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)

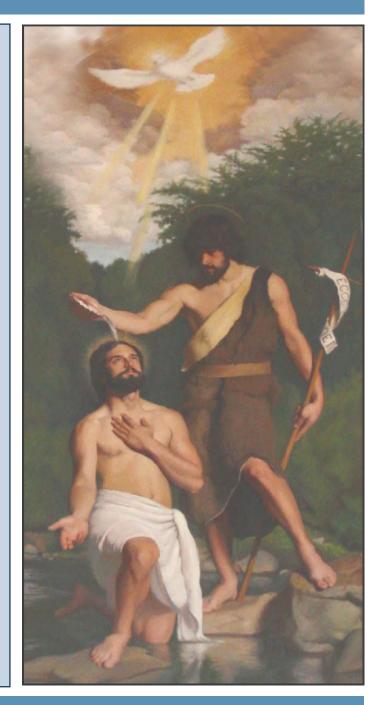
Sacraments

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 24, 2023 ~ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS Sept 18 - 24, 2023

MONDAY SEPT 25

Weekday8:30amFr Christopher Seith12:00pmO'Connell Family,living and deceased

TUESDAY SEPT 26

Weekday / Sts Cosmos & Damian 8:30am +Brendan McGuire 12:00pm John Rey

WEDNESDAY SEPT 27

Saint Vincent de Paul 8:30am Lily Germain 12:00pm Sargis Family, living & deceased 7:00pm +George Nicholas Gee

THURSDAY SEPT 28

Weekday / St Wenceslaus 8:30am Gabriel Bise 12:00pm Audrey Bolan

FRIDAY SEPT 29

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael 8:30am Maria Mossman 12:00pm Eileen Marie Gilreath

SATURDAY SEPT 30

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor 8:30am Desiderio Family, living & deceased

SATURDAY VIGIL

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Parker Feiring

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
7:00am	+Helen, Adrien			
	& Ron Fournier			
8:30am	+Tom Carlson			
10:30am	Parish Family			
12:30pm	Familia Alfaro			
5:00pm	Tim & Hannah McGraw			

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday: 8:30am and 6:30pm Saturday: 8:30am & 3:30pm

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week...

Tues Sept 26 7:30-9:30pm FRH Wonderfully Fashioned

Fri Sept 29 7-8:30pm FRH Youth Group Kick Off Mtg

Sat Sept 30 10am FRH Early Irish Christianity

ST. JOHN VIANNEY THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab,2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
•	Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
	2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
	Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11
	or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-3

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 30/Oct 1 will be for Religious Education.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 30/OCT 1		
5:00pm	Cedric Schmiedicke, Jason Kasevich	
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Kyle Foltz	
8:30am	Declan Thomas, Brooks Reuwer, Matty & Jack Akers, Isaac Fitzpatrick	
10:30am	Dominic, Andre & John Criste, Jimmy & Jack Stanford, Samuel & Ben Meza	
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!



Priesthood Sunday

Today is Priesthood Sunday - a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Say an extra prayer for all priests but especially those who have given you the sacraments and our own St. John's priests! You may sign up to offer them prayers in the spiritual bouquet booklet in the narthex.

Front Royal Pregnancy Center Walk for Life: A Chance to Grow

The unborn need our help! Put on your walking shoes to support the Front Royal Pregnancy Center! The Front Royal Pregnancy Center is dedicated to helping women have confidence in a future that does not involve abortion, and we need your help.



Collect: Ask your friends, relatives and neighbors to

contribute to FRPC by sponsoring you. Get started by registering online at: www.frpcwalkforlife.com. Your sponsors will be able to pledge and pay directly on-line. (You can even share your page on

Facebook!) You can also send cash or check directly to the FRPC. <u>Walk</u>: Join us on October 7th in the parking area behind the Pregnancy Center. Enjoy morning festivities and walk less than one mile through downtown Front Royal on the annual Walk for Life. Registration and fun start at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Pray</u>: Remember the Pregnancy Center in your daily prayers. Our ability to support our community depends on your prayers!

If you have any questions, contact us: staff@frontroyalpregnancy.org or call (540) 635-6181

St. Michael Prayer

This Friday is the feast day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Catholic Vote is sponsoring a Novena to Defend Catholics in America that began on Sept 20. You may still join in to invoke the intercession of St. Michael as the Catholic Church has been assailed in America over the past few years - churches are being vandalized at an alarming rate and Catholics are being targeted just for living their faith in public. While we demand justice, we



also know that some demons "can only be driven out by prayer and fasting." Now is the time to join together in prayerful solidarity to ask for St. Michael's powerful protection. catholicvote.org/novena

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/Business Manager

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

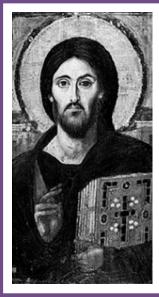
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

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*

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly confirmed members of the Church! On Saturday September 23 Bishop Burbidge conferred the sacrament of Confirmation on approximately 70 St. John's parish candidates. May God bless you as you are called to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in your families, neighborhoods, society, and the world.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, Fr Gee has begun 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)**. Please contact David Wallace for more information or to sign up for classes. Anyone may attend, even if already Catholic!

