
7:00pm +Michael Echaniz

#### THURSDAY JULY 20

*Weekday / St.. Apollinaris*

8:30am Fr. Tom Shepanzyk  
12:00pm +Phil Humbert

#### FRIDAY JULY 21

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

8:30am Farrell Miller  
12:00pm +Glenn Snyder

#### SATURDAY JULY 22

*St. Mary Magdalene*

8:30am +Agnes Kelly

#### SATURDAY VIGIL

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm William Sonak

#### SUNDAY JULY 23

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +George Bochanski  
8:30am +George Punchak  
10:30am Parish Family  
12:30pm Alfaro Family  
5:00pm +Nicholas & Betty,  
Sean Prencipe

#### CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:  
8:30am & 4:00pm

**JULY 16, 2023**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### *This Week:*

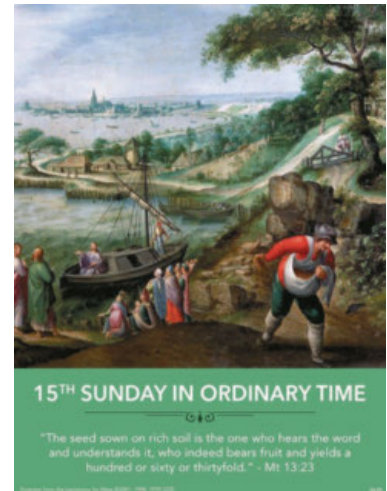
VBS has been canceled

#### **Thurs July 20 PPH**

Human Development  
& Formation Workshop

#### **Fri July 21 7pm**

Catholic Night at  
Bing Crosby Stadium



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### *Keep in Touch*

Sign up to receive St John's email updates  
by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.  
[www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org)

#### *Second Collection*

The Second Collection on July 22/23  
will be for Religious Education.

#### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 22/23

5:00pm	Brennan & Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric
8:30am	Thomas, Max & Dominic Kelly, Joe & Jack Nolan
10:30am	Dominic, Andre & John Criste, Jimmy & Jack Stanford, Samuel & Ben Meza
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriquez, Erik Reyes, Juan Aviles-Reyes
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!*



### Our Parish Continues to Grow

We praise God for a faithful and vibrant church. Nearly 1,000 new people have joined our parish since 2020, raising the number of total parishioners to 5,552 - an increase of 21 percent.

Two recent articles appeared in the Arlington Catholic Herald focusing on St. John's Parish: the 25th anniversary celebrations and Front Royal as a Catholic destination. Check them out at the Herald's website:  
[www.catholicaherald.com/article/local/parishes/st-john-the-baptist-celebrates-25-years-in-front-royal-church/](http://www.catholicaherald.com/article/local/parishes/st-john-the-baptist-celebrates-25-years-in-front-royal-church/)  
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### Directory Photo Submission

If you were not able to register to have your photo taken but would still like to be in the Directory with a personal photo submission, please contact the parish office for details. The photo must be in the portrait position (not landscape), at least 300 dpi, emailed to [mbodoh@sjtb.org](mailto:mbodoh@sjtb.org) by July 18 and there is a \$20 fee.

### 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, please do so now.

### Prayers for our Youth

God bless our young women attending the Arlington Diocese FIAT Vocations Camp this week! And our young men who attended Quo Vadis last week.

### July: Month of the Precious Blood

In honor of the month of the Precious Blood, consider praying the Litany of the Precious Blood or the Chaplet of the Precious Blood.



## ST JOHN'S STAFF

### Rev. Daniel Gee

*Pastor*, [fathergee@gmail.com](mailto:fathergee@gmail.com)

### Rev. Tom Shepanzyk

*Parochial Vicar*

[frtom@sjtb.org](mailto:frtom@sjtb.org)

### Rev. Michael Duesterhaus

*Parochial Vicar*, [frmrdr@sjtb.org](mailto:frmrdr@sjtb.org)

### Deacon Rafael Goldsmith

*Permanent Deacon*,  
[rgoldsmith@sjtb.org](mailto:rgoldsmith@sjtb.org)

### Deacon Mark Jerge

*Permanent Deacon*

### Deacon Gerald Solitario

*Permanent Deacon*

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### 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](mailto: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.

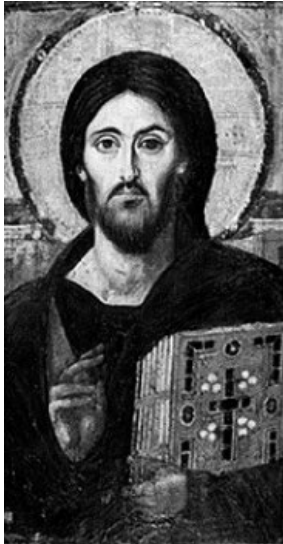
### Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

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](mailto:dwallace@sjtb.org) | (540) 635-3780 ext 202

Darryl & Susan Adams, *RE Assistants*

**Save the date!** Bishop Burbidge will visit us on **Saturday, September 23, at 10:00am**, to celebrate Holy Mass and confirm our parish's confirmation candidates.

