

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 27, 2023 ~ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 28 - Sept 3, 2023

MONDAY AUG 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

8:30am Andrew D'Andrea

12:00pm Elma Post

TUESDAY AUG 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30am Greg & Michelle Bodoh

12:00pm +Chris Rohan

WEDNESDAY AUG 30

Weekday

8:30am +Mary Carroll

12:00pm Anne & Keith Henderson

7:00pm +Fr C. John McCloskey

THURSDAY AUG 31

Weekday

8:30am Will & Patty Sonak

12:00pm +Holy Souls

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday / First Friday

8:30am Andre & Julie DeRosiers

12:00pm Elizabeth Anthony

SATURDAY SEPT 2

Weekday / First Saturday

8:30am +William Supples

SATURDAY VIGIL

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Will & Patty Sonak

SUNDAY SEPT 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Edward & Mary Skube

8:30am +Mandy Hain

10:30am Parish Family

12:30pm +Br Aloysius Milella

5:00pm +Mandy Hain

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 4:00pm

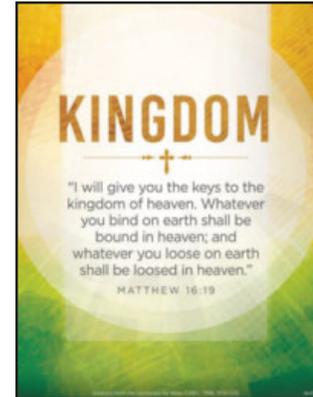
AUGUST 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week...

Tues Aug 29

Feast of John the Baptist

Enrollment for Religious Education is open. Please visit the parish website and click on Faith Formation. Space is limited. Classes begin September 25th.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

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 Sept 2/3 will be for Catholic University.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 2/3

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Kyle Foltz
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	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!



This Week we Celebrate The Passion of John the Baptist

John the Baptist did not limit himself to teaching repentance or conversion. Instead, in recognizing Jesus as the “Lamb of God” who came to take away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29), he had the profound humility to hold up Jesus as the One sent by God, drawing back so that he might take the lead, and be heard and followed. As his last act the Baptist witnessed with his blood to faithfulness to God’s commandments, without giving in or withdrawing, carrying out his mission to the very end. In the 9th century the Venerable Bede says in one of his Homilies: “*St John gave his life for [Christ]. He was not ordered to deny Jesus Christ, but was ordered to keep silent about the truth*” (cf. Homily 23: CCL 122, 354). And he did not keep silent about the truth and thus died for Christ who is the Truth. Precisely for love of the truth he did not stoop to compromises and did not fear to address strong words to anyone who had strayed from God’s path... celebrating the martyrdom of St John the Baptist reminds us too, Christians of this time, that with love for Christ, for his words and for the Truth, we cannot stoop to compromises. The Truth is Truth; there are no compromises. Christian life demands, so to speak, the “martyrdom” of daily fidelity to the Gospel, the courage, that is, to let Christ grow within us and let him be the One who guides our thought and our actions. However, this can happen in our life only if we have a solid relationship with God.

~Benedict XVI 29 August 2012

**Happy Feast Day of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist!
Patron of our Parish ~ August 29th**

Thank you for Prayers

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank you all for the prayers and Masses you have offered on behalf of my father. They have been a great consolation and an incredible witness to my close and extended families of the tremendous community here and the power of intercessory prayers.

~Fr. Gee

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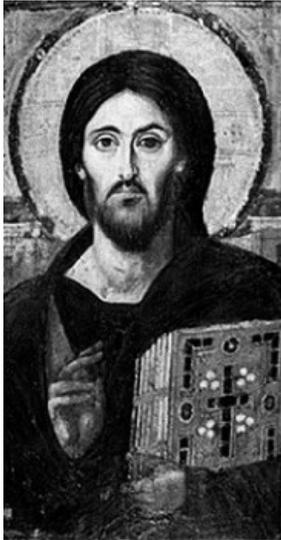
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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.

The Confirmation retreat for all *confirmandi* (those to be confirmed at the Sept 23 Confirmation Mass) will be on Saturday, **September 16**, from the 8:30am Mass until 12:00pm.

Enrollment for our **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (for ages 3-12) program, as well as for **Confirmation preparation** class (grades 7-8) is now open. Please visit the parish website and click on Faith Formation. Hurry! Space is limited.

