# 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:

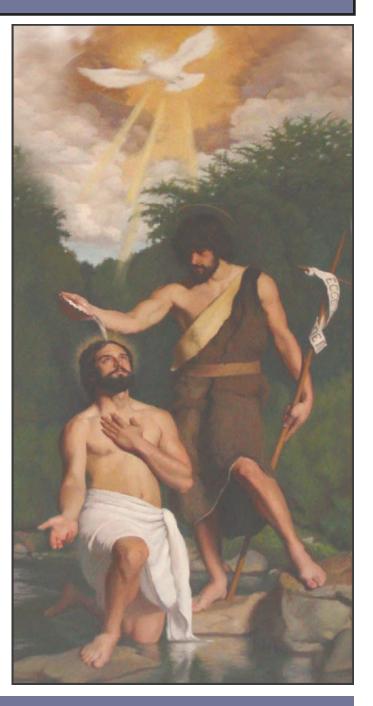
Monday-Friday, 8:30am Monday-Friday, 6:30pm Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

#### Baptism:

Contact Parish Office

#### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



#### MASS INTENTIONS September 9 - 15, 2024

#### **MONDAY SEPT 9**

St Peter Claver

8:30am +Richard Peck 12:00pm Anthony Meador & Family

#### **TUESDAY SEPT 10**

Weekday

8:30am Kyra Brown

12:00pm Anthony Meador, Jr

#### **WEDNESDAY SEPT 11**

Weekday

8:30am Robert Lancaster 12:00pm Anthony Meador, Jr

7:00pm Ettore Pennisi

#### **THURSDAY SEPT 12**

Weekday/Most Holy Name of Mary 8:30am Nicholas Jaroma 12:00pm Jessica & Sean Shanahan

#### **FRIDAY SEPT 13**

St John Chrysostom

8:30am Fr. Joseph Duffy 12:00pm Sue & +Roe Hirsch

#### **SATURDAY SEPT 14**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:30am +Fred, Marie & Betty Trost

#### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm +Michael T Dodson

#### **SUNDAY SEPT 15**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Tony Casarotti 8:30am +George Guettler 10:30am Parish Family 12:30pm Sara Stokes 5:00pm +Eileen Matzinger

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

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

#### September 8, 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### This Week

#### **Coffee & Donuts**

Welcome! Please join us for coffee & donuts after Sunday morning Mass.

#### Fri Sept 13

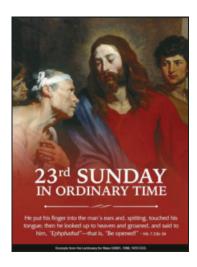
**6pm** Adoration Chapel Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

#### 7pm FRH

Marriage Enrichment Series

#### Sept 14/15

St. John's Ministry Fair



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/

Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/

Mk 8:27-3

#### 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 on Sept 14/15 will be for Religious Education

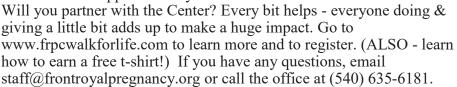
ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE for SEPT 14/15			
5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke		
7:00am	Kyle & Patrick Foltz		
8:30am	Mark Bockrath, Jerome Butler, Jack & Joe Nolan, Michael Fisher		
10:30am	Cajetan, Crispin & Leo Lemmon, Samuel & Ben Meza, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott		
12:30pm	Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles, Geovanni Miramontes		
5:00pm	Brendan Purciel, Finn Sweeney		

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



# 2024 FRPC WALK FOR LIFE! Nurturing Hope

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.



#### **Today's Second Collection: Mission Appeal**

Today our second collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is CATECHETICAL SISTERS OF AROGYAMATHA. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare. Please go to arlingtonmissions.org/mission/catechetical-sisters-of-arogyamatha/ to find out more about their ministry and donate towards their efforts. Through your monetary and prayerful support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities.

#### **Catholic Biblical School**

The new Catholic Biblical School season <u>begins this week here at</u> St John's on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 7-9pm in Frassati Hall. For more information or to register go to www.catholicbiblicalschoolva.org

#### **Funeral Receptions**

Many parishes have a funeral reception committee that assists a grieving family by facilitating the gathering of family and friends after the funeral. St. John's has some volunteers but we are in need of many more to help oversee set up, serving and clean up of funeral receptions. If you can occasionally volunteer for a few hours it would be a generous work of mercy and very appreciated by the grieving families and St. John's! Please contact outreach@sitb.org to volunteer.

