



St. John the Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH



1968 SANDBRIDGE ROAD • VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23456

January 9, 2022 • The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Parish Office: 1968 Sandbridge Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Monday & Thursday: 9 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Friday: 9 am–Noon • Closed weekends
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:15 am, and 11:00 am
Weekdays: Monday through Friday at 7:30 am

Penance

Thursdays 5–6:45 pm; Saturday 4–4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays beginning at 8:00 am. Benediction at 6:45 pm.

Infant Baptism

Normally celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents must first attend a baptism preparation class. Please call the office for information. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Marriage

In this diocese, couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should notify their pastor at least six to nine months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date. At least one party in the couple should be a registered parishioner for six months prior to requesting a wedding date.

First Communion

Celebrated during the Easter Season.

Confirmation for Youth

Celebrated during the Easter Season. One-year preparation is normative, beginning in 10th grade.

Christian Initiation of Children or Adults

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church or entering the catechumenate, please contact the parish office. Inquiry welcomed at any time.

Mission Statement

The mission of St. John the Apostle Catholic Parish is to grow in faith and union with Jesus Christ and one another. We strive to be a place where all are welcome as we respond to the needs of our community and the world through Word, Worship, Stewardship and Service.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 am Masses

9:15 Mass – CLOW

5:30 pm Confirmation Class #4

7:00 pm CIA Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

6:30 pm Legion of Mary (Room A)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room A

7:00 pm CRHP in Room B

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

10:00 am Truth Among Us Bible Study

1:00 pm Quilters

5:00 pm Teen Core Team Meeting

6:30 pm RCIA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

8:00 am Adoration

10:00 am Thursday Theologica

5:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm Benediction

7:00 pm Men of St. Joseph in Room B

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

9:30 am Women of Grace

6:00 pm NFP Class

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SJA SCHOOL "NEWS"



Students interact with NAO and Pepper in the STREAM program. Interactions include learning the Sign of the Cross and reciting the Our Father with Pepper.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please note that we will be abiding by the COVID precautions in place at the School, including:

- The wearing of masks covering nose and mouth in the School building itself
- Restriction of school access to volunteers and students. Students will be dropped off at the School entrance and escorted to their classrooms.
- Classes start at 12:45 p.m. (Sunday) and 6:15 p.m. (Monday)
- Dismissal of grades will be staggered as last year:
 - Kindergarten & First Grade 15 minutes prior;
 - Second & Third Grade 10 minutes prior;
 - Fourth & Fifth Grade 5 minutes prior; Middle School at the traditional dismissal time. The traditional dismissal time for Sunday is 2:00 p.m. and Monday is 6:15 p.m.

Please note the January schedule for Religious Education is affected by holidays and Catholic Schools Week:

- January 9 & 10 – Class
- January 16 & 17 – No Class because of Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 23 & 24 – Class
- January 30 & 31 – No Class because of Catholic Schools Week (NEW CHANGE)



Today, at the 11 a.m. Mass, the Church celebrates the *Rite of Welcome and Acceptance* for our RCIA participants who are discerning their call to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. At this point, we have *13 adult & teen catechumens* (i.e. not baptized); *14 adult candidates* (i.e. baptized non-Catholic Christians); and *7 confirmandi* (i.e. baptized Catholics preparing for Confirmation).

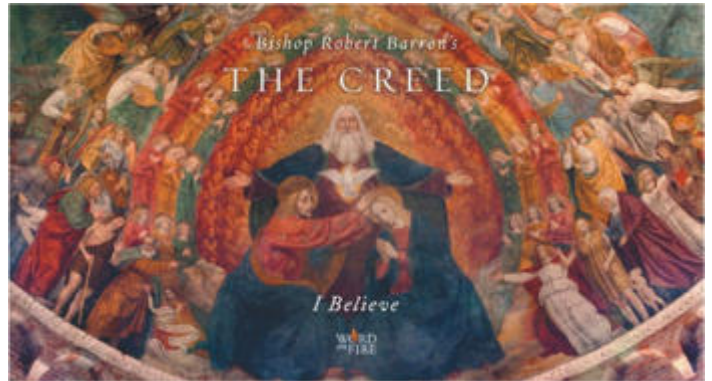


THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Men of St. Joseph is a national movement of Catholic men who gather every week to prayerfully read and discuss Sacred Scripture and call each other to holiness. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church Activity Room B.

