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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:

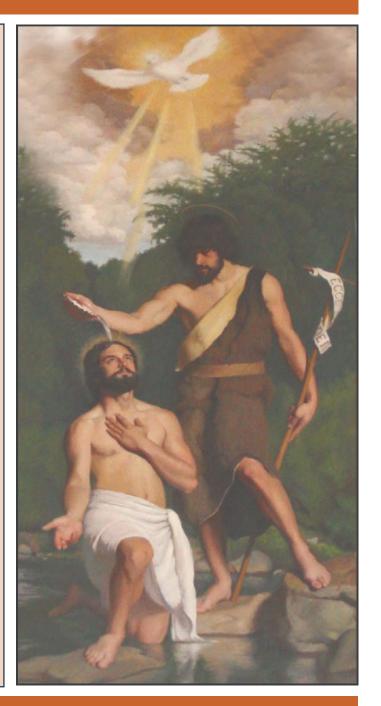
Monday-Friday, 8:30am Monday-Friday, 6:30pm Saturday, 8:30am & 4:00pm

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.



MASS INTENTIONS July 24 –30, 2023

MONDAY JULY 24

Weekday / St Sharbel Makhluf 8:30am JPII Seminarians 12:00pm Ronald Johnson

TUESDAY JULY 25

Saint James, Apostle 8:30am Special Intention 12:00pm Michael Reuwer

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

Sts Joachim & Anne

8:30am +Mary Shearer 12:00pm +Diana Campbell 7:00pm Severina Martins

THURSDAY JULY 27

Weekday

8:30am +Christina Smallwood 12:00pm +Kathleen Severe

FRIDAY JULY 28

Weekday / Blessed Stanley Rother 8:30am + Jim Vollkommer 12:00pm + Sara Wey

SATURDAY JULY 29

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus 8:30am Deborah D'Andrea

SATURDAY VIGIL

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Ken Reuwer

SUNDAY JULY 30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Leo Carling 8:30am David D'Andrea 10:30am Parish Family

12:30pm +Teresa Tapia Sanches 5:00pm +John Mavretich

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday: 8:30am & 4:00pm

JULY 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week:

The Mouse that Roared St. John's Drama show this weekend in Fr. Ruehl Hall! Fri Jul 28 7:30 Sat Jul 29 1:30, 7:30

Sun Jul 30 3:00 Mon Jul 31 7:30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

(97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Keep in Touch

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

Second Collection
The Second Collection on July 29/30
will be for the Irish Pallonttine Fathers. .

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 29/30	
5:00pm	Nick Anderson, Jason Kasevich
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Samuel Price
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	Homero Salazar, Yovann Miramontes, Leonardo Reyes, Jose Rimirez
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!



Mission Appeal

Next weekend, July 29/30, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Irish Pallonttine Fathers). This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, such as Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs like food, shelter and healthcare. You can support these organizations through next week's 2nd collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to St. John's Church and put "MCP" in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous—your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries. If you would like to learn more about their ministry go to www.arlingtonmissions.org/mission/society-of-the-catholic-apostolateirish-pallottine-fathers.

Front Royal Pregnancy Center Prayer Warrior Program

Please consider becoming a prayer warrior for the Pregnancy Center by praying weekly for its work, the Clients, Staff, and Volunteers. By signing up as a prayer warrior, you will receive regular communications from the Front Royal Pregnancy Center with prayer intentions and stories of your impact! (Note: because of our dedication to confidentiality for our clients, we cannot share more than anonymous stories and general intentions). To sign up, please email staff@frontroyalpregnancy.org with your name, phone number, email address, physi-

cal address, and current church.

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 call the parish office now.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to St. John's new Directory by having a photo taken or submitted, and to all the volunteers who helped facilitate the process. The Directory will be out this Fall.

