

# 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.



**FEBRUARY 11, 2024 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
February 12 - 18, 2024

**MONDAY FEB 12**

*Weekday*

8:30am Hugh Willson  
12:00pm Kathy Brown

**TUESDAY FEB 13**

*Weekday*

8:30am Larry Foltz  
12:00pm Fr Daniel Gee

**WEDNESDAY FEB 14**

*Ash Wednesday*

7:00am +Ed Zwierski  
8:30am +Peter Olenick  
12:00pm +Robert Bond  
5:00pm +Souls in Purgatory  
7:00pm +Cecilia Ranieri  
(Spanish)

**THURSDAY FEB 15**

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

8:30am Daniel Portzer  
12:00pm Andrew Golden

**FRIDAY FEB 16**

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

8:30am Isaac Snyder  
12:00pm Anita Townsend

**SATURDAY FEB 17**

*Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

8:30am Samuel Brandy

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Simon Long

**SUNDAY FEB 18**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00am +Tim McMahon  
8:30am Mary Reusch  
10:30am Parish Family  
12:30pm +Antonio Biagini  
5:00pm Francis Long

**CONFESSION TIMES**

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

Saturday:  
8:30am & 3:30pm

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Today Feb 11**

Knights of Columbus will be selling their famous Super Bowl Subs after all the Masses.

**Wed Feb 14**

Ash Wednesday  
Lent Begins  
See schedule for extra Masses

**Fri Feb 16**

Soup Night  
4:30-6:30pm in FRH



**Stations of the Cross** each Friday in Lent at 5pm and 6pm and in Spanish at 7pm.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Keep in Touch**

Sign up to receive St John's email updates by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe. [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org)

**Second Collection**

The Second Collection on Feb 17/18 will be for Black and Indian Missions

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEB 17/18**

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Adam Reeves
8:30am	Declan Thomas, Brooks Reuwer, Joe & Jack Nolan, Jerome Butler, Benedict Schmiedicke
10:30am	Damien Shunk, Nate Hibl, Joseph & Jude MacDougall, Ronan, Eamonn & Declan Glass
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriguez, Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles
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!



## ST JOHN'S STAFF

### Rev. Daniel Gee

*Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com*

### Rev. Tom Shepanyk

*Parochial Vicar*

*firtom@sjtb.org*

### Rev. Michael Duesterhaus

*Parochial Vicar, frmrd@sjtb.org*

### Deacon Rafael Goldsmith

*Permanent Deacon*

### 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*

### World Day of the Sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.



### World Marriage Day



World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

### 2024 LENT

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. See flyer on page 10 for our Lenten schedule or go to our website: [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org).

### Lenten Soup Nights 2024

Our annual Lenten Soup Nights begin on February 16th. Six nights of delicious soups, pasta and sides. Donations will support St. John's Social Outreach programs. **Volunteers are needed** for soup and pasta making, serving, setup/clean up: please contact Cathy Remmers at [remmers66@gmail.com](mailto:remmers66@gmail.com).

### Benefit for Our Linden Nuns

The nuns at St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden are within our parish boundaries. They are praying for us and we should pray for them and assist them as best we can. The Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery organize their annual fundraising event for the nuns on Laetare Sunday.



### The Laetare Benefit Supporting the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery on Sunday, March 10, 2024

For more info, please contact: [friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com)

For other needs/donations go to: [www.lindenopnuns.org/how-to-help](http://www.lindenopnuns.org/how-to-help)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

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

540-635-3780 (phone)

540-635-2683 (fax)

[stjohns@sjtb.org](mailto: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.



**2024 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!**

**Commitment Weekend :** *Behold, I make all things new*

This weekend each household is asked to make a BLA pledge or gift. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God’s blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the BLA. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code below to make a gift



**WORKCAMP 2024: CONTRACTORS NEEDED**

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need. Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp](http://arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp) for more information.