<https://www.menofstjoseph.com/>

Go to Joseph! Have recourse with special confidence to St. Joseph, for his protection is most powerful, as he is the patron of the universal Church. – Blessed Pius IX



Coming January 2022 for Thursday Theologica Bishop Robert Barron's new series on "The Creed"

What do Christians believe? What do YOU believe? What does it even mean to "believe? The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we profess at every Sunday Mass. What does it all really mean?


"The Creed" will be starting on Thursday, January 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Church Activity Room. Books are available for \$25.00. Contact John Domingo for more details.

<https://creed.wordonfire.org/creed-series>



Please pray for our 86 First Communion candidates who have celebrated their First Penance Retreat and are preparing for their First Penance in the weeks to come!

C.I.A. Youth Ministry Program (Grades 8-12)



C.I.A. YOUTH GROUP GOES BOWLING!

TUESDAY, JAN. 25TH, 4:40PM-7PM

AMF Lynnhaven Lanes
Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner, drinks, and arcade)
Money due to SJA Office by Monday, Jan. 17th by 12pm

C.I.A. YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS:

MODERN DAY BIBLE STORIES WITH A TWIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH FROM 7PM- 9PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FAITH, & FUN IN THE SJA COMMONS

Interested in igniting your faith?

Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC)
Friday, Feb. 11th-
Sunday, Feb. 13th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 9TH

Talk to Veronica or email her at youthminister@sjavb.org

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Parish Pastoral Council

Chair, Maria Bair 573-8853
 Vice-Chair, Murray Curtis 642-7084
 Convener, Tommy Irving 439-3304

Parish Finance Council

Chair, Jim Manger 689-4826

Liturgy, Prayer & Worship

Altar Guild, Marianne Kirby 472-7551
 Altar Servers, Fr. Rob 426-2180
 Baptisms, Office 426-2180
 Choirs, Dr. Brandon Spence 426-2180
 SCHOLA (Men/boys Chant), Dr. Spence 426-2180
 CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Emily Desouza 619-9026

CRHP, Deacon Mac McClelland 426-2180

or gmcclelland@sjavb.org

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosemary Smith 375-1908

Extraordinary Ministers—Mary Humphrey 239-4247

Funeral Planning, Office 426-2180

Funeral Team, Mike Walsh 544-1678

Greeter Ministry, Joy Catalano 635-7679

Lectors, Liz Newby 430-8229

Little Company of Mary, Joyce Leotta 427-1604

Marian Prayer Group, Lois Bonner 777-6732

Legion of Mary, Suzanne Shick 876-1307

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Prayer Chain, Mary Ellen Roemer roem3@aol.com

or 732-299-4165

Ushers, Jim Snead 427-2855

Weddings, Office 426-2180

Faith Formation for Adults

Truth Among Us Bible Study/Billie Sullivan 689-1183

Women of Grace Group, Jaci Brandwein 412-370-5910

Parish & Community Life

Art & Environment, Karen Tenney and 651-3714

Andrea Lopshansky 472-0472

Bereavement Hospitality, Jamie Ridgway 573-8871

Boy/Cub Scouts, Jerry Kane 427-3860

Children's Nursery, Amy Kirner 732-809-9211

Knights of Columbus Council 13467

Shawn Hutchings, Grand Knight 718-2668

Patrick Mayette, Deputy Grand Knight 394-2992

Ministry to the Homebound, Deacon Joe Grillo
 jgrillo@sjavb.org or 426-2180

Advocates for Persons w/Disabilities...

Margo Perry 408-5234

Money Counters Patti Crimmins 737-0783

Respect Life Barbara Firich 301-3924

Parish Social Events, Jeri Kislow 427-9646

Welcome Desk, Betty Rosignolo 437-8662

Outreach

Co-Chairs: Lisa Rohrer lisalrohrer@yahoo.com
 or (757) 617-0657

and Kirsten Lundquist kslundquist@gmail.com
 or (412) 400-4024

Additional Ministries

Gift Shop Bobbie Vinsand 717-4601

or email gsmanager@sjavb.org

SJA Quilters Christina Echevarria 635-5731

christinae@sjavb.org

Natural Family Planning, Chris/Stephanie Finocchio
 430-1493

Social Media, Office 426-2180

Meals on Wheels Dennis Hartig 404-7953

For information on additional ministries, please visit our website at www.sjavb.org.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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MEALS ON WHEELS – TEAM 2

Week of January 10-13, 2022

Monday: Amy & Tom Musselman
Tuesday: Dave & Kathy Traynor
Wednesday: Joe & Bonnie Kuhn
Thursday: Tom & MaryAnn Carini



WANT TO HELP DELIVER MEALS?