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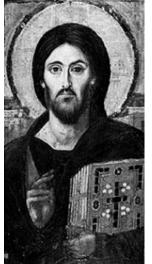
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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*

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. Rehearsal will be on Tues, Sept 19, 5:30pm.

In view of our upcoming Confirmation, let us continue to review the CCC this Sacrament (part 3):

"In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of *anointing* and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual *seal*. Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength.

"Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. The pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. The post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off 'the aroma of Christ.'

"By this anointing the confirmand receives the 'mark,' the *seal* of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret.

"Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father's seal. Christians are also marked with a seal: 'It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.' This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial." (CCC 1293-1296)

VOCATIONS

"I know well the plans I have in mind for you...
to give you a future full of hope." Jer 29:11-15
A discernment retreat is a prayerful visit with a religious community, perhaps for a weekend or even a week.
Such a retreat is a good way to test your vocation.
You can get to know the community, its charism, and find whether God may be calling you to its way of life.
https://religiouslife.com/discernment-retreats

There are three things we need to do in order to give our heart to Jesus:

A – Acknowledge sin which separates us from God.

C – Confess our sin.

T – Trust in Jesus by faith to save us.

"The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought." Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg,

Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514

or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 here: 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 jitomaHiselli@dreamvacations.com if you have any questions or if you would like to book your cruise.

Activities & Events

Summer Bible Studies!

Summer is busy, but don't neglect your Scripture study! Join Dr. Nick for his study on, Judges: Cycles of Sin. This is a 5 part series that begins on July 28. Judges is one of the most illuminating books of how moral relativism leads to generational chaos, yet God's mercy is ever present. Join the class live online or you can listen to it on demand from your desk or favorite chair, while driving, taking a walk, or even doing chores! For more information about this new Bible study and to learn about many others, please visit Dr. Nick's website, www.ScriptureAndTradition.com

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.

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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 dewaynecoats 20@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

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)

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 ribtickling 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



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!

Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771 www.kofc7771.org

The Knights of Columbus, John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771, on Saturday, July 22, installed the following officers:

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.



Grand Knight: John Stieb; Past Grand Knight: Bill Castellan; Grand Knight (Alt): Mike Reilly; Past Grand Knight (Alt): Darryl Adams

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who stopped by and purchased our popular cinnamon buns after the Masses on July 8-9. Mark your calendars for our next weekend cinnamon bun sale, Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10. We sold out early this month, so don't miss out.

Thanks, too, to everyone who attended Catholic Night at Bing Crosby Stadium, Friday, July 21. We were proud to have so many St. John's parishioners represented in the stands. The Catholic Night at Bing Crosby Stadium was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council, Christendom College, and Lloyd/Lemmon Law Firm. Thanks to our sponsors and to our Brother Knight John Lundberg who coordinated the events.

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

Front Royal Pregnancy Center (540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline (877)558-0333 abortionpillreversal.com

Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org



DIVINE MERCY SAID:

"My daughter, help Me to save souls. You will go to a dying sinner, and you will continue to recite the chaplet, and



in this way you will obtain for him trust in My Mercy, for he is already in despair."

(St. Faustina Diary, 1797) (Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)

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This Week's Saints...

"Begin nothing on earth unless it has its end in heaven." St. Sharbel











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Marie Miller Peter Monfasani Sara Mulcahy Magdalena O'Neill Barbara Ann Orozco Carmela Rao Judy Ratigan Collin Rexrode John William Rice Mary Alice Rice Gabbi Rodgers Elaine Ryan Dan Schneible Mary Shaffer Sophie Shannon Anee Stanford Dr.Marie Mesaros Stewart Colleen Stivers Mary Ellen Sullivan Judith Thompson Karen Waldron 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 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 Joseph Buono Paul Buono Ben Cabreva Christian Carino Hannah N. Christman Nathan T. Christman Sean Conroy 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 Daniel Nejia David Parnes Justice M. Parrott Jason Pettingill John C. Price Jason Pugh

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