**Donate Your Vehicle to St. John’s**

Help out St. John’s by donating your vehicle. Go to [www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html](http://www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html)

**Sacred Heart Rugby Club**

Attention all boys 7-15 years old. Coming to Front Royal in March is youth rugby. Our program is aimed at getting you trained in all aspects of rugby. Be part of a game that so many young men have fallen in love with - a game of tradition and character. Registration will begin mid February. For more details contact [info@sacredheartrugby.com](mailto:info@sacredheartrugby.com)

**WorkCamp 2024**

The annual diocesan WorkCamp will take place June 24-27 to make homes safer, warmer, or drier. Free home repair is offered in Warren, Clark and Fredrick Counties. If you or someone you know is in need of home repairs, call 703-841-2559 for more information or apply at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/wcapply](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/wcapply).

**Deadline to apply for home repair is 2/16.**



**Vocations Crucifix**

Vocations Crucifix host family sign up is now available at the following link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AC2CABFDC52-47616384-vocations](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA8AC2CABFDC52-47616384-vocations)

**Vocation Awareness**

*Let every day be the day of beginning again, of loving Christ a little more, of hungering for him a little more, of turning our face to him. To accomplish this, all we need do is to look at the person next to us. – Servant of God Catherine De Hueck Doherty*

Loving your neighbor as yourself is found eight times in the Bible, so important to God that He makes it a command. Jesus coupled the command to love your neighbor as yourself with loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

It isn’t always easy, that’s why God made it a command. He knew we’d struggle. Making it a commandment is actually to our benefit. How is that? We have to do it on purpose, be intentional about it. Sometimes even out of our need.

Loving your neighbor means...

- receiving God's love.
- loving ourselves as well.
- showing grace.
- acting with compassion.
- looking out for their wellbeing.
- serving them.
- speaking kindly.
- making allowances for other people’s humanity.
- sharing in their joys and sorrows.
- forgiving.

Be intentional, love purposefully and live your vocation to its fullness keeping a life of virtue, sacraments, holiness, and Heaven forever in your sights.

**RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Arlington Diocese

*“Do everything for the glory of God.”*

Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)

**Lights-Camera-Action FIAT Day**

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5pm at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Deadline to register: February 19. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT) or contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

**Vocation Retreat with the Nashville Dominicans**

March 7-10, 2024 for young women who are discerning their vocation and to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. To register Contact Sr. Mara Grace, the vocation director, at 615.256.0147 or through email at [vocation@op-tn.org](mailto:vocation@op-tn.org). Space is limited and an interview is necessary.

## Activities & Events

### Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13th, in the Adoration Chapel a Holy Hour of Adoration and Reparation will be offered



on the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus. The Holy Hour will begin with the Chaplet of Reparation followed by the Litany of the Holy Face, then silent Adoration. At 7:30 pm we will pray the Holy Rosary and conclude the holy hour. *"By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of sinners will be obtained".* Our Lord to Sr. Mary de Saint Pierre, November 1846.

### Annual Diocesan Retreats

Men's Retreat: March 2 Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men)

Women's Retreat: March 9 Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women)

### Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

A Rosary Holy Hour marking the 107th anniversary of the first apparition of the Angel of Portugal at Fatima will be offered on the Feast of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, TUESDAY, FEB 20th, from 7-8 pm in the CHAPEL. Please come to pray for world peace.

### Women of St. John's

We're happy to say, we were able to reschedule guest speaker, Shannon Whitmore for Tuesday, February 20. Doors open at 7pm, talk begins at 7:30. See Yourself As God Does.

### Women of St. John's Advent Retreat

Please save the date for our annual Women's half day silent Lenten retreat: March 2nd with Father Duesterhaus.