Call 757-404-7953

MEALS ON WHEELS – TEAM 3

Week of January 17-20, 2022

Monday: Holiday—No Delivery (Leavis)
Tuesday: Muriel Bucknam & Becky Reynaldo
Wednesday: Rachel Pocta
Thursday: Greg & Jan Cavanaugh



"The chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."

St. Hilary

VOCATION CORNER

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice." Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming a priest?



Call the Vocations Office to speak with Fr. Brian W. Capuano at 804-359-5661 or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

January 9, 2022

The 49th Annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 21, 2022, 47 years from the anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion during ALL 9 months of pregnancy.



St. John's supports the right to life of every person, from conception to natural death. A bus has been chartered for parishioners to participate in the March for Life held in Washington, D.C. Due to the rising costs of the bus and fuel surcharges, the rider's cost has increased.

Signups for the bus (seating is limited) will be two weekends: January 8-9 and January 15-16 or until the bus is full. The cost to reserve a seat is \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 per family (max of 5). Please pay with check or cash. Checks made out to St. John the Apostle.

For more information, contact Barbara Firich at bfjmj0481@hotmail.com or 757-301-3924.

Feed Our Neighbor

The weather is cold outside and our friends in the homeless community need our help!

We will have a table in the commons during the weeks of January 22-23 and 29-30 for you to find out how you can help—from donating items to volunteering to serving on a quarterly team or even just signing up to help prepare one meal.

We will have ways to get involved for all. Please feel free to contact me directly with questions...Kristy Winfield - kmwinfield@msn.com or 757-679-0674.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

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The parish recently received a \$2,500 check from the Richmond Diocese in response to our submission for the annual Fuel and Hunger Grant. The money will be applied to our Outreach Ministries that are responsible for housing and feeding those in need in our community. We acknowledge and appreciate the Diocese's generosity.



St. John the Apostle Parish Blood Drive

Saturday February 12

9:00AM - 2:00PM

Activity Rooms A & B

Schedule your appointment now at

www.redcrossblood.org

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Sign-ups after Masses will begin

January 29, 2022

Contact Roy Alther at

roy.alther@gmail.com for additional
information or scheduling assistance.

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material required prior to January 10th.

For information on fertility awareness, how it can benefit a woman's health or to ask questions contact Stephanie Finocchio at finoc@msn.com or Deacon Chris Finocchio at cfinocchio@sjavb.org Call 757-430-1493 or visit live-the-love.org



Parish Breakfast

Come join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and a delicious Parish Breakfast **JANUARY 16** after each Mass.

In addition to socializing with other St. John's parishioners and a belt-buster breakfast, you will be supporting several worthy causes including:

1. Scholarships and improvements at SJA School
2. Support to several Seminarians
3. Rosaries for First Communion
4. A number of other Parish, youth, and Hope4 Life programs



Breakfast is served from 8 am until around 12:30. Under 6 and over 80 are free! **Cost is \$5.00 and we take credit**



Dear Sr. Manners: Should we applaud during the Mass when the choir sings something special? Some people start, but it is always kind of awkward.

Gentle Christian: First, Sr. Manners would like to remind you that Mass is a joyful celebration, instituted by Christ Himself at the Last Supper in remembrance of Him. There are many ways that the faithful are called to express this jubilation, through joyful prayers, songs and other forms for worship. However, it is never appropriate to applaud for appreciation of any of these expressed forms of ministry. The key is to remember that the ministers are sharing with the faithful community the gifts and talents that God has given them, which is to enhance the Mass and lead others to a more "sacred" experience of the liturgy, which leads us to God Himself. Anytime that the congregation applauds, we immediately depart from the sacred realm and abruptly return to the secular world. It would be much more reverent to allow everyone to just experience the profoundness of the moment, in silence, and not cut it short, allowing for a period of meditation in order to fully grasp the holiness of what was just proclaimed.

