

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 13, 2023 ~ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 14 - 20, 2023

MONDAY AUG 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30am Rev Phillip Cozzi
12:00pm +Teresa Jozwiak
5:00pm +George Nicholas Gee
7:00pm Sarah & Michael
(Spanish) Gannon

TUESDAY AUG 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

7:00am +George Nicholas Gee
8:30am Gilbert Futrado
12:00pm JPII Seminarians
7:00pm Julie Miller

WEDNESDAY AUG 16

Weekday / St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am Carmela Rao
12:00pm +Camella Ott
7:00pm Antunes Family intentions

THURSDAY AUG 17

Weekday

8:30am Michael R Andriani
12:00pm +Abe & Percy Brault

FRIDAY AUG 18

Weekday

8:30am +Teresa Jozwiak
12:00pm Anita Townsend

SATURDAY AUG 19

Weekday / St. John Eudes

8:30am Giovanni Guiseppe Jones

SATURDAY VIGIL

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Brendan McGuire

SUNDAY AUG 20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Maryann McMahon
8:30am +Magdalena Meisel
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm +Bill Munson &
+John McMahon
5:00pm Tim & Kelly Woods

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 4:00pm

AUGUST 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tuesday, August 15 is the feast day of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - a holy day of obligation. Please note the additional Masses, including vigil Masses.

“We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” Pope Pius XII

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Keep in Touch

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Second Collection

The Second Collection on Aug 19/20 will be for KOVAR

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR AUG 19/20

5:00pm	Aidan, John & Louis Barragan
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric
8:30am	Joseph Burghardt, Declan & Christopher Uhlenkott, Michael Stahl, Benedict Schmiedicke
10:30am	Matthew Clark, Mark & Seamus Kelly, Liam & Marty Clark, James Chapman, Don Sternfels
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriquez, Yovann Miramontes, Leonardo 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!



August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the foreseen and infinite merits of her Son, Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of



Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower - so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to Immaculate Heart rose to new levels after the apparitions at Fatima. Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. On June 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin told Lucia that God wished to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart throughout the world, a point she repeated in future apparitions.

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How can we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary this month?

Pray the rosary every day. Resolve to practice of the Five First Saturdays devotion. Make an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to make a mini-pilgrimage to visit some of the 11 churches in the diocese named in Mary's honor. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/ for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary.

Today's Second Collection: KOVAR

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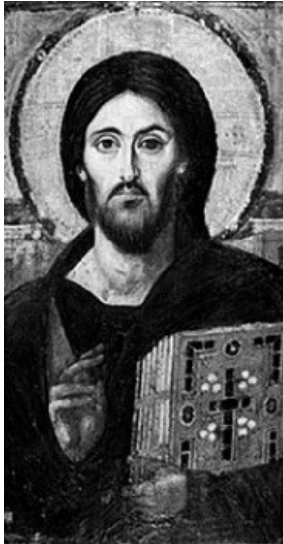
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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 in the CCC this Sacrament (part 6):

"Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist form a unity, it follows that 'the faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time,' for without Confirmation and Eucharist, Baptism is certainly valid and efficacious, but Christian initiation remains incomplete. For centuries, Latin custom has indicated 'the age of discretion' as the reference point for receiving Confirmation. But in danger of death children should be confirmed even if they have not yet attained the age of discretion. Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need 'ratification' to become effective. St. Thomas reminds us of this: 'Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood man can attain spiritual maturity: as the book of Wisdom says: For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured by number of years. Many children, through the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received, have bravely fought for Christ even to the shedding of their blood.' *Preparation for Confirmation* should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, his gifts, and his biddings - in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. The latter bears special responsibility for the preparation of confirmands. To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act. Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents." (CCC 1306-1311)

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VOCATIONS

*If one were to consider how much Jesus has suffered,
one would not commit the smallest sin.*

-Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

*Crossing the bridge held captive by the Roman guards, Jesus is cast over the side bound in chains and there comes face to face with Judas, his betrayer. As Jesus captive is retrieved to continue his Passion, Judas encounters demons, and later more demons in the children who torment him. Consider the second and third order effects of our sins on those in our lives, especially our loved ones. Let us not separate ourselves from Christ through sin but seek to remain in close union with Him so that we may clearly hear His voice calling us to our vocation and follow Him.

(*Portrayal as in Passion of the Christ movie)

"Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid!"

Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, 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

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.

