

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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120 West Main Street Front Royal, VA 22630
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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.



REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

February 26 - March 3, 2024

MONDAY FEB 26

Lenten Weekday

8:30am +Msgr William Lane
12:00pm Keith & Sarah Kramer

TUESDAY FEB 27

Lenten Weekday / St Gregory of Narek

8:30am Dave & Jennie White
12:00pm Darlene Laur

WEDNESDAY FEB 28

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Caitlin Bowser
12:00pm +Brendan McGuire
7:00pm +Fernandez/Aristabile
Families

THURSDAY FEB 29

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Thomas Pilon
12:00pm +Bernice&Harry Brown

FRIDAY MAR 1

Lenten Weekday /

World Day of Prayer

8:30am Fr Daniel Gee
12:00pm +Dick Brown

SATURDAY MAR 2

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Fr Duesterhaus

SATURDAY VIGIL

3rd Sunday of Lent

5:00pm +M/M Joseph Plisinski

SUNDAY MAR 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00am +Alice Hirsch
8:30am +Irene Furtado
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm Stephen & Rosemary
Hawkins & family
5:00pm Therese Bermpohl

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 3:30pm

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

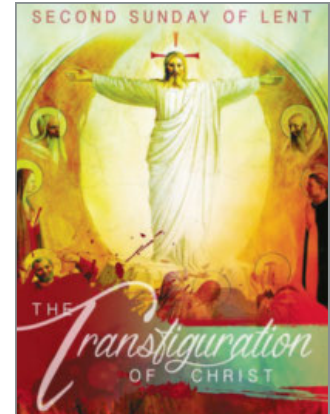
This Week:

Fri Mar 1

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

Sat Mar 2

Women's 1/2 day
Silent Retreat starts
with 8:30am Mass



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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 Mar 2/3
will be for Religious Education

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MAR 2/3

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Elijah McMahon, Samuel Price
8:30am	Mark & John Bockrath, Michael Fisher, Simon Hepler, Max Stanmeyer, Isaac Fitzpatrick
10:30am	Edmund & Thomas Brugger, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott, Desmond & Duncan Stewart, Jude & Jaxton Fusaro
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!



A Family Guide for These 40 Days

Here are some suggestions to help your family know, love and serve God more deeply and fruitfully during Lent this year. This holy season gives us an opportunity to put greater distance between ourselves and our earthly attachments, so that we may cling more devotedly to our heavenly goals and seek a more intimate relationship with Our Lord, who waged war against the devil during his own 40 days in the desert and who suffered and died for us. Some suggestions to help you and your family have a transformative Lenten journey this year:

Commit to the Stations of the Cross devotion. In addition to attending the Stations of the Cross at the parish, bring the devotion to your home. Pray and display the stations at home during the week.

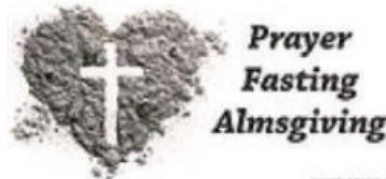
Make acts of service and sacrifice a priority. Your family could also use a sacrifice jar with dried beans (that turn into jellybeans at Easter) to track sacrifices or acts of service, or even a crown of thorns made from a grapevine wreath and toothpicks (thorns) that are removed from the wreath as sacrifices are offered up.

Gather for family prayer around a home altar. Lent is a great season to set up a home altar or prayer table or shelf in the home. Adorn the altar with items such as a crucifix, prayer books, prayer cards, statues, rosaries, candles, holy water, etc. Offer prayers and sacrifices for particular people. And remember, adding daily Mass or adoration to your personal or family prayer routine is one of the simplest but most powerful ways to draw closer to Christ during the penitential season.

Give alms - together! This is a perfect season to participate in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as a family. Consider making an effort to practice one each week together.

Nourish your mind and soul through spiritual reading, listening and watching. If you're looking for a great series to watch or listen to this Lenten season, check out the Augustine Institute's Formed.org (Parish Code: QBKRGW)

Read full article by Katie Warner at www.ncregister.com/features/lent-family-guide



Fridays of Lent at St. John's

Our annual Lenten Soup Nights have begun! Join us each Friday from 4:30 - 6:30pm. Six nights of fellowship, 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 to help.

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm (Spanish)

ST JOHN'S STAFF

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Parochial Vicar

frtom@sjtb.org

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Parochial Vicar, frmrdr@sjtb.org

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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.



2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL



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 mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.

10th National Eucharistic Congress
You are invited to join the Diocese of Arlington for the historic 10th National Eucharistic Congress to be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. Tour packages including accommodations and a ticket to the Congress are available through Corporate Travel Services. For pricing and more information, check out our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/.

YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

In your 20's or 30's? Looking for community? Get in touch!



youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist
st johns young adults va
youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com



Join the St John's YA and the St James YA in Falls Church on March 2nd at 10:30am for 1 hour of prayer for an end to abortion at Falls Church Healthcare Center. Departure after 7am Mass at St John's.

