

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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120 West Main Street Front Royal, VA 22630
540-635-3780(tel) 540-635-2683(fax) stjohns@sjtb.org

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 & 3:30pm

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.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 ~ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 11 - 17, 2023

MONDAY SEPT 11

Weekday

8:30am Fr. Andrew Clark
12:00pm Colleen de la Fleur

TUESDAY SEPT 12

Weekday / Holy Name of Mary

8:30am +Bill & Helen Martin
12:00pm Fr. Tom Shepanzyk

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13

Saint John Chrysostom

8:30am Fr. Mark Ivaney
12:00pm Raymond McMahon
7:00pm +Rhonda Flores

THURSDAY SEPT 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am +Fred, Marie &
Betty Trost
12:00pm Holy Cross Academy
Oneida, NY

FRIDAY SEPT 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30am Carmela Rao
12:00pm +Brendan McGuire

SATURDAY SEPT 16

Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30am +Chris Cuddeback

SATURDAY VIGIL

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Mary Regina Guay

SUNDAY SEPT 17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Robert Taylor
8:30am +Charles & Irmgard
Wagner
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm Cameron Family
5:00pm Kim Family

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 3:30pm

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week...

Tues Sept 12

5:30-6pm Main Church
Introductory Altar Server Mtg

Wed Sept 13

7pm FRH
Biblical School Year 2 begins

Wed Sept 13

7-8pm Adoration Chapel
Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

Sat Sept 16

Confirmation Retreat

New Confession Time:

Saturday afternoon confessions will now begin at 3:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2,3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9
/Mt 18:21-35

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 16/17
will be for Parish Improvements.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 16/17

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric
8:30am	Mark & John Bockrath, Jerome Butler, Michael Fisher, Simon Hepler, Max Stanmeyer
10:30am	Benedict Keough, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott, Desmond & Duncan Stewart, Jude & Jaxton Fusaro
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!*

ST JOHN'S STAFF

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Parish Membership

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.



September: Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

"She it was, who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members." ~Pope Pius XII

To honor our Sorrowful Mother this month

- pray the Seven Sorrows devotion or the Stabat Mater
- display a picture of Our Lady of Sorrows in your home



Christendom College Pietà

FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER WALK FOR LIFE



SAVE THE DATE! REGISTER ONLINE NOW

for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center 2023

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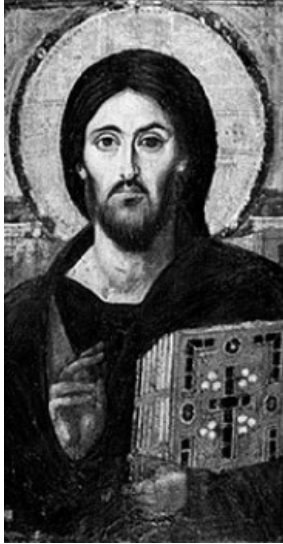
Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington. Contact your parish office to register no later than Monday, October 2. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Thank you from the Carlson Family

To our Dear Priests and Community of St. John the Baptist
Our loving thank you for all the prayers, masses, and sympathy cards for Tom. We thank our beloved priests for the many visits bringing Jesus to Tom during his illness. Our special thank you for all who made the luncheon after Mass Please know you will all be remembered in our daily prayers for your thoughtfulness and generosity during our difficult times .

Sincerely Mary Ann Carlson with Tom Jr,
Christopher, Jonathan and Heather



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

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, Fr Gee will be offering inquiry and instruction classes (**RCIA**) on Monday evenings, **6:00pm, in Frassati Hall (23 Oak St, next to the church and across from Bowman Park)**. Classes begin next **Monday, September 18**. Please contact David Wallace for more information or to sign up for classes. Anyone may attend, even if already Catholic!

Catholic Biblical School Starts September 12!

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!

St. Ignatius of Loyola Men's Silent Retreat

Join Fr. Dave Dufresne at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA, as we consider the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We will study St. Ignatius' battle plan on how to win "the identity war," focusing on the importance of knowing Jesus Christ, recognizing who we are in Him, and helping others to discover their true identity. Dates are Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1. Retreat cost is \$285 and financial assistance may be available. For more information, please email Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or check out our website: www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat.

VOCATIONS

For you, brethren, have been called unto liberty: only make not liberty an occasion to the flesh, but by charity of the spirit serve one another. Gal 5:13

Vocation boldly and righteously lived will guide you to sanctification.

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt

"Where two or three are gathered in My name..."