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



HOMESCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL MASS, BLESSING AND PICNIC

September 8: 12:00p Mass,
picnic to follow
Come join other homeschool
families to start your school year
with a Mass and blessing with a
picnic in the front lawn of the
church. Bring your own blankets
and lunch. Cake provided to cele-
brate the Blessed Virgin Mary's
birthday.

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of our priests asking for money
or gift cards, etc. This is a scam.

Mass and Rosary in Thanksgiv- ing for the Gift of Human Life

Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy
Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift
of Human Life on Saturday,
August 19 at 9am, at Good Shep-
herd Catholic Church 8710 Mount
Vernon Hwy in Alexandria. Holy
Mass will be followed by a rosary
at the abortion facility at 2616
Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

Annual Father Capodanno Mass The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM,

will take place at 6:30pm on Tues-
day, September 5, in the Crypt
Church of the Basilica of the Na-
tional Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception in D.C. His Excellen-
cy, the Most Reverend Timothy P.
Broglia, J.C.D., Archbishop for
the Military Services, USA, will
be the principal celebrant. For
more information, visit
www.CapodannoGuild.org. All
are invited to attend the Memorial
Mass on the 56th anniversary of
his death. Open seating - arrive
early.

Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

This weekend retreat focuses on
discovering our identity as chil-
dren of God, although it also fo-
cuses on overcoming the effects of
parental divorce, forgiving our
parents, and connecting with oth-
ers from this background. The
weekend includes presentations,
small group sharing, adoration,
spiritual direction, and Mass. This
three-day retreat is the centerpiece
of this ministry.

The 2023 Arlington retreat will
take place from Friday, September
8-Sunday, September 10 at San
Damiano Spiritual Life Center.
Cost: \$375 through August 14,
and \$425 after August 14. Register
at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/
healingretreat/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat/)

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
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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

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)

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



KOVAR Collection: The Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 will be collecting for the Knights of Columbus KOVAR charity the weekend of August 19-20. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus 501(c) tax exempt charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your generosity.

Exemplification of New Members: The Knights of Columbus Council #7771 will hold an Exemplification Ceremony for new members on Saturday, September 16th, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Adoration Chapel. All First- and Second-Degree Knights are also invited to attend to advance to the Third Degree. Please notify the Council's Membership Chairman, Leo Carling (540-631-7555), to be included in the ceremony. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend. A reception will be held in Padre Pio Hall immediately following. Please RSVP to Leo Carling at the number above and let him know how many of your family members will be present.

JOIN US! If you are interested in becoming a Knight, visit www.kofc.org and press the "JOIN" button on the top of the page or contact our Membership Chairman, Leo Carling, with any questions. Phone (540-631-7555. St John the Baptist parishioners should enter 7771 in the "Preferred Local Council" box on the online form.

Contact us:
 Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-775-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com
 Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org

Front Royal Pregnancy Center
 (540) 635-6181
frontroyalpregnancy.org
Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline
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Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org



St. John the Baptist
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DIVINE MERCY SAID:

“My daughter, My pleasure and delight, nothing will stop Me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder My mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the Fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded!”
 (St. Faustina Diary, 1182)
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Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

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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 Children w/Special Needs	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 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 / Postpartum Support	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Mike Farris	Sara Mulcahy
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Brenda Bailey	John Fusto	Barbara Ann Orozco
Rozie Baker	Laura Fusto	Carmela Rao
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Rose Britain	Joseph Gillette	Fatima Reyes
Emma Brock	Michael Greco	Manuel Reyes Avila
Elijah Carino	Eileen Hawkins	John William Rice
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Tony Casarotti	Billy Hooten	Maggie Roberts
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Jorge Daniel Chang	John Janaro	Elaine Ryan
Kenneth Clough	Erik Jurek	Dan Schneible
Peggy Cochran	Susan Kirby	Mary Shaffer
Dominique DeClue	Peggy Leonardi	Sophie Shannon
Bob & Anne DeLong	Maureen Lewis	Anee Stanford
Linda Donahue	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Dr. Marie Mesaros Stewart
Clara Anne Duda	Carol B. May	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Al Dudeck	Laura McMahon	Maida Tapia
Ignatius Ehlinger	Edward Meinsen	Judith Thompson
Kathy Elar	Marie Miller	Ann Mary Vieira
Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
		Kathy Winkle

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 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 Soul of GEORGE NICHOLAS GEE

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
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Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Devon Smith
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Robert Cooke	Clement M. O'Reilly	Sean Smith
Kevin Corella	Daniel Neja	Keegan J. Thomas
Rory Crooks	David Parnes	Brian Tilly
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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