### Our Lady of Champion Academy Informational Meeting

Our Lady of Champion Academy (*opening Fall 2024*), a new classical hybrid homeschool academy, will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 7:15pm in Padre Pio Hall. Please come to learn more! Applications are currently being accepted. Please see: [ourladyofchampionacademy.org](http://ourladyofchampionacademy.org)

### Open Houses at John XXIII Montessori Center

February 18 & March 17  
Open Enrollment begins March 1!  
Come visit the 20+ acre farm campus of John XXIII Montessori Center, located at 1401 Linden Street, in Front Royal, by attending one of our Open Houses on Sunday, February 18 or March 17, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Discover our beautiful Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atria, Montessori Academics + Atrium programs, plus more formational options for children ages 1 - 16 as well as their parents. Our experienced Good Shepherd Catechists & AMI Montessori-trained teachers will be on hand to answer your questions and share our engaging environments for toddlers through Elementary with you. This Open House is only for parents; nursing babies are always welcome. For more information, contact [admin@john23mcc.org](mailto:admin@john23mcc.org).

### Christendom College Open House

Christendom College will be hosting an open house on Feb 24. See page 9 for details. [www.christendom.edu/openhouse](http://www.christendom.edu/openhouse)

### Chelsea Academy Open House

Chelsea Academy is hosting an Open House on Feb. 15, 4-6pm. 1190 Progress Dr., Front Royal. Free On-Site Babysitting Available! [www.chelseacademy.org](http://www.chelseacademy.org)

## Ongoing Activities

### SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am.

### The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email [thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com)

### That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

### RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

### Youth Group

Mondays 7-8:30pm FRH (2xMonth)

### 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 M-Sat.

### 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

### Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass

**Knights Corner**  
**John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771**  
[www.kofc7771.org](http://www.kofc7771.org)



**Super Bowl Sub Sales This Weekend:**

Stop by the tables after all Masses this weekend and get one or two of the Knights of Columbus world-famous Super Bowl submarine sandwiches! Two sizes – Super Size for \$20 and Half Size for \$12. Cash or card accepted.

**Join the Knights!**

The Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 here at St. John The Baptist is more than 200 members strong. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic Faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better providers for the financial protection of our families and better citizens here in Front Royal. Contact Grand Knight John Stieb at 703-755-5345, or Council Membership Chairman Leo Carling at 540-631-7555 for more information.

**Firewood Project:** The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. If you would like to help or if you know of a parishioner in need, please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555).

**Contact us:** Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or [gknightjs@gmail.com](mailto:gknightjs@gmail.com). Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or [cory.cook@kofc.org](mailto:cory.cook@kofc.org).

**DIVINE MERCY SAID:**

“My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering. Do good to those who hate you. It is not always within



your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who made you suffer.”

(St. Faustina Diary, 1628)

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**FORMED**

A great resource for Lent!

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

**Parish Code: QBKRGW**

**Virginia March for Life 2024**

Feb 21, 2024, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 1000 Bank St, Richmond, VA

Register Today for Virginia Pro-Life Day

Did you know the Virginia General Assembly session began January 10? A “right to abortion” Constitutional amendment resolution has already been introduced for consideration during the 2024 session. We need your voice to help stop this bill and protect the sanctity of life. Join thousands of pro-life advocates from across the state for Virginia Pro-Life Day on February 21. Meet with your legislators in the morning and then join the rally and March for Life at the state capitol. Learn more and register at [www.vaprolifeday.org](http://www.vaprolifeday.org).



