

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 & 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 17, 2023 ~ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 18 - 24, 2023

MONDAY SEPT 18

Weekday

8:30am +Sharon Ann O'Donnell
12:00pm +Robert Daley

TUESDAY SEPT 19

Weekday / Saint Januarius

8:30am +Ramon Hernandez
12:00pm +Barbara Poepping

WEDNESDAY SEPT 20

Saints Andrew Kim and Paul

Chong and Companions

8:30am +Donna Young
12:00pm +Sharon O'Connell
7:00pm +Tom Carlson

THURSDAY SEPT 21

St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30am McLendon family
12:00pm +John LeClair, Sr

FRIDAY SEPT 22

Weekday

8:30am Fr. Kevin Regan
12:00pm +Josette Cordova

SATURDAY SEPT 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30am Ward family

SATURDAY VIGIL

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Francis & Irene
Cushner

SUNDAY SEPT 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Joseph Castellan
8:30am Mike & Anita Burns
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm +David Lichy
5:00pm Fr. Duesterhaus

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 3:30pm

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week...

Tues Sept 19

7:00pm FRH
Women of St. John's Mtg

Tues Sept 19

5:30pm
Confirmation Rehearsal

Sat Sept 23

10:30am Confirmation
Pray for our Confirmandi!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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 23/24
will be for Social Outreach.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 23/24

5:00pm	Greg, Luke & Mark Hsu
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Samuel Price
8:30am	Joseph Burghardt, Michael Stahl, Benedict Schmiedicke, Joe & Jack Nolan
10:30am	Matthew Clark, Mark & Seamus Kelly, Liam & Marty Clark, James Chapman, Don Sternfels
12:30pm	Erik Reyes, Juan Aviles-Reyes, Jose Ramirez, Homero Salazar
5:00pm	Aidan, John & Louis Barragan

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



FRONT ROYAL PREGNANCY CENTER WALK FOR LIFE

A Chance to Grow

Put your faith into action! The Front Royal Pregnancy Center wouldn't exist without your support. The non-profit Center completely depends upon individuals, churches, schools, and fundraising events like their annual Walk for Life to provide life affirming services for women, babies and families in our community. Through the Center, your financial, material and volunteer support directly makes a difference.

Will you partner with the Center? Every bit helps - everyone doing & giving a little bit adds up to make a huge impact. GO TO www.frpcwalkforlife.com to learn more and to register. (also - learn how to earn a free t-shirt!)

If you have any questions, email staff@frontroyalpregnancy.org or call the office at (540) 635-6181.



Brunch for New Parishioners

Today, Sunday September 17, there will be a brunch for all St. John's parishioners who have registered in the last 4/5 months. Please come to Padre Pio Hall on West Main St any time between 9:30am-12:30pm for local information and a hot breakfast with fellow parishioners.

RCIA begins

Fr. Gee will be conducting instruction on Monday evenings beginning Sept 18 to non-Catholics and Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. For information, contact David Wallace at dwallace@sjtb.org or (540) 635-3780 ext 202.

Today is Catechetical Sunday

How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday? Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. God bless all parents and teachers who bring others to Christ.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

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

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Parish Membership

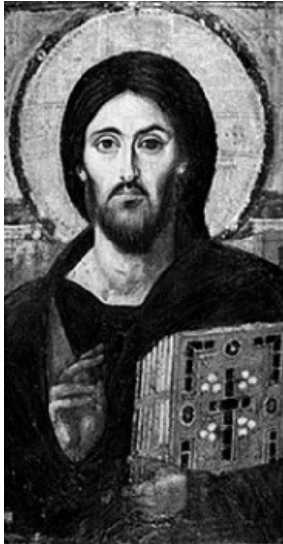
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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.



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**. All candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors should arrive in Fr Ruehl Hall (church basement) no later than 9:45am on Saturday. The Bishop will speak to the candidates at 10:00am. A reception will follow the Mass. The newly confirmed and their sponsors will have the opportunity for photos during the reception.

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 this week: **Monday, September 18**. Please contact

David Wallace for more information or to sign up for classes. Anyone may attend, even if already Catholic!

Opportunities

VOCATIONS

To pray is to lie in constant, calm, strong, and lasting union with God, to look at everything from God's point of view, and to be so peacefully anchored in eternity that annoyances, unavoidable struggles, and continual activity have no ability to disturb us or to drag us down. -Elisabeth Leseur

"For Her Husband's Conversion" is an inspiring vocation story about a woman who had to endure many trials in her married life. Her way of living, as well as her prayers and sacrifices, ultimately led to the conversion of her husband, Felix Leseur, an adamant atheist who had so often opposed and ridiculed Elisabeth for her faith. Following her death, he discovered a letter which prophesized his conversion. He became a Dominican priest and led a retreat attended by Archbishop Fulton Sheen who, following numerous hours under his spiritual direction, learned of and often repeated his conversion story.