Come participate in good conversations, fun activities, spiritual enrichment and new friendships!



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Vocation Awareness

The life of a priest or consecrated religious is a particular form of sacrificial living in giving up the good things of the natural world. There is also a hidden cost that is not necessarily evident for the priest or religious, but for his or her family. Because of responsibilities and assignments, family gatherings are missed, or upon arrival the fatigue is so great all that is desired is sleep. Some are abroad and spend only a two-week "home visit" with hand written letters in between.

Priestly and religious vocations are not the product solely of one family, but grow forth from a vibrant parish life. There is a pride that comes to the whole parish when a son is ordained or a daughter professed. Helping a family who greatly loves, yet greatly misses, their child, brother or sister, aunt or uncle is a great way to acknowledge that the fostering of a vocation is too important a task to be left to just one family. It is the responsibility of all.

Help us to actively support vocations in our parish by hosting the Vocations Crucifix in your home. Sign up is now available at the following QR code:



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Arlington Diocese

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and contact Fr. Michael Isenburg at 703-841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Visit to Mount St. Mary's Seminary

Friday, March 15, 2024 for men ages 18-35 Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Each year the Office of Vocations sponsors visits to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, PA, traveling together in a van, departing Friday at 5:30 pm. and returning Sunday around 5:00 pm. If you would like to participate, contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. The deadline to register for this trip is March 4.

Vocation information can be found at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/a-call-to-be-holy/

Activities & Events

Annual Diocesan Retreats

Men's Retreat: March 2 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

Women's Retreat: March 9 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women

Women of St. John's

Advent Retreat (flyer on pg 10)
Women's half day silent Lenten retreat includes breakfast, 2 talks, holy hour with reflection, confession time and lunch! March 2nd starting with Mass at 8:30am.

San Damiano Retreats

The San Damiano Retreat Center is offering a number of retreat opportunities:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/san-damiano-retreat-center/san-damiano-retreats-and-events/>

March 8-10 Retreat for Couples

March 15-17 Silent Retreat for Men and Women

March 28-31 Retreat during the Holy Triduum

Entrepreneurship at the Service of the Human Person:

Celebrating the Dignity of Work

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge on Saturday, March 9, and learn from former Swiss Guard, mentor, author, and business entrepreneur Andreas Widmer, how embracing creativity and the spirit of entrepreneurship celebrates the dignity of work and helps us - and our neighbors - thrive. Sponsored by the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, this event begins at 5 pm with Mass at the Church of the Nativity, followed by dinner, then the special talk by Mr. Widmer and an 8-8:30 p.m. Q&A session. Mr. Widmer is author of *The Pope and the CEO: Pope St. John Paul's Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard*, and *The Art of Principled Entrepreneurship: Creating Enduring Value*. To register, go to <https://PeaceandJustice2024.eventbrite.com>.

Wonderfully Fashioned

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th from 7:30 -9:30pm in Father Ruehl Hall.



Stations of the Cross
every Friday at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm (Spanish)

Open Houses at John XXIII Montessori Center

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 our Open House on Sunday, 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. Our experienced teachers will be on hand to answer your questions and share our engaging environments for toddlers through Elementary with you. Parents only; nursing babies always welcome. For more information, contact admin@john23mcc.org.

FORMED
Access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters.
www.formed.org
Parish Code: QBKRGW
Lots of great resources for Lent!

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

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

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



Thank you! Thanks to all parishioners who bought our world-famous Super Bowl Subs over the weekend of February 10-11. We sold 215 full-size and 70 half-size subs. A Super Bowl Sub Sell-out! Special thanks to Brother Patrick Patton who coordinated the entire operation, and to all volunteers and their families who assisted in assembling and selling our subs.

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).

Fifth-Sunday Rosary: The next "Fifth Sunday Rosary" will take place on Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday – at 4:30 p.m. just ahead of the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us in praying the Glorious Mysteries for the purification of the Church and the protection of our Country.

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:

"Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with



such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

St. Faustina Diary, 1074)

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Gift Cards for Easter Baskets

We are collecting Martins and Walmart gift cards for the Easter Food Baskets given to those in need. Please put gift cards or a check marked "Easter" in the collection or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

CAR RAFFLE

All parishioners should be receiving information and tickets by mail for All Saints' annual car raffle. The drawing is April 27th and all tickets need to be returned to All Saints by April 23rd. Each ticket has a chance to win cash drawings (including one for \$20,000) and 4 vehicles! Money raised will go to St. John's teen WorkCamp and Outreach programs. Thank you for your participation!