The same holds true for the priest. One should never applaud after he gives the homily or prayer as that would be ridiculous! Our hands serve us best at Mass when we hold them together silently in prayer. Mass can be noisy enough without adding applause.

Parish Support

Report for the week ending January 2, 2022

All figures are rounded.

Collection for Operations:

Weekly envelopes	\$9,345
Electronic giving	\$11,190
Loose Cash	\$1,596
Weekday Operations	\$3,827
TOTAL	\$25,958
Average Budget for 1 week	\$21,838
Week over budget	\$4,120
Month-to-Date Collection	\$25,958
Budget for 1 week	\$21,838
Month over budget	\$4,120
Year-to-Date collection	\$585,247
Budget 27 weeks	\$589,626
Year UNDER budget	(\$4,379)

Thank you for your continued support!

If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please download a registration form from our website (sjavb.org), complete it, and either mail it to us, drop it in the bell tower slot, or bring it to the office during our business hours.

Being “officially” registered is required if you need any type of sponsorship documentation or other sacramental needs.

Questions? Please contact Carole Romanini in the office at parish@sjavb.org.

**Please pray silently:
Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS



Parishioners who are unable to walk in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during weekend Masses are asked to inform an Usher **before** Mass begins each week. This will ensure that the head usher directs the Deacon to your seat with the Host and that you do not miss the opportunity to receive Our Lord.



If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery, and would like to be anointed, please contact the office. When it is not an emergency, please call the office before going to the hospital. Our number is 426-2180.



Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before the 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year at various Masses. Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday). Before scheduling their child’s baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. Please visit our website (sjavb.org) for dates and times and then phone the office to register for the class of your choice. Parents are encouraged to pick up a copy of our brochure, “Having Your Child Baptized at St. John the Apostle,” which is available online and in the office.

Next Class: February 1, 2022



Couples who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. John’s must contact **Carole Romanini, Office Manager**, at the parish office (426-2180 or parish@sjavb.org). **A minimum of six to nine months is normative for the preparation process after completing and submitting the parish wedding application and reviewing our policy booklet. We strongly encourage visiting the Marriage section of our website under Sacraments at www.sjavb.org prior to calling or emailing.**



This week’s flowers for the Blessed Mother are placed in memory of Esther D. Castro.

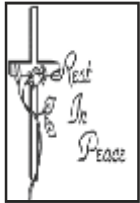
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MASS SCHEDULE

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Mass Intention

Monday	10	Weekday	7:30 am		Barbara Iacometti
Tuesday	11	Weekday	7:30 am	✠	Gene Wurster
Wednesday	12	Weekday	7:30 am	✠	Linda Carroll
Thursday	13	Weekday	7:30 am		Erika Ing
Friday	14	Weekday	7:30 am	✠	Charles & Anna Handlin
Saturday	15	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm	✠	Bethanne Plebani
Sunday	16	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am	✠	Robert James Landrigan
			9:15 am		The Romero Family
			11:00 am		People of the Parish



*Please pray for the recently deceased,
Loretta McDonald,
Mary Margaret White, and
Alicia Reed*

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and may perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



*~ Sanctuary Candle ~
In honor of Erika Ing*

Please stop by the office if you would like to reserve the sanctuary candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.



The 2022 Mass book is open for the month of February.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, only six (6) memorials (Mass, Candle, or Flowers) per family will be allowed per year. Requests are on a first come availability basis.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Names of individuals in need of prayer are published for four consecutive weeks. If the person continues to need prayers after the fourth week, the requester will need to notify the office either by phone or email (parish@sjavb.org) to reinstate them to the list.

Please remember that only an immediate family member may ask to have someone added to the sick list.

Let us pray for:

Joseph Vitello, Genevieve Kelly, Jeanne Pinkston, Joe and Fran Ragusa, Gary Boryk, Jr., Dolores Kerr, Lynn Stanley, James "Coach K" Kinzel, Lisa Psimas, Kenneth Sayler, and Maria Aguilar-Coton.

If you need Communion brought to the homebound, please contact Deacon Joe at jgrillo@sjavb.org.



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