<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<a href="mailto:outreach@sjtb.org">outreach@sjtb.org</a>
<b>Church Flowers &amp; Decor</b>	<a href="mailto:julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com">julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com</a>	<b>Parents' Support Group Children w/Special Needs</b>	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
<b>Divine Mercy for the Dying</b>	<a href="mailto:mbodoh@sjtb.org">mbodoh@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 <a href="mailto:setonmom@gmail.com">setonmom@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dominicans Third Order</b>	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 <a href="mailto:rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com">rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com</a>	<b>Prison Ministry</b>	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<a href="mailto:adoration@sjtb.org">adoration@sjtb.org</a>	<b>Religious Education</b>	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
<b>Fasting Brothers</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>	<b>RCIA</b>	Parish Office, 635-3780
<b>Flame of Love</b>	Boots Sargis <a href="mailto:bootssargis@yahoo.com">bootssargis@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Seven Sisters</b>	<a href="mailto:tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net">tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net</a>
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	<b>Saint Johns Athletics</b>	<a href="http://www.saintjohnsathletics.com">www.saintjohnsathletics.com</a>
<b>Legion of Mary/Adults</b>	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	<b>That Man is You!</b>	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
<b>Legion of Mary (Juniors)</b>	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	<b>Vocations Liaison</b>	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 <a href="mailto:sjtbvocations@gmail.com">sjtbvocations@gmail.com</a>
<b>Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)</b>	<a href="mailto:littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com">littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com</a>	<b>Youth Drama Club</b>	<a href="http://www.stjohnsdrama.org">www.stjohnsdrama.org</a>
<b>Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support</b>	<a href="mailto:thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com">thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com</a>	<b>Front Royal Pregnancy Center</b>	(540) 635-6181 <a href="http://frontroyalpregnancy.org">frontroyalpregnancy.org</a>
<b>Music &amp; Choirs</b>	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		<a href="http://abortionpillreversal.com">abortionpillreversal.com</a>

*For full list of ministries, go to [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org) or call the parish office for specific inquiries.*

## PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Gary Garcia	Judy Ratigan
Nellie Adkins	Paul Gerrick	Manuel Reyes Avila
John Alsberry	Michael Greco	Shoana Riccio
Allison Andrews	Eileen Hawkins	John William Rice
Brenda Bailey	Cecilia Hawkins	Mary Alice Rice
Rozie Baker	Nancy Heywood	Maggie Roberts
Dianne Boen	Billy Hooten	Gabbi Rodgers
Rose Britain	Norman Hunt	Elaine Ryan
Elijah Carino	John Janaro	Judy Samborsky
Mary Ann Carlson	Stephen Jerome	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Tony Casarotti	Erik Jurek	Dan Schneible
Joseph Centrella	Donald Kerns	Mary Shaffer
Jorge Daniel Chang	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Dominique DeClue	Peggy Leonardi	Cheryl Speed
Linda Donahue	Maureen Lewis	Sophie Sheppard
Clara Anne Duda	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Robin Spencer
Al Dudeck	Carol B. May	Wendy Stout
Kelly Duvall	Laura McMahan	Anee Stanford
Ignatius Ehlfinger	Edward Meinsen	Deby Stears
Kathy Elar	Merridee Michelsen	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Maggie Elliot	Marie Miller	Judith Thompson
Ned Farinholt	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
Mike Ferris	Barbara Ann Orozco	Kathy Winkle
Tahlia Fernandez	Kris Pondo	John Yarborough
Laura Fusto	Carmela Rao	Geneve Yarborough

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023

#### FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Zachary Francis	Jason Pugh
Brady Anderson	Jasmine Frank	Chris Reinhard
Colin t. Barret	Dustin Goard	Michael Reuwer
Nick Barton	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	Lxex Robles
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	David Schmitt
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	Forest Selby
Joseph Buono	David Kelleher	Paul Shannon
Paul Buono	David Larsen	Andrew Shorter
Ben Cabreva	Glen Lash	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Christian Carino	Timothy Marra	Devon Smith
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Timothy Smith
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Sean Smith
Sean Conroy	Matthew Mooney	Keegan J. Thomas
Robert Cooke	Emma Morgan	Brian Tilley
Kevin Corella	Clement M. O'Reilly	Jamie Troutman
Rory Crooks	Daniel Nejja	Manuel A. Vicente
Vince E. Cruz	David Parnes	Kieran Vieira
Trey Dusseault	Justice M. Parrott	Samatha Wilkinson
Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Michael Wood
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Mark Zepeda



**John XXIII**  
MONTESSORI CENTER

1401 Linden St., Front Royal | john23mcc.org

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 18  
1:30 - 3:00pm

- Discover our beautiful Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium, Montessori Academics + Atrium programs, plus more formational options for children ages 1-16 as well as their parents.
- Tour our 20+ acre farm campus
- Meet our experienced Good Shepherd Catechists & AMI Montessori-trained teachers
- Encounter the peace of the Good Shepherd

THE JOY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A SIGN OF THEIR DEEPEST NEEDS BEING MET



Open Houses are for parents only; nursing babes in arms welcome.