Catholic Biblical School Starts Soon!

It's time to register for the Catholic Biblical School! All adults are welcome to attend classes even if they were unable to join last year. The Life of Christ and the Epistles of St. Paul (Year 2) is on Tuesdays at 7pm. Classes are available in person and online. New and returning students can register for classes at the Biblical School website (www.CatholicBiblicalSchoolVA.org). Remember St. Jerome's famous quote: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." You will enjoy going deeper into Scripture like never before with the Biblical School!



VOCATIONS

Lean on your Beloved, because the soul who abandons herself in the hands of Jesus in all she does is carried in his arms.

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Much of what our Lord wants flies in the face of normal human inclination and reason. We can only rise to this level of thinking through the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Let go of your problems, stop worrying and trying to resolve them yourself. Believe, trust and allow our Lord to rescue you and provide everything as only He can.

Jesus, You take care of it, should be the first words that come to mind and flow from your lips. After all, you have tried to do things your way and look where it has got you. Open your heart and mind in love and close your eyes in trust

and ask Jesus to take care of it. He will.

<https://www.fatherdolindoruotolo.com/>

https://youtu.be/FnnWEn_rPdw

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?"

Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life,

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

Opportunities

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

SAVE THE DATE FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER WALK FOR LIFE!

Saturday October 7th



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Virtual After Abortion Care Group

Virtual After Abortion Care Group: abortion healing support is available and the Keys to Hope and Healing are within your reach! Many men and women have gone through a range of emotions after abortion but are now on the journey of hope and healing. Starting on Wednesday, September 6, Project Rachel Ministry will host a 6-week virtual after abortion care group on Zoom, from 7-8pm. For confidential inquiries and to learn more, contact Sarah at info@helpafterabortion.org.

HOMESCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL MASS, BLESSING AND PICNIC

September 8: 12:00pm 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 celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday.

Procession in Honor of Our Lady of America

Monday Sept 4

Join in a public witness to our Catholic Faith, our love for our country, Our Lady and Our Lord. We will pray the rosary in procession, sing national and Marian hymns, and offer prayers... Procession begins at 10:30am outside the church. See flyer for more details.

CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults

Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) from parishes across the Diocese of Arlington to join him at CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults. Join him on Saturday, September 23 for the annual Mass for Young Adults, an inspirational keynote from Mr. Sam Goodwin who was trapped in Syria's notoriously brutal prison system, breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! Make new friends and connect to your local Young Adult Ministries as we contemplate how we've been CALLED to holiness. We are excited to offer complimentary childcare for this conference! The Mass and Conference will run from 2-9:15pm. Register now to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing! To register: https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/Young_Adult_Conference/Register.aspx

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, on Saturday, October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The day will feature a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mass, procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. The two shrines within this pilgrimage are at separate locations and require a 6-minute drive. Transportation to Emmitsburg is not provided. For more information please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/

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](https://www.facebook.com/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

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*)



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.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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.

- **Roadside Cleanup:** The Council's roadside cleanup (Highway 340 near Skyline Drive) schedule is scheduled for **Saturday, September 30, from 10:00am-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: Saturday, October 7 after Vigil Mass.** A potluck supper will follow in Father Ruehl Hall.

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.

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(540) 635-6181

frontroyalpregnancy.org

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Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org



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For full list of ministries, go to www.sjtb.org or call the parish office for specific inquiries.

DIVINE MERCY SAID:

“Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day.”

(St. Faustina Diary 83)

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Divine Mercy for the Dying	mbodoh@sjtb.org	Prayer Chain	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 setonmom@gmail.com
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Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@sjtb.org	Religious Education	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
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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

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Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
Mike Farris	Sara Mulcahy	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 Souls of PEGGY NESBITT COCHRAN ANNE MARY VIEIRA

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Chris Reinhard
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Mark Belton	Kristina Grdina	Jose Reyes
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Heather Bill-Blanchard	Jonathan Hamilton	Alex Rojas
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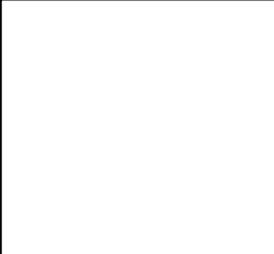
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