

# 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.



**"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."**

**2 Cor 13:13**

**JUNE 4, 2023 ~ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

## MASS INTENTIONS

June 5 - 11, 2023

### MONDAY JUNE 5

*Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30am Mark Houck & family  
12:00pm +Vicki Cross

### TUESDAY JUNE 6

*Weekday / St. Norbert*

8:30am +Thomas E Gerrity  
12:00pm +Susan Beier

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

*Weekday*

8:30am +Timothy Donovan  
12:00pm Fr. Duesterhaus  
7:00pm Melissa Bloom

### THURSDAY JUNE 8

*Weekday*

8:30am +Mary Louise Koehl  
12:00pm +Thomas Zarrilli

### FRIDAY JUNE 9

*Weekday / St. Ephrem*

8:30am Larry & Roma  
Gniewek & family  
12:00pm Rich & Jenny Jamieson

### SATURDAY JUNE 10

*Weekday*

8:30am +Fr. Mark Pilon

### SATURDAY VIGIL

*Corpus Christi*

5:00pm +Josephine Aurednick

### SUNDAY JUNE 11

*Corpus Christi*

7:00am Weissing Family  
8:30am Megan & Tom Sedell  
10:30am Parish Family  
12:30pm +Yolanda Sweeney &  
Fannie Moreno  
5:00pm Donald Bowman

## CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:  
8:30am & 4:00pm

JUNE 4, 2023  
The Most Holy Trinity

### *This Week:*

#### Sun June 4

2:00pm St. John's  
Fr. Clark's First Mass

#### Sat June 10

Diocesan Family Festival  
4pm-8:30pm

#### Sun June 11

Corpus Christi Procession  
5:45 Main St



Go to [www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org) to sign up  
to have your photo taken for our  
new Parish Directory!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,8-9/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3,4-5/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1  
Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

### *Keep in Touch*

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by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.  
[facebook.com/sjtboutreach](https://www.facebook.com/sjtboutreach)  
[www.sjtb.org](http://www.sjtb.org)

### *Second Collection*

The Second Collection on June 10/11  
will be for Retired Priests.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 10/11

5:00pm	Nick Anderson, Jason Kasevich
7:00am	Elijah McMahan, Samuel Price
8:30am	Joseph Burghardt, Declan & Christopher Uhlenkott, Michael Stahl, Benedict Schmiedicke, Simon Hepler
10:30am	Matthew Clark, Roland & Don Sternfels, Mark & Seamus Kelly, Liam & Marty Clark
12:30pm	Erik Reyes, Juan Aviles-Reyes, Jose Ramirez, Homero Salazar
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!



### ***Congratulations Father Andrew Clark!***

St John's is giving thanks to God for the ordination of 9 men to our diocese including Fr. Andrew Clark who will offer his First Mass at 2:00pm today. A reception will follow in Fr. Ruehl Hall with First Blessings. 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**

In preparation for the 25th birthday of our church building, you may have noticed a bit of sprucing up: hard wood cleaning, new paint, new kneelers, and soon, new upholstered pew seats.

**40 Hours Devotion** will take place in the church as we lead up to the anniversary. It will begin in the evening of Thursday June 22, feast of our diocesan patron, St. Thomas More, with Vespers and a talk given by Fr. Andrew Clark. Time to be announced.

**Celebration!** 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** celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Fr. Andrew Clark will give the homily. A **parish picnic** celebration will follow here at St. John's and Bowman Park from 12 - 3pm with food, drinks and fun! Please bring a sliced watermelon or dessert to share. Also bring a picnic blanket and chairs for yourself and family.

Please contact the parish office if you can assist with set up, clean up, children's activities, etc. Thank you!



### **Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection**

There will be a 2nd collection for our diocesan retired priests next weekend, June 10/11. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan church. Currently there are 29 retired priests and an additional 18 who will retire in the next 10 years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you!

## ST JOHN'S STAFF

### **Rev. Daniel Gee**

*Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com*

### **Rev. Tom Shepanzyk**

*Parochial Vicar*

*ftrtom@sjtb.org*

### **Rev. Michael Duesterhaus**

*Parochial Vicar, fmrmd@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.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Darryl & Susan Adams, *RE Assistants*

Today, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**. “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God. The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (*Jn* 14:26) and by the Son ‘from the Father’ (*Jn* 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. ‘With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified’ (Nicene Creed). ‘The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son’ (St. Augustine, *De Trin.* 15, 26, 47: PL 42, 1095). By the grace of Baptism ‘in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,’ we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light (cf. Paul VI, *CPG* § 9).’ Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal’ (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16). Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do. But within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, especially in the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC 261-267)

Our **2023 “SONRISE National Park VBS”** will be held Monday through Friday, **July 17-21** for children in grades rising-K5 to rising-5<sup>th</sup>. To register, simply email [dwallace@sjtb.org](mailto:dwallace@sjtb.org) with name, age/grade, and emergency contact info. **HELP IS NEEDED!** To volunteer (we're looking at you Confirmation candidates!), please contact Susan Adams: (540) 631-5894.

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS

“All love tends to become like that which it loves.” – Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Love is modeled after the Trinity. The complete gift of self between the Father and the Son yields the Holy Spirit. This union is founded on love – true communion – and we are made in the image and likeness of this model. Our vocations are called to be life giving unions that bear fruit and are created by self-sacrificing love.