#### ST JOHN'S STAFF

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#### **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, on the parish website or at the parish office.

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.

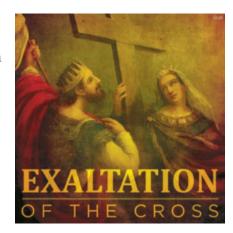
#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday of the previous week at 1:00pm. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.

#### Opportunities —

**Becoming Catholic** – Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings? Want to become Catholic? Baptized as a Catholic but never confirmed?

You are invited to attend RCIA classes on Mondays at 6:00-7:00pm in Frassati Hall (23 Oak St). RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, but it can also stand for Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answer! Fr Gee teaches through the catechism and prepares individuals for reception into the Catholic Church at Easter. No obligations. No fees. All materials provided. For more information or to let us know you're coming, email David: dwallace@sitb.org. Classes begin Sept 16.



#### **Social Outreach Opportunities**

There are many opportunities to serve those in need in our parish and within the community. If you are interested in assisting with any of the following ministries, please contact outreach@sitb.org. Funeral Receptions / Nursing Home and Homebound / Food Pantry

Please join us in praying for the Social Outreach efforts at St. John's:

O God, by whose gift Saint Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and revered Christ in the poor; grant, through her intercession, that we may serve with unfailing charity the needy and those afflicted. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) - Level I Monthly Formation Course

The Level I (3-6 years old) CGS Atrium lays the foundation for the child's encounter with the Catholic community of faith. Held in a retreat-like format, this course for adults includes presentations, adult reflections, practice time, material making, and Montessori theory. Come and see why the Franciscan Friars of Renewal, Nashville Dominicans, SOLT sisters and Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist have adopted CGS Atria in their work with children, and the Missionaries of Charity and have made CGS adult formation a required part of their novitiate. **2024 dates**: Sept 28-29, Oct 26-27, Nov 16-17, Dec 7-8 **2025 dates:** Jan 18-19, Feb 8-9, Mar 1-2, Apr 5-6, May 10, May 31-June 1. All Saturdays: 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sundays: 1:00-4:30 pm. Adult formation course held at John XXIII Montessori Center, 1401 Linden St. To register: www.john23mcc.org/cgs-courses. Course questions: laura@john23mcc.org. Sponsorships for St. John's parishioners available; contact David Wallace for more information: dwallace@sitb.org

#### **Vocation Awareness**

#### 10 Things To Teach Your Kids About Being Catholic **Before They Leave Home**

- 1. You are a beloved son/daughter of the King. Your identity is centered in Jesus Christ.
- 2. You are seen, known, and loved. God truly knows you and loves you without condition.
- 3. When the noise of the world is too much, Jesus quite literally waits for you in the quiet at any Catholic Church. Remember that red light of Christ you learned about as a child – He's still there. Go sit with Him.
- 4. When you feel alone in a struggle, connect with a Saint, ask them to intercede for you.
- 5. Pray the Memorare, Mary will lead you to Jesus.
- 6. When you don't feel connected plug into local volunteer opportunities, see Jesus in others.
- 7. Remember the power and grace in the sacraments. Confession brings healing, the Eucharist strengthens.
- 8. Pray, every day. Offer gratitude to God, ask for help, have a conversation with Him.
- 9. You have a unique calling from God, ask him to help you discern it. Cooperate with your guardian angel.
- 10. Go to Mass your spiritual anchor and community, where you receive sacramental graces and Jesus waits for you.

#### St. John's Food Pantry

Open Wednesdays 5 - 7pm Location: basement of Padre Pio Hall (back door) — If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please stop by during open hours. If you would like to volunteer please contact outreach@sitb.org \*Updated list of needed donations can be found on St. John's website: www.sjtb.org Thank you!

#### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

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"Be strong, do not fear!" With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at at (703) 841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

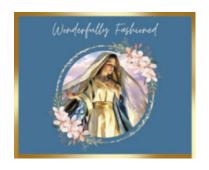
Use QR code to sign up to have the **Vocations Crucifix in your home** for 1 week:



#### Activities & Events

#### **Wonderfully Fashioned**

Faith, Fashion and Fun We are opening the year with a mother-daughter social on Tuesday, September 24th from 7:30-9:30pm at Father Ruehl Hall with tea, snacks, and a chance to see last year's fashion show Lookbook! We'll be giving you an overview of the course and examining the virtue of modesty in the light of our relationship with God the Father. All young ladies aged 14-18 are welcome. Come wearing your favorite fall color and please bring a snack to share.