The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood?

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

Sundays with the Sisters

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! The tour showcases the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The tour is wrapping up, the last two stops are the Poor Clares on Sunday, September 24 and the Adorers of the Holy Cross (in English and Vietnamese) on Sunday, October 22. For single women ages 18-50. RSVP by the Monday before each event (September 18, October 16) to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. More info at www.arlingtondiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

Activities & Events

New Altar Servers Meeting

Introductory Altar Server Meeting for New Boys: Tuesday, Sept. 12th from 5:30-6pm in the church.

Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

On Wednesday evening, September 13 from 7-8pm in the Adoration chapel, a Rosary Holy Hour will be prayed in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on this anniversary of her fifth apparition to the three children of Portugal. Please join us.

Local Candidates Forum

Location Change

Monday, Sept. 18-6pm

Samuel's Public Library

The purpose of the forum, which is open to the public, give voters the opportunity to meet and hear from those running for office in November.

2023 Speaker Series at San Damiano Sensory Gardens

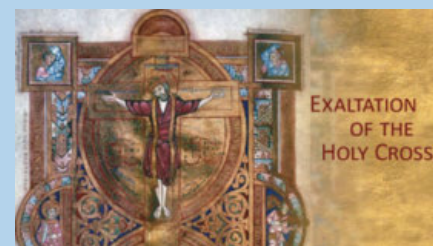
Sunday, October 1st 4-6pm Outdoors in the Courtyard
Chef and co-owner of Violino Restaurant in Winchester, Mr. Riccardo Stocco, will share the benefits of growing, harvesting, and preparing vegetables and herbs in the home garden. Learn simple and innovative ways to bring wholesome food to your table to nourish body and soul. To attend please RSVP to vanessa.lewis@arlingtondiocese.org

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF PIZZA PARTY

Join us on Friday, September 29th, from 7-8:30pm in Fr. Ruehl hall for pizza and to plan a year of fun and formational activities! This meeting is open to middle school and high school students (ages 12-18) and their parents. Parents are not required to attend but are invited to our first meeting. Please RSVP at <http://evite.me/621w74VXPU> so we can provide enough pizza for everyone. Contact Gwen Grundman at gwendolyn.grundman@gmail.com with questions.

September 14: Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis) ~Vatican News



Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness

Friday-Sunday, October 6-8, 2023. Damiano Spiritual Life Center
No cost for participant and caregiver. Space is limited! Registration closes September 15. Contact retreat@ccda.net or call (703)841-3830.

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

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-Begin Sept. 18

Knights Corner
John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771
www.kofc7771.org



Cinnamon Bun Sales Return This Weekend!

Don't miss out on the best Cinnamon Buns in the Shenandoah Valley! The Knights' popular cinnamon bun will be offered after Masses this weekend, **Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10**. Individual rolls are \$3 or a box of four for \$9.

Other Upcoming Events:

· **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. Contact 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. RSVP to Leo Carling at the number above.

· **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, lew-is.kapell@protonmail.com).

· **Annual Rosary Procession:** The annual St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Rosary Procession will take place immediately following the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 7. A potluck supper will follow in Father Ruehl Hall.

Contact us:

Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com. Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org.

DIVINE MERCY SAID:

"My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone.



I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life -- for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness."

(St. Faustina Diary, 1488)

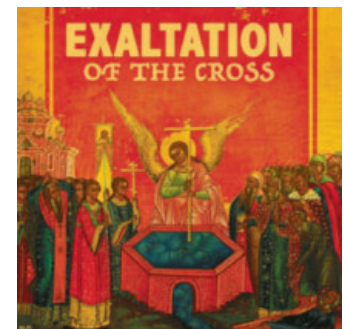
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(877)558-0333 abortionpillreversal.com

Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org

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

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	Tahlia Fernandez	Magdalena O'Neill
John Alsberry	John Fusto	Barbara Ann Orozco
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Jorge Daniel Chang	Susan Kirby	Judy Samborsky
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Al Dudeck	Laura McMahon	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Ignatius Ehlinger	Edward Meinsen	Maida Tapia
Kathy Elar	Marie Miller	Judith Thompson
Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
Mike Farris	Sara Mulcahy	Kathy Winkle

Please Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Chris Reinhard
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Mark Belton	Kristina Grdina	Jose Reyes
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Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Kieran Vieira
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Michael Wood
Samatha Wilkinson	Jason Pugh	Mark Zepeda

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2023 For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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