

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 & 4:00pm

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.



And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

MAY 28, 2023 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS
MAY 29 - June 4, 2023

MONDAY MAY 29

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of the Church*

Memorial Day

8:30am +Paul Bailey

12:00pm +Theresa Harrigan

TUESDAY MAY 30

Weekday

8:30am Claire Brown

12:00pm Fr. George Salazar

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

The Visitation

8:30am Michael Flanagan

12:00pm Det. Walter Henning

7:00pm +Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY JUNE 1

Saint Justin Martyr

8:30am Devin Mitchell

12:00pm Brandon Missimer

FRIDAY JUNE 2

Weekday

8:30am +Catherine Boyle

12:00pm +Courtney Kampa

SATURDAY JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30am +Rob Lee Jones

SATURDAY VIGIL

The Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm +Gladys and Hank Egan

SUNDAY JUNE 4

The Most Holy Trinity

7:00am Fr. Augustine Tran

8:30am Fr. Philip Briggs

10:30am Parish Family

12:30pm Fr. Daniel Gee

2:00pm Daniel & Laura Clark

5:00pm Chelsea Academy
 Class of 2023

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
 8:30am & 4:00pm

MAY 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

This Week:

Mon May 29

Memorial Day

Parish Office

Closed



Sat June 3

Arlington Diocese

Priesthood Ordinations

Sun June 4

2:00pm St. John's

Fr. Clark's First Mass

Go to www.sjtb.org to
 sign up to have your photo
 taken for our new
 Parish Directory!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/
 Jn 3:16-1

Keep in Touch

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

Second Collection

The Second Collection on June 3/4
 will be for Religious Education.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 3/4

5:00pm	Aidan & John Barragan
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Kyle Foltz
8:30am	Mark & John Bockrath, Jerome Butler, Isaac Dennehy, Michael Fisher
10:30am	Benedict Keough, James Chapman, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott, Desmond & Duncan Stewart
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriguez, Yovann Miramontes, Leonardo Reyes
5:00pm	Greg & Luke Hsu

*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 Shepanzyk

Parochial Vicar

ftrtom@sjtb.org

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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/Bookkeeper

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 pamphlet rack 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

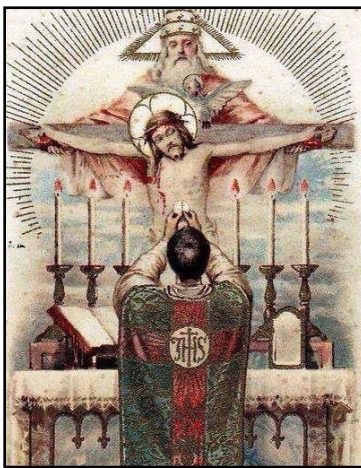
Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.



Priesthood Ordinations 2023



The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Arlington will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville, VA. Please pray for the 9 men who are being ordained for our diocese, including our own **Andrew Clark**. View Livestream at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations

First Mass of Father Andrew Clark

The First Mass offered by Fr. Andrew Clark will be on Sunday, June 4th at St. John's Church at 2:00pm followed by a reception with First Blessings in Fr. Ruehl Hall. All are invited!

Father's Day Novena of Masses

Father's Day is June 18th. Novena Mass cards are available in the gathering area and at the parish office. Enroll your father and other loved ones in our Novena of Masses. Drop off the names and stipend in the collection basket or at the parish office.

25th Anniversary Celebration 1998 - 2023 Save the Date!

On Saturday June 24th St. John's will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our 1998 church with a special 11:00am Mass officiated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. A parish picnic celebration will follow here at St. John's from 12 - 3pm with food, drinks and fun! Please contact the parish office if you can assist with set up, clean up, children's activities, etc. Thank you!



Congratulations

to all our high school and college graduates! God bless and guide you in your future endeavors!



FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

David M Wallace, *Director* | dwallace@sjtb.org | (540) 635-3780 ext 202

Darryl & Susan Adams, *RE Assistants*

Let us continue our review begun three weeks ago of the Catechism on the effects of Holy Communion (CCC 1397-1398): *“The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren: ‘You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother... You dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal... God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful’* (St. John Chrysostom, *Hom. in 1 Cor. 27,4:PG 61,229-230; cf. Mt 25:40*). *The Eucharist and the unity of Christians.* Before the greatness of this mystery St. Augustine exclaims, *‘O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity!’* (St. Augustine, *In Jo. ev. 26,13:PL 35,1613; cf. SC 47*) The more painful the experience of the divisions in the Church which break the common participation in the table of the Lord, the more urgent are our prayers to the Lord that the time of complete unity among all who believe in him may return.”

VBS 2023 will be held Monday through Friday, **July 17-21**. Registration information will be available on the parish website and in the parish office, or email dwallace@sjtb.org with name, age/grade, and emergency contact info to register.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

"The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Hab 2:14

Meaning of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

Pentecost signals the dawning of the age of the Holy Spirit; the fullness of the Spirit in God's people is to empower their vocation as witness to all the nations.

If we properly understand Pentecost, our hearts will be enflamed with cause of seeing some from every tribe and tongue and nation bowing before the exalted Lord Jesus Christ.

Note four things:

1. God's plan for being glorified among the nations was to form the church.
2. The scope of God's plan is all the nations.
3. The necessary power for fulfilling God's plan is His Holy Spirit.
4. The goal of God's plan is that He will be glorified among the nations.

Read more: <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-4-meaning-pentecost-acts-21-13>

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and

His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



Opportunities

Job Opportunity

St. Bridget of Ireland Church is looking to hire for two positions. The Parish Coordinator will be a full-time employee who will serve as a central hub for the life of the parish. Some of the responsibilities will include overseeing parish projects, implementing pastor's initiatives, and working with parish groups for events. The Maintenance Staff will be a part-time employee and will be both custodial and maintenance work. For both positions, please complete an employment application (found on our website) and submit that with a resume (for the Parish Coordinator position only) to the parish office. Please see our parish website for more detailed job descriptions. Stbridgetberryville.org.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. John's

For his Eagle Scout project Connor Taggart is building and installing Stations of the Cross outside of St Johns. For this project he must fundraise \$2500. To contribute to this project please make a check out to "BSA Troop 52" and in the memo line put "Connors Eagle Project". Since BSA is a non-profit organization these donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be sent shortly after deposit. All excess donations will be donated back to the Church. Please mail all checks to Connor Taggart at 262 Paw Paw Dr., Front Royal, VA, 22630.

Activities & Events

Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

Andrew Clark and 8 others will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 3rd 2023 at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Gainesville. View Livestream at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations

First Mass of Father Andrew Clark

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Sermon on the Mount Men's Silent Retreat

Join Fr. William Saunders July 14-16 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.



Annual Diocesan Discernment Retreat for single women

June 16-18, Deadline to register: June 5. For more information or to register, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Marriage Meetings

For the past four years or more, we have been meeting with a group of other Catholic couples to pray together and work on strengthening our marriage relationships. Formerly our group was Teams of Our Lady but recently we decided to keep meeting under the name "Marriage Meetings." Do you want to join us? If you and your spouse are interested in meeting monthly to share a simple meal and discuss a topic relating to growing in relationship with your spouse, let us know!

Contact Viviano Rodriguez by voice or text at 559-347-4585.



marriage meetings

for couples at St. John's parish
formerly Teams of Our Lady

Celebrate family at our Diocesan Family Festival: Rejoicing in One God, One Family with the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington!

When: **Saturday, June 10**, 4pm - 8:30pm

Where: Warren County Fairgrounds - 26 Fairground Road, **Festival Features**

- Vigil Mass at 4pm with Bishop Burbidge
- Onsite food for donation, or bring your own picnic!
- Bring your lawn chairs/blankets
- Games, rides & inflatables
- Local Catholic vendors and more

Musical Guests

Celtic rock band Scythian (performing 7-8:30 p.m.)