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
Flame of Love	Boots Sargis bootssargis@yahoo.com .	Seven Sisters	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net
Lectors	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	Saint Johns Athletics	www.saintjohnsathletics.com
Legion of Mary/Adults	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	That Man is You!	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
Legion of Mary (Juniors)	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	Vocations Liaison	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 sjtbvocations@gmail.com
Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Front Royal Pregnancy Center	(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		abortionpillreversal.com

For full list of ministries, go to 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
Rose Britain	Billy Hooten	Gabbi Rodgers
Elijah Carino	Norman Hunt	Elaine Ryan
Mary Ann Carlson	John Janaro	Judy Samborsky
Tony Casarotti	Stephen Jerome	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Joseph Centrella	Erik Jurek	Dan Schneible
Jorge Daniel Chang	Donald Kerns	Mary Shaffer
Dominique DeClue	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Linda Donahue	Peggy Leonardi	Sophie Sheppard
Clara Anne Duda	Maureen Lewis	Robin Spencer
Al Dudeck	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Wendy Stout
Kelly Duvall	Carol B. May	Anee Stanford
Ignatius Ehlinger	Laura McMahon	Deby Stears
Kathy Elar	Edward Meinsen	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Maggie Elliot	Merridee Michelsen	Judith Thompson
Ned Farinholt	Marie Miller	Karen Waldron
Mike Ferris	Peter Monfasani	Kathy Winkle
Tahlia Fernandez	Barbara Ann Orozco	John Yarborough
Laura Fusto	Kris Pondo	Geneve Yarborough
	Carmela Rao	

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. Barrett	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 Bruhn	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 Nejia	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

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.

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Mike McAleer from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract cus-

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Mike McAleer
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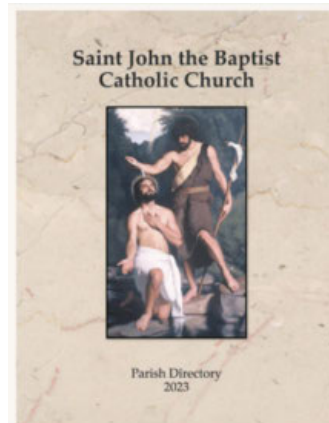
St. John's 2023 Parish Directories

Pick up your Directory!

There are still many parishioners who had their photo taken (or submitted) for the directory who have not yet picked up their free directory.

These directories will only be available for a short time longer. If you had your photo taken/submitted, please pick up your directory as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation!

If you are a parishioner who did not have your photo taken or submitted but would like to purchase a directory, there is a limited number available - please stop by the parish office to buy yours for \$20. 1 directory per family please.



Wonderfully Fashioned

A course about the Faith, fashion, and fun for young ladies aged 14 -18

Invites you to their 6th Meeting!



Saturday, February 27th, 2024

Location: Father Ruehl Hall

7:30-9:30 pm

Topics for the Month

Social Modesty and following God the Son

*Come wearing your
favorite Winter
Colors!*

Donations of \$3 per person are appreciated, or \$5 for two people! All donations will be used to provide resources for the meetings.

St John the Baptist Seniors Group

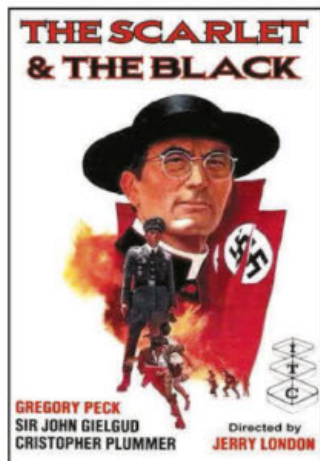
In cooperation with St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

Presents

“The Scarlet and the Black”

Date: March 16, 2024/ Time: 1:00pm

Place: St John the Baptist Church lower level (Fr Ruehl Hall)



This movie was produced in 1983 and runs 2 hours. It tells the story of **Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty**, a Vatican official in 1943-1945. It's based on a true story.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck) is a courageous Irish Priest working in the Vatican during the Nazi occupation of Rome.

He devotes his time and energy hiding refugees, downed pilots, Italian Resistance families, escaped prisoners and allied POWs from the Nazi while building a network of hundreds of people who help him with his efforts.

His diplomatic status in a Catholic country prevents **Colonel Kappler (Christopher Plummer)** from openly arresting him, but Monsignor O'Flaherty's activities become so large that the Nazis decide to assassinate him the next time he leaves the Vatican.

Seating is limited. Tickets are required. Tickets are available thru: stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com or the parish office. Donations accepted



THE WOMEN OF ST JOHN'S
LENTEN SILENT RETREAT

**MEDITATIONS ON: THE PATH OF SUFFERING
& HOW TO OFFER THINGS UP**

LENTEN REFLECTIONS GIVEN BY
FR. MICHAEL DUESTERHAUS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH, 18 AND
OLDER ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SILENT
MORNING OF RECOLLECTION IN FR. REUHL HALL.
BEGINNING WITH 8:30 MASS, THE RETREAT WILL
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