#### THAT MAN IS YOU

A new season of That Man is You has begun. All men are encouraged to join us on Saturdays at 6:30am in Fr Ruehl Hall.

#### **Fatima Holy Hour**

Come join us at 6 pm Friday evening, September 13th, in the Adoration chapel as we offer a Rosary / Holy Hour honoring our Blessed Mother on the anniversary of her fifth visit to the three children at Fatima. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

# Save the Date! For God and Country Fun Run!

Saturday, September 21, the Run starts at 9am on new JPGMA property: 768 Bowling View Road Front Royal. Proceeds benefit school mission trip to serve poor in KY. See www.runsignup.com/Race/VA/FrontRoyal/ForGodandCountry for more info or to sign up.

#### WALK FOR LIFE!

SAVE THE DATE! REGISTER ONLINE NOW for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center 2024 Walk for Life Nurturing Hope on Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am at 11 South Royal Avenue Front Royal, VA Tel: 540-635-6181 www.frpcwalkforlife.com

# **Marriage Enrichment Series** at St John's

Saint John's is hosting a Marriage Enrichment talk series for adults over 18. Nursing babies welcome. These talks will dive deep into the sacrament of matrimony and give support to married couples. Fr. Gee started us off with a talk on prayer in marriage.

Next talk: Friday September 13th 7pm Fr Ruehl Hall. Come hear Dr. Michael Davis talk about Communication in Marriage.

We offer onsite babysitting for those in need. Bring friends!

Upcoming St John's Ministry Fair! September 14th & 15th

#### Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to join him at the final celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington by participating in the Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 5, from 9am-2:30pm. All are welcome to attend this free event! Viisit arlingtondiocese.org/goldenjubilee-pilgrimage/ for the schedule and complete details.

#### 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

#### That Man Is You

Seasonally Saturdays 6:30am FRH Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585

#### **RCIA classes**

September 16 - April Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Fridays 8-9pm PPH

#### 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

#### Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass

# 50th Anniversary Celebration for Seton School

Seton is turning 50! Join faculty, alumni, & friends for our ga-

la celebration on Friday, Nov 1, in honor of Mrs. Carroll with special guest Bishop Burbidge. We look forward to welcoming you to a joyous evening in gratitude for five decades of blessings. For tickets and sponsorships: www.Seton50th.givesmart.com. Contact Mrs. Mary Brand at mbrand@setonschool.net or 540-270-9650 for more information.

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

#### Cinnamon Bun Sales Return!

The Knights of Columbus world-famous cinnamon buns are back and for sale next weekend -- September 14-15. Mark your calendars. Single buns, \$3, or a package of four for \$9. Cash, check, card accepted. A great way to celebrate back-to-school with your family. If you're going to be out of town, recruit friends and family to buy some for you so you can enjoy on your return!

**Firewood Project - Volunteers and Sources Needed:** It's hot now but winter's coming! The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. We need volunteers who are willing to support the effort throughout the year. Please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555) if you'd like to be notified of upcoming events or know of a source of free hardwood (oak, walnut, cherry, etc.) trunks

#### **Save These Dates:.**

Weekend of September 14-15. Knights' of Columbus Cinnamon Bun Sales after all the weekend Masses.

Weekend of September 28-29: Annual KOVAR collection at all weekend Masses. KOVAR is the Virginia Knights' special fund to provide financial assistance through grants and loans to tax-exempt community-service organizations. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday, September 29**: Fifth Sunday Rosary, 4:30 p.m., immediately preceding the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**Sunday, October 6**: St. John the Baptist Rosary Procession, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

#### 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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Alcoholics Anonymous	PPH Friday 8-9pm	Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780
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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
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Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support	sjtbmomsgroup@gmail.com	Front Royal Pregnancy Center	(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org
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#### **Active Military Prayer List**

Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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#### Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2024

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.





- Pope Saint John Paul II

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# September 14th & 15th After Vigil and Sunday morning Masses Outside St. John's Church

(weather permitting - otherwise Fr Ruehl Hall)

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How Can I Serve?

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# VISIT DAYS

Saturday, September 21
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Saturday, October 12 Homeschool Visit Day

Saturday, November 23
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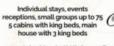


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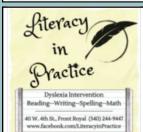
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