### The Flame of Love, A New Church Approved Devotion

Our Lady's promise to Elizabeth Kindelmann of Hungary: "By my Flame of Love, a new era of grace, never before known on the earth, will begin." The Flame of Love is an extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart to us at this time in history. You are invited to pray the Flame of Love rosary on Mondays after the noon mass. Jesus said, "Because of the Holy Virgin's efficacious pleas, the Most Blessed Trinity granted the outpouring of the Flame of Love...."

From the approved Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann:

**Jesus:** "The face of the earth will be renewed because something like this has not happened since the Word became Flesh."

**Mary:** "As the number who sacrifice increases, the Flame will grow greater. The brilliance of my Flame of Love will fill the whole earth."

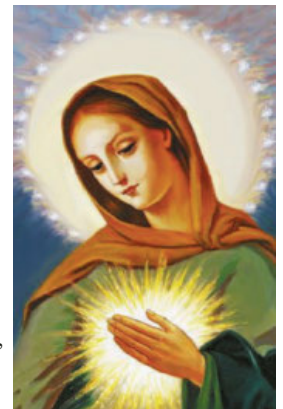
**Mary:** "While someone is at Adoration or visiting the Blessed Sacrament, Satan loses his dominion. As a blind man, he ceases to rule over souls."

**Jesus:** "Through this prayer (the Unity Prayer), Satan will be blind and souls will not be led into sin."

**Mary:** "If at any moment, someone prays three Hail Mary's in my honor, while referring to the Flame of Love, they will free a soul from purgatory."

**Mary:** "As the number who sacrifice increases, the Flame will grow greater. The brilliance of my Flame of Love will fill the whole earth."

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## Prayer

### Ash Wednesday

#### † February 14th Masses

7:00am St. Thomas More  
7:00am Church  
8:30am Church  
Noon Church  
5:00pm Church  
7:00pm Church (Spanish)  
7:00pm St. Thomas More

### Confessions

Mon - Fri 8:30am  
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Sat 8:30am and 3:30pm

### Fridays of Lent

† Stations of the Cross  
5pm, 6pm  
Spanish Stations 7pm

## Fasting

† **Abstinence:** All Catholics, 14 years and older are bound by the Law of Abstinence to eat no meat (or meat by-products) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.

† **Fasting:** All Catholics, from 18 to 59 years of age are bound by the Law of Fasting. Fasting means one full meal with two other light meals a day. There are only two days of fasting: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

## Almsgiving

† **Soup Night:** St. John's will again sponsor our Lenten Soup Night Project. The proceeds this year will be for St. John's Social Outreach Program to help families in need. Please come and enjoy fellowship, a meal of homemade soup and baked pasta dishes and donate to this worthwhile project. Join us every Friday in Lent from 4:30-6:30 beginning on February 16th.

† **Easter Meals for the Needy:** Grocery store gift cards will be collected during Lent for an Easter meal for the less fortunate. Money or gift cards can be placed in the collection basket, mailed or brought to the office.

† **The Bishop's Lenten Appeal:** Contribute to the many good works of the Diocese. The theme for this year's Appeal is "Behold, I Make All Things New".

† **Time and Talent:** Prayerfully consider and pledge your services/skills to the parish.

† **Works of Mercy:** Parents are encouraged to teach their children by their example the importance of sacrifice, especially during Lent. An ideal way this can be done is by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Spiritual Works of Mercy	Corporal Works of Mercy
Admonish the sinner.	Feed the hungry.
Instruct the ignorant.	Give drink to the thirsty.
Counsel the doubtful.	Clothe the naked.
Comfort the sorrowful.	Shelter the homeless.
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