

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.



**HOC EST ENIM
CORPUS MEUM**

JUNE 11, 2023 ~ CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS INTENTIONS

June 12 - 18, 2023

MONDAY JUNE 12

Weekday

8:30am +Edwin&Claudia Gehl
12:00pm Kubanda Family

TUESDAY JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua

8:30am +Lloyd Walter Davis
12:00pm +Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14

Weekday / Flag Day

8:30am Shawn Davis Family
12:00pm Sr.Philomena Luke, CFR
7:00pm Andrew Leedom

THURSDAY JUNE 15

Weekday

8:30am Mickey&Sharon Gehl &Fam
12:00pm Christopher Larsen

FRIDAY JUNE 16

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30am Greg Bodoh
12:00pm Matthew Wiessing

SATURDAY JUNE 17

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:30am Barbara Mirus

SATURDAY VIGIL

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Francis & Marie Kelly

SUNDAY JUNE 18

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Elma Post
8:30am Father's Day Novena
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm Florita Lin
5:00pm John Joseph LeClair, Sr

CONFESSION TIMES

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

Saturday:
8:30am & 4:00pm

JUNE 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Week:

Sun June 11

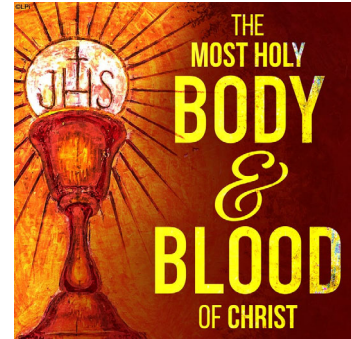
Corpus Christi Procession
5:45 Main St

Tues June 13

7-8pm Chapel
Fatima Rosary Holy Hour

Mon June 19

Parish Office Closed



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/
Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

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 17/18
will be for Parish Improvements.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 17/18

5:00pm	Brennan & Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric
8:30am	Thomas, Max & Dominic Kelly, Joe & Jack Nolan
10:30am	Dominic, Andre & John Criste, Jimmy & Jack Stanford, Samuel & Ben Meza
12:30pm	Santiago & Francisco Rodriquez, Yovann Miramontes, Leonardo Reyes
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 Shepanzyk**
Parochial Vicar
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- Rev. Michael Duesterhaus**
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

Corpus Christi Procession Today

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place today, Sunday, June 11th starting at after the 5pm Mass, at approximately 5:45pm. Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will be carried from the church, down Main Street to the Gazebo for benediction and back to the church. Please line Main Street and join in the procession after Our Lord passes by. An ice cream social will be held afterwards.



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 to volunteer. Thank you!



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

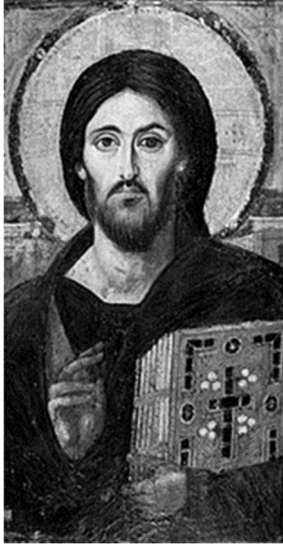
Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline

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

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection Today

Today's 2nd collection is for our diocesan retired priests. 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!



FROM THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Darryl & Susan Adams, *RE Assistants*

On this great **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, let us meditate on this most sacred mystery of our faith with the words of St Thomas Aquinas: “Since it was the will of God’s only begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh, he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us forever he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine. O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion. It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.” (*Opusculum 57*)

Our **2023 “SONRISE National Park VBS”** will be held Monday through Friday, **July 17-21** for children in grades rising-K to rising-5th. To register, simply email 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.

“This is My Body”

Jesus has given us His Body to eat
and His Blood to drink
so as to nourish us on our journey
towards Heaven.

All are called in Christ,
but some are chosen

to nourish His body as priests
and in the consecrated life.

Could you be among them?
Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg,

Vocations Director, at
(703) 841-2514

or email:

vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



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.

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 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 checks to Connor Taggart at 262 Paw Paw Dr. Front Royal.

Pray for Our Priests

It is a privilege to pray for our priests. Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of seven. Each woman chooses a day of the week and prays one holy hour a week for a particular priest. Thus, the priest receives one holy hour a day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor! Learn more at <https://sevensistersapostolate.org> or contact outreach@sjtb.org to join our local apostolate.

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.

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

Saturday June 24, 2023

11:00am Mass with Bishop Burbidge followed by a parish picnic celebration from 12-3pm! Bring a sliced watermelon or dessert to share, and a blanket and chairs for Bowman Park.



Human Development & Formation Workshop

Please come join us for our Human Development Workshop series, led by certified coach, Chris King-Archer. This workshop builds on becoming intentional about your life's design and turning your God given desires into achievable goals. You will be given a systematic guide to designing your life and legacy through practical skills on how to manage your mind, body and goals. Thursday, June 15th, 7:30pm-8:30pm at Padre Pio Hall and Thursday June 29th, 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Frassati House.

San Damiano Retreats

Fr. John Riley is newly appointed Spiritual Director at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Check out the retreats coming up this summer and fall at www.arlingtondiocese.org/san-damiano-retreat-center/san-damiano-retreats-and-events/

“Catholic Night” at Bing Crosby Stadium

Attention parish baseball fans! The 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 7pm. 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!

Marriage Meetings

For Catholic couples to pray together and work on strengthening relationships. 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, contact Viviano Rodriguez by voice or text at 559-347-4585.

Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom: Religious Freedom Week 2023

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

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@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



We are looking for volunteers to help at our Parish Picnic 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday June 24. 1 hour commitment. Please contact Bill Castellan.

Contact us

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

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. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.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
Questions? lifecraftgroup@gmail.com

SAINT FAUSTINA OF THE DIVINE MERCY SAID:

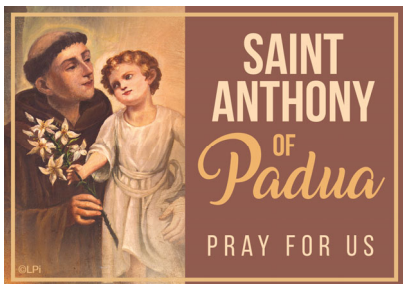
“Once, the image was being exhibited over the altar during the Corpus Christi procession [June 20, 1935]. When the priest exposed the Blessed Sacrament and the choir began to sing, the rays from the image pierced the Sacred Host and spread out all over the world. Then I heard these words: These rays of mercy will pass through you, just as they have passed through this Host, and they will go out through all the world. At these words, profound joy invaded my soul.” (St. Faustina Diary, 441) *(Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)*



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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for Us.

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. Leave email blank on second slot form. Please contact the church office if you can volunteer as a greeter during photo sessions.



Say Cheese

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!**