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)

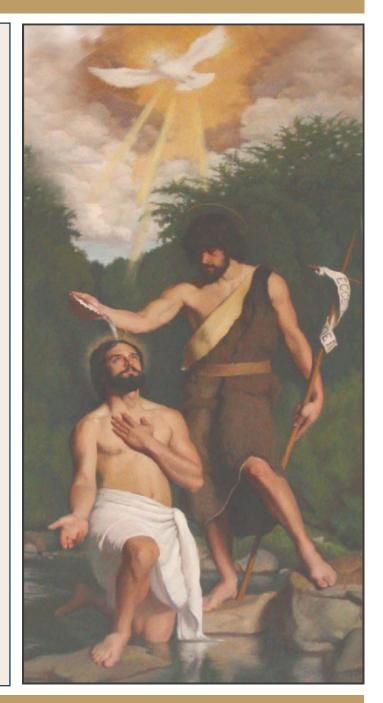
Sacraments

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.



AUGUST 6, 2023 ~ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS Aug 7 - 13, 2023

MONDAY AUG 7

Weekday Pope St Sixtus II / St Cajetan 8:30am +Katarina & Alois Weiss 12:00pm Rhonda & Vince Atkinson

TUESDAY AUG 8

St Dominic, Priest 8:30am +Gilbert Castellan 12:00pm +Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY AUG 9

Weekday / St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr 8:30am Marlo Brown 12:00pm +Mary Victoria White 7:00pm Fr. Tom Shepanzyk

THURSDAY AUG 10

St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 8:30am +William Aurednick 12:00pm +Ruth Trost

FRIDAY AUG 11

St Clare, Virgin 8:30am +Bill Brown 12:00pm Karen & Dan Ladd

SATURDAY AUG 12

Weekday / St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 8:30am Carmela Rao

SATURDAY VIGIL

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Barbara Mirus

SUNDAY AUG 13

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time7:00amNatalie Keller Chaput8:30am+Bl Michael McGivney10:30amParish Family12:30pmLarry McDonald5:00pm+Frederick Hart

CONFESSION TIMES

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

AUGUST 6, 2023 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Transfiguration of the Lord



This Week:

Tues Aug 8 Say a prayer for our Dominican nuns of Linden on the feast of St. Dominic

Fri Aug 11 7pm Adoration Chapel Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21		
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36		
-	or 15:1-2, 10-14		
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14,		
	21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28		
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26		
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28		
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20		
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/		
2	Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33		

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 Aug 12/13 will be for Parish Improvements.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR AUG 12/13			
5:00pm	Nick Anderson, Jason Kasevich		
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Adam Reeves		
8:30am	Mark & John Bockrath, Jerome Butler, Michael Fisher, Simon Helpler		
10:30am	Benedict Keough, James Chaplan, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott, Desmond & Duncan Stewart		
12:30pm	Erik Reyes, Juan Aviles-Reyes, Jose Ramirez,		
5:00pm	Greg, Luke & Mark Hsu		

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



Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting-point, and His Ascension its end. About a week after His sojourn in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was trans-figured before their ravished eyes. St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphophe*, which the Vulgate renders *transfiguratus est*. The Synoptics explain the true meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments



became white as snow", according to the Vulgate, or "as light", according to the Greek text. This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. www.catholic.com

Backpack & School Supplies Drive

St. John's Social Outreach is collecting items for local Catholic students through August 11. There is a box in the narthex for new donated backpacks. For school supplies, please donate Walmart gift cards in increments of \$10 and drop them off at the parish office.

SCAM Alert

Please do not respond to any email or text claiming to be one of our priests asking for money or gift cards, etc. This is a scam.

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. To sign up, please email staff@frontroyalpregnancy.org with your name, phone number, email address, physical address, and current church.

Blessing Box

Thank you to all who have been donating nonperishable food and toiletries to our Blessing Box. As a reminder, please **do not** drop off expired food or clothing/shoes/books, etc. "*Whatever you did* for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

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

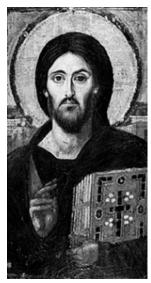
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the pamphlet rack in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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*

Save the date! Bishop Burbidge will visit us on Saturday, September 23, at 10:30am, to celebrate Holy Mass and confirm our parish's confirmation candidates. Rehearsal will be on Tues, Sept 19, 5:30pm. Parents of *confirmandi* should have received an important email about Confirmation. If you didn't receive it, please contact David: dwallace@sjtb.org.

In view of our upcoming Confirmation, let us continue to review the CCC this Sacrament (part 5):

"It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, 'Abba! Father!'; it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it

renders our bond with the Church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit in us, it renders our bond with the Church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross: Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts. Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. This 'character' perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and 'the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially (*quasi Ex officio*)."" (CCC 1302-1305)

VOCATIONS

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. James 4:8

<u>7 steps to deepen your prayer life and discernment:</u>

Ask in Jesus' name – John 16:23
Believe that you will receive – Mark 11:24
Forgive – Mark 11:25

4. Depend on the Holy Spirit for help – Rom 8:26; 1 Cor 14:14
5. Pray the prayer of intercession – Acts 20:35; 1 Tim 2:1
6. Pray in the Spirit to build yourself up – Jude 20; 1 Cor 14:4
7. Pray to interpret - 1 Cor 14:13

"This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



Spiritual Life Discussion Group

A spiritual life discussion group is being formed. We will read and discuss writings on the spiritual life, talk about how we can apply the principles learned in our personal situations, and offer one another support in the life of faith. Meeting location and frequency TBD. Please contact Lewis Kapell at 540-305 -6076 or lewis.kapell@protonmail.com

THANK YOU

to all who contributed to Saint 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 available this Fall!