<https://www.homeofthemothor.org/en/magazine/selected-articles/saints/12575-elisabeth-leseur>

*"...therefore whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's."*

Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Sundays with the Sisters
www.arlingtondiocese.org/RejoiceTour

Divine Mercy University

Join us for an Open House on September 23 for an exciting and informative program showcasing all we have to offer to prospective students. Meet with faculty, learn about our graduate school academic programs, internship opportunities, and explore how our education and worldwide network of students and alumni can impact your career! You'll also learn more on our application and financial aid process, scholarship and tuition discount opportunities, and hear from current students about life at DMU and what post-graduate opportunities we offer, including scholarships for SJTB parishioners!
divinemercury.edu/calendar/dmu-open-house/

St. John Bosco Parish in Woodstock Job Openings

Two positions are open: A full time Office Manager and part time Religious Education Office Assistant. For more information go to their website: www.sjbwoodstock.org

Visual Development & Reading Success

Did you know that your child can pass the 20/20 test and still have significant vision problems which can interfere with school, sports, or the child's social life? Join us on Monday, September 25th from 7:00 - 8:30pm to hear Dr. Tod Davis address these concerns and more, including:

What role does vision play in learning? How does child development impact reading? Best age to start the reading process? What are the gifts of dyslexia? Feel free to bring a friend! For more information contact susanhibl@john23mcc.org

Talk will be held at 1332 Anderson Street, Front Royal | White Oaks at John XXIII Montessori Center

Activities & Events

GIVE AN HOUR - CHANGE A HEART - CHANGE A LIFE!

Join the National Life Chain in Winchester. Pray for God's gift of Life. Sunday, October 1, 2:30-3:30 pm. Arrive by 2:15 pm. Meet at Amherst St. & Keating Dr. Pray and stand peacefully for unborn children, mothers & fathers victimized by abortion. Official signs provided. Families welcome! For information, contact Frances Moyer at 571-992-5848



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.

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

That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

The Women of St. John present: Coming Home

Join us as a panel of women share their stories of conversion and reversion and discuss praying for our non-Catholic/non-practicing family and friends.

Tuesday Sept 19, doors open at 7, talk to begin at 7:30pm in Fr Ruehl Hall. Open to women ages 18+.

Walk for Life:

A Chance to Grow

Saturday, October 7, 9:00am
11 South Royal Ave

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th 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

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

LifeCraft Day at the Barn

Christendom College philosophy professors John Cuddeback and Mike Brown, along with Sofia Cuddeback, invite you to LifeCraft Day at the Barn, Saturday Oct. 7, a mini-retreat near Front Royal titled "Virtue, Authority, and Discipline: For Us and the Children." The day will feature philosophical examination, delicious food, and fellowship. 9:15am - 3pm. Open to anyone 17 and older (nursing babies allowed). Information and registration at LIFECRAFTDAY2023.EVENTBRITE.COM
Questions?
lifecraftgroup@gmail.com

The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **October 20-28, 2023**.

The Closing day will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers through out the day. Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY.

On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at www.iwopf.org for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.

Second Annual Ministry Fair

The Outreach Committee is organizing the Second Annual Ministry Fair at St. John's. The ministry fair will be held over three weekends in October with specific groups represented each week. Please plan to stop by after Mass!

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



DIVINE MERCY SAID:

"My daughter, who it is to whom your heart is so closely united by the vows. Before I made the world, I loved you with the love your heart is experiencing today and, throughout the centuries, My love will never change."
 (St. Faustina Diary, 1754)
 (Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)



Council Newsletter - Did You Read It?

The Council's newsletter "Knights in Action" was sent by e-mail to all members on Friday, September 1st. Please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555) if you didn't receive it or need to update your e-mail address.

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).

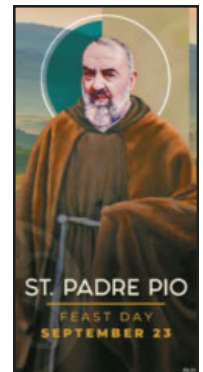
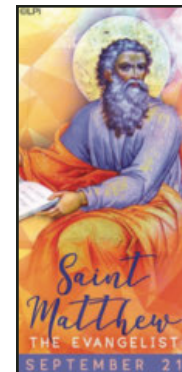
Annual Rosary Procession: The annual St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Rosary Procession will take place immediately following the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday, October 7**. A potluck supper will follow in Father Ruehl Hall.

Thank you for buying our Knights of Columbus Cinnamon Buns!
 It was another sell-out event. Thank you for your patronage. Our next Knights' Cinnamon Bun sale will be the **weekend of November 11-12, 2023**. Mark your calendars!

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.

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

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Tahlia Fernandez	Sara Mulcahy
John Alsberry	John Fusto	Magdalena O'Neill
Brenda Bailey	Laura Fusto	Barbara Ann Orozco
Rozie Baker	Gary Garcia	Carmela Rao
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Elijah Carino	Nancy Heywood	John William Rice
Mary Ann Carlson	Billy Hooten	Mary Alice Rice
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Joseph Centrella	John Janaro	Gabbi Rodgers
Jorge Daniel Chang	Erik Jurek	Elaine Ryan
Dominique DeClue	Susan Kirby	Judy Samborsky
Bob & Anne DeLong	Peggy Leonardi	Dan Schneible
Linda Donahue	Maureen Lewis	Mary Shaffer
Clara Anne Duda	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Sophie Shannon
Al Dudeck	Carol B. May	Anee Stanford
Ignatius Ehlinger	Laura McMahon	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Kathy Elar	Edward Meinsen	Judith Thompson
Ned Farinholt	Marie Miller	Karen Waldron
Mike Farris	Peter Monfasani	Kathy Winkle

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

RICARDA MURILLO
ROBERT HICKSON

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Samatha Wilkinson	Chris Reinhard
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Colin t. Barrett	Jasmine Frank	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Dustin Goard	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Kristina Grdina	Lxam Robles
David Berry	Steven Gregg	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Benjamin Gregory	Alex Rojas
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Kevin Corella	Clement M. O'Reilly	Brian Tilley
Rory Crooks	Daniel Nejja	Jamie Troutman
Vince E. Cruz	David Parnes	Manuel A. Vicente
Trey Dusseault	Justice M. Parrott	Kieran Vieira
Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Michael Wood
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Mark Zepeda
	Jason Pugh	

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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