**In view of our upcoming Confirmation, let us continue to review the CCC this Sacrament:**

"Two traditions: East and West. In the first centuries Confirmation generally comprised one single celebration with Baptism, forming with it a 'double sacrament,' according to the expression of St. Cyprian. Among other reasons, the multiplication of infant baptisms all through the year, the increase of rural parishes, and the growth of dioceses often prevented the bishop from being present at all baptismal celebrations. In the West the desire to reserve the completion of Baptism to the bishop caused the temporal separation of the two sacraments. The East has kept them unit-

ed, so that Confirmation is conferred by the priest who baptizes. But he can do so only with the 'myron' consecrated by a bishop.

"A custom of the Roman Church facilitated the development of the Western practice: a double anointing with sacred chrism after Baptism. The first anointing of the neophyte on coming out of the baptismal bath was performed by the priest; it was completed by a second anointing on the forehead of the newly baptized by the bishop. The first anointing with sacred chrism, by the priest, has remained attached to the baptismal rite; it signifies the participation of the one baptized in the prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices of Christ. If Baptism is conferred on an adult, there is only one post-baptismal anointing, that of Confirmation.

"The practice of the Eastern Churches gives greater emphasis to the unity of Christian initiation. That of the Latin Church more clearly expresses the communion of the new Christian with the bishop as guarantor and servant of the unity, catholicity and apostolicity of his Church, and hence the connection with the apostolic origins of Christ's Church." (CCC 1290-1292)

## VOCATIONS

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know,  
love and serve Him more closely  
in the priesthood or consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg,  
Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514  
or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).



God bless our young women attending the Arlington Diocese FIAT Vocations Camp this week! And our young men who attended Quo Vadis last week.

## St. Catherine of Siena Women's Silent Retreat

Join Fr. James Hudgins, Pastor at St. Theresa Catholic Church, to read and rest, think and pray with Jesus and Catherine from Friday-Sunday, August 11-13 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. Saint Catherine is one of the four women who are identified as a Doctor of the Church. A mystic and crusader, she composed over 400 letters, her Dialog, and prayers. 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](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Seniors Silent Retreat

Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our 'throwaway culture,' for those who are 'full of years,' to understand our place in the world -- and in our Church? Join Fr. John Riley, Spiritual Director at San Damiano, from Friday-Sunday, July 21-23, 2023, as we search the Scriptures, pray with Jesus in the Gospels, and consider the Crosses and the Consolations of Old Age. 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](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Activities & Events

### **This Weekend: "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 in today's bulletin - 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!



### **VBS**

Unfortunately St. John's Vacation Bible School had to be canceled this summer due to lack of volunteers.

### **Battle of the Altar Servers**

Join Bishop Burbidge and altar servers from all over the diocese to compete at the annual Battle of the Servers BBQ picnic. It is Tuesday, July 25 from 10:30am-2 pm at St. Leo the Great parish in Fairfax. St. John's is not going as a group. Servers should come with an adult chaperone and advise the Office of Vocations that you are not coming with a parish group. The deadline to RSVP with the Vocations Office is Friday July 14. There is no charge to attend.

Office of Vocations:  
vocations@arlingtondiocese.org  
or (703) 841-2514.

### **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. Each session will build upon a systematic guide to designing your life and legacy through practical skills on how to manage your mind, body and goals.

Thursday, July 20th, Aug 3rd, 17th, 31st, 7:30pm-8:30pm at Padre Pio Hall. All Welcome!

### **St John's Drama Summer Show**

This summer St. John's Drama is producing "The Mouse that Roared," a political farce that critics have called "the funniest on record." Join us and you too will "roar" with laughter at this rib-tickling comedy!

Five Performances will be held in Father Ruehl Hall. Evening performances: Friday, July 28th, Saturday, July 29th, and Monday, July 31st at 7:30 pm; Matinee performances: Saturday July 29th at 1:30 pm and Sunday, July 30th at 3:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and seniors (65 and over), and \$5.00 for children (3 and up). There is also a \$35 special family ticket (parents and minor children only, please). Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the performance. For further information, please email naccash@hotmail.com or visit our website at [www.stjohnsdrama.org](http://www.stjohnsdrama.org)



## 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](mailto:dewaynecoats20@gmail.com).

### **The Women of Saint John's**

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email [thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com)

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

In your 20's or 30's?  
Follow event info on FB  
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[IG@st\\_johns\\_young\\_adults\\_va](mailto:IG@st_johns_young_adults_va)  
or to join the e-news-letter email  
[youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com)

### **Scripture Study (not in July)**

Thursdays at 10am in Padre Pio Hall with Deacon Goldsmith

### **The Divine Office (Lauds)**

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

### **Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

### **Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Prayed after 8:30am Mass

### **Legion of Mary**

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

### **Junior Legion of Mary**

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

### **Children's Holy Hour**

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

### **Little Flowers**

Monthly meeting for girls  
(Returns in the Fall)

### **RCIA classes (returns in the Fall)**

**Knights of Columbus**  
**John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771**  
[www.kofc7771.org](http://www.kofc7771.org)



The Knights of Columbus, John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771, will hold its annual installation of officers on Saturday, July 22, at 11:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel. The following members will be installed:

**OFFICERS:** Grand Knight: John Stieb; Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Young; Chancellor: Mike Reilly; Recorder: George Kopcsak; Treasurer: Jerry Szwaya; Advocate: Leo Carling; Warden: Patrick Patton; Outside Guard: Jonathan Lash; Inside Guard: Eric Bartock; Trustee 1st Year: Joel Bockrath; Trustee 2nd Year: Tom Balint; Trustee 3rd Year: Bill Castellan.

