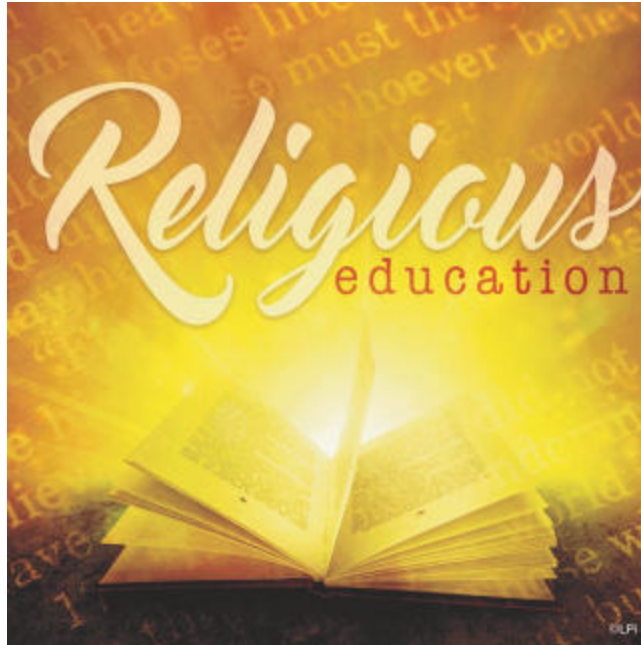


# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church is a family of believers in Christ. As sacramental people, filled with God's love, we strive to provide a welcoming community, supporting one another on our journey to salvation. We are committed to each other in a spirit of compassion and love while promoting hope, healing and evangelization in our midst.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## NEW PARISHIONER

We welcome new parishioners to our parish family! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Hindsley and fill out a registration form located at the entrance of the church.

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 4:30PM, Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00AM

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Monthly by appointment.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:00 P.M. or by calling the rectory for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance.

**Holy Communion at Home:** Notify us of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit weekly.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WESTPORT**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including 1st year) during 2018. This celebration will take place on Sunday, October 14th at 3:00 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation please contact the Rectory at 508-636-2251.

**BEACON HOSPICE** seeks local volunteers. There are many ways you can help!!

Free training held locally.

Please contact Erin Hassell, Volunteer Coordinator at 508-324-1900, ext . 108

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*is burning this week in memory of*

***Joseph Carriero***



Have you been **curious about the R.C.I.A. process?** Have you been **thinking about becoming a Catholic?** Please speak with Fr. Hindsley or call the rectory at 508-636-2251.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Lees market has given **over \$3,000.00** to us so far in 2018, please keep the Lee's receipts coming in, all proceeds help to fund our Religious Education Program. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU to LEES** for continuing to support us through this program!!!!



September 16.....\$4,835.00

**May God bless you for your generosity!!**

*Kindly take a moment to pray for the intentions, the welfare, the healing and salvation of...*

**Brandon Torres, Michael Elchuck, Deborah Silvia, Devyn Arruda, Brenna, Kolby Anderson, Margaret Kelley, Marie Drago, John Massa, Susan Tremblay, Stacey, Katherine Buschman, Sr. Beverly Furtado, Kerri Martel, Carlos Silveira, Miguel DeSouza, Floris, Claire Sennett, Kevin Kelly, Cathy Finucane, John, Chloe Harding, Kerri, Geri Kolb, Jeanne Cawley, Jennifer Gormley, Louise Poirier, Baby Gavin, Edward Polgar, Joseph F. Heitzler, Jennifer Lavoie, Jim O'Hearn, Patrick Masterson, Dennis Martel, Kathy, Jeff Noetzel, Muriel & Henry Navarette, Joe Pimentel, Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart, Paul Desmarais, Irene Rodrigues, Randy Carvalho, & Our Service Men and Women**



In celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, we will be holding our 4th Annual

**Blessing of the Pets  
Saturday, October 6th  
at 11:00 AM**

Whether furry or feathery, big or small, bring your pet(s) to the blessing! Please make sure they are on a leash or secured safely!

**We had a great turn out last year and hoping it will be even bigger this year!!**

**This event is open to all, tell your friends and Neighbors!**



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Year B)**

We are often told that we should keep our eyes looking toward heaven and our feet on the ground. For many, however, to have "feet on the ground" implies acquiring the human wisdom that sometimes leads to avarice, arrogance, and injustice. The word of God warns us today not to fall into this trap. To walk with our feet on the ground while our eyes and heart are on heaven is something else. God invites us to walk next to the just who are free, even though they may be rejected or feel oppressed at times. There is no need to fight to be first among many, as the apostles discussed in today's Gospel did. Jesus shows us the path of service and knows that peace is born out of the fruits of justice. Can we name those in our society who lean most toward avarice? Who are those who embrace justice and compassion because they know it is the Lord who helps them?

**POPE FRANCIS: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"*

90. Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for "whoever would save his life will lose it" (*Mt* 16:25).91. In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that "a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult

to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people".[78] In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule. 92. Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel's sake, it speaks precisely of persecution (cf. *Acts* 5:41; *Phil* 1:29; *Col* 1:24; *2 Tim* 1:12; *1 Pet* 2:20, 4:14-16; *Rev* 2:10). 93. Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favour "with all the people" (2:47; cf. 4:21.33; 5:13), even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them (cf. 4:1-3, 5:17-18). 94. Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people "utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account" (*Mt* 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

*Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.*

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

**All Christians have the same boss.**



## **SCHEDULE**

<i>Pre-School</i> 9:30 – 10:30AM	<i>Sunday, September 23, 2018</i> Parish Center
<i>Grades 1-6</i> 10:30-11:30 AM	<i>Sunday, September 23, 2018</i> Religious Education Center
<i>Confirmation I &amp; II</i> 7:30	<i>Monday, September 24 , 2018</i> Parent/Student Session Parish Center
<i>Grades 7 &amp; 8</i> 6:00	<i>Tuesday, September 25, 2018</i> Parent/Student Session Parish Center

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Religious Education please contact Susan Orzeck at 508-636-5506.

### **MISSION CO-OP WEEKEND**

Please Welcome, Fr. Leonard, a priest from Rwanda and chaplain at St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, will be preaching a mission appeal here at St. John the Baptist. Please welcome him and be as generous as you can be in support of the mission to Africans.

There is also a collection (with envelope) for the Cardinal Medeiros Residence. Please use the envelope if you wish to make a contribution to that cause and place it in the second collection basket. Any cash in the second collection will go to the Missionary Appeal. Thank you for your concern for the needy and your loving offering.





<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 22, 2018</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Ambrosia Vieira; Anniversary (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 23, 2018</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Raymond Gallant (Family) Joanne Branco (Husband)
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Eleanor & Arthur McDonald (Colleen Polselli)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Christopher Resendes, Aires Resendes & Christiano Medeiros (Family)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 24, 2018</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	For the Repose of the Soul of Rev. William Costello
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 25, 2018</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Normand Cabral (Paul Desmarais)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 26, 2018</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	Ellen C. Bender (Family)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 27, 2018</b>
	<i>~ St. Vincent dePaul</i>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Albert Porter (A Friend)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 29, 2018</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Fontaine/Marques Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	M/M Lloyd Leverett (Family)
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Henry (Colleen Polselli)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Mary Medeiros (Joe & Maria Pimentel)

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**at the**  
**Statue of The Sacred Heart**  
*is perpetually burning in memory of*  
  
*Sarah Valentine*





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