VOCATIONS

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us. -St. John Vianney

What are the links between Eucharist and vocation?

Vocations begin with the Eucharist; they are developed through the Eucharist; and they are preserved by the Eucharist. All of this is true because the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, still on earth, working through men and women whom He calls to share His Plan for salvation.

Eucharistic coherence is about coming alive in the reality of a dynamic relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist which orders every part of our lives around him. https://denvercatholic.org/know-the-eucharistknow-your-vocation/

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

> Sundays with the Sisters www.arlingtondiocese.org/RejoiceTour

Cooking Up Some Fun for FIAT www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT



Opportunities

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

Gift Planning for You...and our Parish

Planning for the future -- whether it is your retirement, or the future of your parish community is important. Including a gift in your will or trust is a simple way to express your unending gratitude to God. For more information on naming our parish or the diocese in your will, you may contact your attorney or visit www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

Christendom Rugby Raffle

Tickets: \$100 <Only 350 will be sold> Enter by Nov 19 Drawing: Monday Nov 20 Chance to Win \$5,000 or \$500 or \$250 www.christendinrugby.square.site

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

MAM

Walk for Life: A Chance to Grow Saturday, October 7, 9:00am

Annual Rosary Procession The annual St. John's Rosary Procession will take place immediately following the 5:00pm Vigil



Mass on Saturday, October 7, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. A potluck supper will follow in Father Ruehl Hall.

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, 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

That Man Is You Saturdays 6:30am FRH **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

Welcome to Wonderfully Fashioned 2023!

We are opening the year with an introductory meeting on Tuesday, September 26th from 7:30-9:30pm at Father Rhuel Hall. As with all previous meetings, we shall serve tea and decaf coffee and have a fun talk and activities. Girls ages 14-18 are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend and please bring a snack to share! Looking forward to seeing you there!

St John's Seniors Group Presents... Early Irish Christianity Did you know....

There were Christians in Ireland before St. Patrick ever got there?
That the earliest Christianity in Ireland was more Egyptian than Roman?

- Was there a distinctive "Celtic Church"?

Find out the answers & learn more about early Irish Christianity from **Connie Marshner, at 10am on September 30, in Fr Ruehl Hall.** Connie pursued an online Master's Degree in Gaelic Literature at University College, Cork. The title of her dissertation (which received First Honours) was "Ex Aegypto Transducta: Eastern Influences in Early Irish Christianity"

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!

Eucharistic Rosary Congress October 7 - 13, 2023

Mark your calendars! St. John's will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress beginning with the Rosary Procession on Oct 7 after the vigil Mass. Plan to spend some time with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel during that week. Knights Corner John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771 www.kofc7771.org

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.

• Save the Date: Sunday, October 29: The first of our "Fifth Sunday" Patriotic Rosaries for our country will be held on Sunday, October 29, just before the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This Rosary will be said in all months having five Sundays. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

• **Council Membership Meetings**: Second Wednesday of the month, Padre Pio Hall. Dinner and Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rosary at 7:10 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Front Royal Pregnancy Center (540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org *Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline* (877)558-0333 abortionpillreversal.com *Project Rachel* helpafterabortion.org

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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

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Church Flowers & Decor	julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com	Parents' Support Group	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688
		Children 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
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	rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com		
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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 /	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Postpartum Support			
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		

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

PRAYER LIST

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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.

Please Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger Brady Anderson Colin t. Barrett 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 Trev Dusseault Matthew Farrall Parker Feiring

Samatha Wilkinson Zachary Francis Jasmine Frank Dustin Goard Kristina Grdina Steven Gregg Benjamin Gregory Jonathan Hamilton Steven Held, Jr. Daniel Heywood Peter Hickson Erik Hickson David Kelleher David Larsen Glen Lash Joseph Marsch Christine Marsch Emma Morgan Clement M. O'Reilly Daniel Neiia David Parnes Justice M. Parrott Jason Pettingill John C. Price Jason Pugh

Chris Reinhard Michael Reuwer Anthony Reyes Jose Reves Lxex Robles David Rogers Alex Rojas Bobby Saxon Truman Sayre, Jr. David Schmitt Forest Selby Paul Shannon Andrew Shorter Richard Skelton, Sr. Devon Smith Timothy Smith Sean Smith Keegan J. Thomas Brian Tilley Jamie Troutman Manuel A. Vicente Kieran Vieira Michael Wood Mark Zepeda



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