**COUNCIL DELEGATES AT STATE EVENTS:** Grand Knight: John Stieb; Past Grand Knight: Bill Castellan; Grand Knight (Alt): Mike Reilly; Past Grand Knight (Alt): Darryl Adams

**DON'T FORGET:** Catholic Night at Bing Crosby Stadium, Friday, July 21, 7:00 p.m. Free admission for the whole family with flyer inserted into this weekend's bulletin. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Christendom College and Lloyd/Lemmon Law Firm. See you there!

For more information, or to inquire about joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight John Stieb at [gknightjs@gmail.com](mailto:gknightjs@gmail.com).

**STAINT  
FAUSTINA  
OF DIVINE  
MERCY  
SAID:**

"O my Jesus, despite the deep night that is all around me and the dark clouds which hide the horizon, I know that the sun never goes out. O Lord, though I cannot comprehend You and do not understand Your ways, I nonetheless trust in Your mercy. If it is Your will, Lord, that I live always in such darkness, may You be blessed. I ask You only one thing, Jesus: do not allow me to offend You in any way. O my Jesus, You alone know the longings and the sufferings of my heart. I am glad I can suffer for You, however little. When I feel the suffering is more than I can bear, I take refuge in the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I speak to Him with profound silence."

(St. Faustina Diary, 73)

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**Sacred Heart Carnival Cruise**

Come join Sacred Heart parishioners and their family and friends for a 7-night Eastern Caribbean cruise to Turks & Caicos, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas and Freeport, Bahamas on board the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, Maryland, May 12-19, 2024! All are welcome, no matter the age, and Sacred Heart of Jesus parish membership is not required. All the information is included at this website: <https://jtomaselli.dreamvacationsgroups.com/group-registration/#/groups/2008>. Special rates are available just for our group **until July 31, 2023**, so act fast! Don't miss this opportunity for a fun family vacation. A bus has been chartered to take cruisers to and from the cruise port in Baltimore for a small fee per passenger. Please contact John Tomaselli at 540-931-0665 or at [jjtomaHiselli@dreamvacations.com](mailto:jjtomaHiselli@dreamvacations.com) if you have any questions or if you would like to book your cruise.

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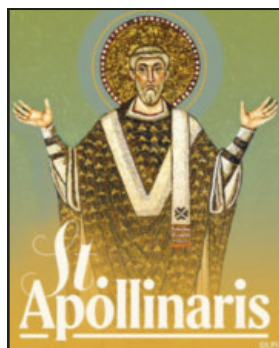
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***This Week's Saints...***





## PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Kathy Elar	Marie Miller
John Alsberry	Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani
Brenda Bailey	Mike Farris	Sara Mulcahy
Rozie Baker	Tahlia Fernandez	Magdalena O'Neill
Susan Bill	John Fusto	Barbara Ann Orozco
Robert Bond, Sr	Laura Fusto	Carmela Rao
Rose Britain	Gary Garcia	Judy Ratigan
Emma Brock	Joseph Gillette	Collin Rexrode
Mary Ann Carlson	Michael Greco	John William Rice
Tom Carlson	Eileen Hawkins	Mary Alice Rice
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 McMahon	Judith Thompson
Al Dudeck	Edward Meinsen	Karen Waldron
Ignatius Ehlinger		Kathy Winkle

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2023

#### For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of  
**SHARON ANN O'CONNELL**

### Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Chris Reinhard
Brady Anderson	Jasmine Frank	Michael Reuwer
Jeffrey Bayne	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Mark Belton	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
David Berry	Benjamin Gregory	Lxex Robles
Stephen Bill	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
John Bowes	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
Shannon Brugh	Peter Hickson	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Joseph Buono	Erik Hickson	David Schmitt
Paul Buono	David Kelleher	Forest Selby
Ben Cabreva	David Larsen	Paul Shannon
Christian Carino	Glen Lash	Andrew Shorter
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Devon Smith
Sean Conroy	Emma Morgan	Timothy Smith
Robert Cooke	Clement M. O'Reilly	Sean Smith
Kevin Corella	Daniel Nejia	Keegan J. Thomas
Rory Crooks	David Parnes	Brian Tilley
Vince E. Cruz	Justice M. Parrott	Jamie Troutman
Trey Dusseault	Jason Pettingill	Manuel A. Vicente
Matthew Farrall	John C. Price	Kieran Vieira
Parker Feiring	Jason Pugh	Michael Wood

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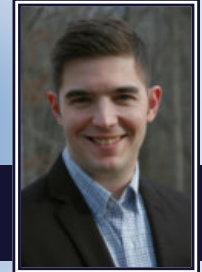


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