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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00AM

Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of the Month, Please contact the
Rectory to make arrangements.

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.

OUR MISSION

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.

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!!

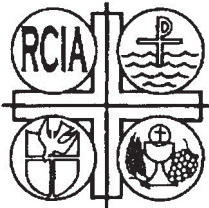
Free training held locally.

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning this week

For the People of the Parish



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.

SAVE THE DATE

The Honduran Mission Team will be holding a Pasta Dinner Saturday, October 27, 2018. More information to follow.



September 23.....\$4,800.09
Mission Co-Op.....\$4,669.96

May God bless you for your generosity!!

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

Janet Mohr, Brandon Torres, Michael Elchuck, Deborah Silvia, Devyn Arruda, Brenna, 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, Jennifer Gormley, Louise Poirier, 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!

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



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

God has touched the heart of many good people and invited them to be merciful with those who need their support and sustenance. The disciples in today's Gospel complained to Jesus because there were others who were not part of "their" group and who "expelled demons." Jesus asks them not to prohibit them from doing so. For God, there are no favorites; Jesus surrendered himself for the salvation of all. The disciples called by the Lord to proclaim the kingdom of God have a special responsibility that does not exclude others from heeding the same call to make the signs of the kingdom visible. Pope Francis has urged us to work together to expel the "demons" of hunger, persecution, sickness, war, and terrorism from the lives of many in need. In our communities, we should ask ourselves, have we extended this same call to other Christian or non-Christian communities in our neighborhood so we can tackle these needs together?

**POPE FRANCIS: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE
*THE GREAT CRITERION***

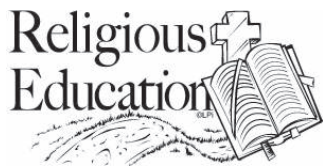
95. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel (vv. 31-46), Jesus expands on the Beatitude that calls the merciful blessed. If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (vv. 35-36).

In fidelity to the Master 96. Holiness, then, is not about swooning in mystic rapture. As Saint John Paul II said: "If we truly start out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified".[79] The text of

Matthew 25:35-36 is "not a simple invitation to charity: it is a page of Christology which sheds a ray of light on the mystery of Christ". [80] In this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate. 97. Given these uncompromising demands of Jesus, it is my duty to ask Christians to acknowledge and accept them in a spirit of genuine openness, *sine glossa*. In other words, without any "ifs or buts" that could lessen their force. Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" [81]98. If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being?[82]99. For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: "For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion".[83]

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill or unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory to schedule a home visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers.



SCHEDULE

Grades 1-6 **Sunday, September 30, 2018**
10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Center

Confirmation I & II **Monday, October 1, 2018**
7:30 - 8:30 PM Religious Education Center

Grades 7 & 8 **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**
6:00 - 7:00 PM Parish Center

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES NEXT WEEK,
ENJOY THE LONG COLUMBUS DAY
WEEKEND****

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



We are thinking about holding a **TRUNK or TREAT**
event here in our parking lot on Sunday October 28th.,
from 2 - 4, with Pumpkin Decorating and a Costume
Parade for the kids. If you may be interested in partici-
pating in this event, or would like more information,
please contact the Rectory.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on
Saturday, December 8th from 10 - 3.
More information to follow.





Saturday	September 29, 2018
4:30 PM	Fontaine/Marques Family
Sunday	September 30, 2018
8:00 AM	M/r. & Mrs. Lloyd Leverett (Family)
9:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Henry (Colleen Polselli)
11:00 AM	Mary Medeiros (Joe & Maria Pimentel)
Monday	October 1, 2018
	<i>~ St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>
8:00 AM	Dr. Frank Kelly
Tuesday	October 2, 018
	<i>~ The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
8:00 AM	John J. Caruso
Wednesday	October 3, 2018
8:00AM	Kyle Pontes (Parents)
Thursday	October 4, 2018
	<i>~ St. Francis of Assisi</i>
8:00 AM	Fr. Bill Condon
Friday	October 5, 2018
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
Saturday	October 6, 2018
4:30 PM	Bob Vieira; Birthday
Sunday	October 7, 2018
8:00 AM	Roland Robidoux; Birthday Remembrance (Roger & Bev Robidoux)
9:30 AM	Ken Sullivan (Family)
11:00 AM	Kevin McGuill (Family)

There are only a few Weekend Masses left for 2018. We are booking into 2019, if you are looking for a certain Mass in 2019, please contact the Rectory, as weekend Masses are starting to book up quickly.

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

Sarah Valentine



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