The Blessed Sacrament is the living fountain of life where we drink in the love of Christ who alone quenches our thirst to be loved. Include time with Him as you are discerning His call for your life.

Eucharistic Adoration is:

1. Awareness of the real presence of Jesus.
2. Appreciation of the gift of His total presence among us.
3. Affirmation of His personal love for us.
4. Acknowledgement of our total dependency upon Him who is the “vine” and we the “branches”.
5. Attitude of centering our whole life in Him and His Holy will.

### Summer Bible Studies!

Study Scripture with Dr. Nick Lebish this summer! Joshua: God's Promise Fulfilled, is a 5 part series that begins on June 16. Joshua is an action packed book filled with spiritual typology of our conquest of the promised land of heaven. Join the class live online or listen to it on demand from your desk or favorite chair, while driving, taking a walk, or even washing dishes! For more information about this new Bible study and to learn about many others, please visit Dr. Nick's website, [www.ScriptureAndTradition.com](http://www.ScriptureAndTradition.com).

### Job Opportunity

St. Bridget of Ireland Church is looking to hire a full time Parish Coordinator and a part-time Maintenance staff member. Please see our parish website for more detailed job descriptions. [www.Stbridgetberryville.org](http://www.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. To contribute to this project please make a check out to “BSA Troop 52” and in the memo line put “Connors Eagle Project”. The donation is tax deductible. 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.

### Opportunities

## Activities & Events

### Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

Please join us in prayer on Tuesday evening, June 13th from 7-8pm in the Adoration chapel as we offer our Blessed Mother a Rosary Holy Hour on the anniversary of Our Lady's second visit to the three children at Fatima.



### Corpus Christ Procession

Sunday June 4th. This year's procession will begin after the 5pm Mass at approximately 5:45pm. Please line Main Street to greet Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as He passes by, and then join the procession to the Gazebo and back to the church. An ice cream social will be held afterwards.

### 40 Hours Devotion

As we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our church we will hold a 40 hours devotion beginning with Vespers in the evening of June 22nd. Time TBA.

### 25th Anniversary Celebration

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### Marriage Meetings

For the past four+ years we have been meeting with a group of Catholic couples to pray together and work on strengthening our marriage relationships. Formerly known as Teams of Our Lady we now meet 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.

## 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](mailto:dewaynecoats20@gmail.com).

### The Women of Saint John's

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

### 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

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

**FREE ADMISSION!**

When: **Saturday, June 10,**

4pm - 8:30pm

Where: Warren County Fairgrounds -  
26 Fairground Road

### Festival Features

- Vigil Mass at 4pm with Bishop Burbidge
- Celtic rock band Scythian performing 7-8:30pm

For more information and to register for free to: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/)

### “Catholic Night” at Bing Crosby Stadium will be on Fri., June 23rd and Fri., July 21st.

Attention parish baseball fans! Dates of the two “Catholic Night” baseball games at Bing Crosby Stadium this summer are Friday, June 23rd, against the Waynesboro Generals, and Friday, July 21st, against the Strasburg Express. Games start at 7 p.m. A flyer from the church bulletin - distributed the weekend before the two games - gets the entire family into the game **free**. Sponsors of the two games are a) the Knights of Columbus, b) Christendom College, and c) the Lloyd/Lemmon Law Firm. Catholic Night is a fun evening for the entire family. Highlights include parishioners throwing out the first pitch; a parish group singing the National Anthem before the start of the game and “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” during the 7th inning stretch; and kids running the bases after the game. See everyone on Friday, June 23rd and Friday, July 21st!

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



**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](mailto:gknightwc@gmail.com)  
Field Agent Cory Cook: (866) 868-1492 x1604

**Front Royal Pregnancy Center**

(540) 635-6181 [frontroyalpregnancy.org](http://frontroyalpregnancy.org)  
**Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline**  
(877)558-0333 [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com)  
**Project Rachel** [helpafterabortion.org](http://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. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.**

How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

**LifeCraft Day**

Philosophy professor John Cuddeback of Christendom College and his wife Sofia invite you to LifeCraft Day at the Barn on June 17th, a mini-retreat on "Making Home a Place They Want to Be: Facing the Crisis of Our Day." The day will feature philosophical examination, delicious food, and fellowship. Lectures and discussion will suggest a radical approach to refocusing and reclaiming life in the home. Open to anyone 17 and older (nursing babies allowed). Information and registration at [LIFECRAFTDAY2023.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://LIFECRAFTDAY2023.EVENTBRITE.COM)  
Questions? [lifecraftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:lifecraftgroup@gmail.com)

**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](http://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.** Leave email blank on second slot. Please contact the church office if you can volunteer as a greeter during photo sessions.



*Say  
Cheese*

**SAINT  
FAUSTINA  
OF THE  
DIVINE  
MERCY  
PRAYED:**

"O Jesus, keep me in holy fear, so that I may not waste graces. Help me to be faithful to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. Grant that my heart may burst for love of You, rather than I should neglect even one act of love for You." (St. Faustina Diary, 1557)  
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**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.



**Congratulations**

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

## PRAYER LIST

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

Please pray for all homebound members of our Parish.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2023

#### For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Please Pray  
for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### 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!**