Activities & Events

LITTLE FLOWERS Join Little Flowers of St. John the Baptist NEW WREATH 5 Girls Grade 1-6 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month September through May 4-5:45pm Registration expected by August 22

(Grade 7 and older girls welcome as assistants fulfilling requirement) Theme: The Little Way, Maid in the USA See forms in the back of church, parish office or email littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com



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

Scripture Study

Thursdays at 10am in Padre Pio Hall with Deacon Goldsmith

Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

On Friday, August 11th, from 7-8pm in the Adoration Chapel a Rosary Holy Hour will be offered remembering the Blessed Mother's fourth visit to the three children on this 106th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

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. Remaining days: Aug 17th, 31st, 7:30pm-8:30pm at Padre Pio Hall. All Welcome!

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 registered girls in grades 1-6 4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

RCIA classes (returns in the Fall)

The Flame of Love, A New Church Approved Devotion

Mondays after the noon Mass Our Lady's promise to Elizabeth Kindelmann of Hungary: "By my Flame of Love, a new era of grace, never before known on the earth, will begin."

The Flame of Love is an extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart to us at this time in history. You are invited to pray the Flame of Love rosary on Mondays after the noon mass. Jesus said, "Because of the Holy Virgin's efficacious pleas, the Most Blessed Trinity granted the outpouring of the Flame of Love...."

From the approved Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann:

Jesus: "The face of the earth will be renewed because something like this has not happened since the Word became Flesh." Mary: "With my Flame of Love I want the home to come alive again with love. I want to unite scattered families." Jesus: "When I encounter one holy person, I pardon many."

Mary: "I do not want one soul condemned.... That is why I place this beam of light, the Flame of Love, in your hands." Jesus: "Through this prayer (the Unity Prayer), Satan will be blind and souls will not be led into sin."

Questions? Please call Joan VonEhr 518-698-7143 or Boots Sargis 703-786-9111.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Save these Dates: Council Membership Meetings: Second Wednesdays of

every month: John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 Membership Meetings, 7:00 p.m., Padre Pio House. Our next Membership Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 9**, at 7:00 p.m.

- **Cinnamon Bun Sales Return:** The Knights' popular cinnamon bun sales return the weekend of **September 9-10**. We sold out early in July so don't miss out in September.
- **Exemplification Ceremony:** For new members on **September 16**, from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Adoration Chapel, followed by a reception from Noon to 1:30 in Padre Pio Hall.
- **Roadside Cleanup:** The Council's roadside cleanup (Highway 340 near Skyline Drive) schedule is scheduled for **Saturday, September 30**, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Bags, gloves, and pickup tools will be provided. Your children are welcome to participate with your direct supervision. If you have any questions, contact Lewis Kapell (540-636-2785, lewis.kapell@protonmail.com).
- Annual Rosary Procession: The annual St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Rosary Procession to take place on **Saturday, October 7**, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. A potluck supper will follow in Father Ruehl Hall.

Become a Knight! Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and his parishioners. Today, our mission also includes the virtuous attribute of patriotism, and our work extends beyond the parish into the community at large. It is a noble calling for Catholic men to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, or to inquire about joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight John Stieb at gknightjs@gmail.com.

Contact us: Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-775-5345; Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388.

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:

"...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) (Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Check out Formed (see below) Catholic Answers (catholic.com) Word on Fire Ministries (wordonfire.org) New Advent (newadvent.org)

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Altar Guild	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	Outreach Committee	outreach@sjtb.org
Church Flowers & Decor	julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com	Parents' Support Group Chil-	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688
		dren w/Special Needs	Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
Divine Mercy for the Dying	mbodoh@sjtb.org	Prayer Chain	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 setonmom@gmail.com
Dominicans Third Order	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com	Prison Ministry	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@sjtb.org	Religious Education	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
Fasting Brothers	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net	RCIA	Parish Office, 635-3780
Lectors	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	Seven Sisters	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net
Legion of Mary/Adults	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	Saint Johns Athletics	www.saintjohnsathletics.com
Legion of Mary (Juniors)	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	That Man is You!	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	Littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Vocations Liaison	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 sjtbvocations@gmail.com
Meals for New Moms /		Youth Drama Club	Www.stjohnsdrama.org
Postpartum Support	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com		
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

PRAYER LIST

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

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Sara Mulcahy Magdalena O'Neill Barbara Ann Orozco Carmela Rao Judy Ratigan Collin Rexrode Fatima Reves Manuel Reyes Avila John William Rice Mary Alice Rice Maggie Roberts Gabbi Rodgers Elaine Ryan Dan Schneible Mary Shaffer Sophie Shannon Anee Stanford Dr.Marie Mesaros Stewart Mary Ellen Sullivan Maida Tapia Judith Thompson Karen Waldron Kathy Winkle

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2023 For World Youth Day We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

ROBERT WILLIAM JONES AND JOSEPH GILLETTE

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

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