No Pets Allowed

For more information and to register for free to:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/



HOLY MASS, FOOD, RIDES, VENDORS, AND MORE!

FREE ADMISSION!

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Free Hospital Bed

Free hospital bed to whomever needs it and can pick it up. Contact Kathy Elar at 540-660-9877.

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 Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/womenofstjohns/>

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 [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

RCIA classes

Mondays from 6-7pm Frassati House

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm - PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm - PPH

Little Flowers

First Tuesdays of the month for girls in grades 1-6 at 4pm - FRH

Scripture Study

Thursdays at 10am in Padre Pio Hall with Deacon Goldsmith

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Knights of Columbus
John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771
www.kofc7771.org



Spring 2023 Food Drive - Results

Thank you for your contributions to the Parish Food Drive and the work performed by all the Knights who helped on this effort. Over 2,500 lbs. of food and over \$2,100 were collected to help the less fortunate in our area.

2023 Diocesan Family Festival – June 10, 2023

Council #7771 will once again be providing some delicious hot dogs for families attending this event. Volunteers are needed for an afternoon of fun in the sun grilling hot dogs. Please express your interest and commitment towards helping out by volunteering at the next membership meeting or contacting PGK Tom Balint or DGK John Stieb.

Contact us

GK Bill Castellan gknightwc@gmail.com
Field Agent Cory Cook: (866) 868-1492 x1604

DIVINE MERCY'S MOTHER SAID:

"The soul's true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing, because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble, He always opposes the proud." (St. Faustina's Diary, 1711) *(Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)*



Front Royal Pregnancy Center

(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline

(877)558-0333 abortionpillreversal.com

Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.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

Summer Attire

Please be respectful of the sacredness of the church, and of others, by continuing to dress modestly at Mass during the summer months. Thank you.



New Parish Directory!

Have you signed up to have your photo taken for the new Directory? By having your photo taken you will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory. We would love to see as many parishioners in our parish family photo album as possible. Photos will be taken June 26 - 30 and July 13 - 15. Please go to St. John's website www.sjtb.org and click on the link to secure your 10 minute time slot.

Please Note: if you have more than 7 members in your family, you must sign up for 2 adjacent time slots.

Directory Volunteers Needed

Creating a new Parish Directory is a big project and requires the assistance of many helpful parishioners! We're looking for greeters during photo sessions. Let the church office know if you can help. It's a great way to meet fellow parishioners!



Say Cheese

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Ned Farinholt	Sara Mulcahy
John Alsberry	Mike Farris	Magdalena O'Neill
Brenda Bailey	Tahlia Fernandez	Barbara Ann Orozco
Rozie Baker	John Fusto	Carmela Rao
Susan Bill	Laura Fusto	Judy Ratigan
Robert Bond, Sr	Gary Garcia	Collin Rexrode
Rose Britain	Joseph Gillette	John William Rice
Mary Ann Carlson	Eileen Hawkins	Mary Alice Rice
Tom Carlson	Billy Hooten	Aiden Rizzotti
Tony Casarotti	Norman Hunt	Gabbi Rodgers
Joseph Centrella	John Janaro	Dan Schneible
Jorge Daniel Chang	Erik Jurek	Mary Shaffer
Kenneth Clough	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Peggy Cochran	Peggy Leonardi	Anee Stanford
Dominique DeClue	Maureen Lewis	Dr. Marie Mesaros Stewart
Barbara Dicostanza	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Colleen Stivers
Linda Donahue	Carol B. May	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Clara Anne Duda	Laura McMahon	Ron Tesorero
Al Dudeck	Edward Meinsen	Judith Thompson
Ignatius Ehlinger	Marie Miller	Karen Waldron
Kathy Elar	Peter Monfasani	Kathy Winkle

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2023

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

GEORGE TURNER

Active Military Prayer List

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

**The Contact List is moving to
St. John's website soon!**