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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.



**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)

**NO 8:00AM MASS**  
**Monday, October 8, 2018**  
**Columbus Day**

**Tuesday**      **October 9, 018**  
**8:00 AM**      Timothy & Raymond Jezak (Family)  
**Wednesday**   **October 10, 2018**  
**8:00AM**        Manuel & Maria Fernandes (Family)  
**Thursday**      **October 11, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**        Norm Sorel; Wedding Anniversary  
                     (Betty)  
**Saturday**      **October 13, 2018**  
**4:30 PM**      Isabel & Jaime Furna (Family)  
**Sunday**        **October 14, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**        For the People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM**        Lynne Aldrich; 1st Anniversary  
                     (The Brown Family)  
**11:00 AM**        Ronnie DeAndrade & Tommy Carreiro  
                     (June DeAndrade)

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.

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



September 30.....\$4,776.05  
 Cardinal Medeiros.....\$2,041.39

**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**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
  
*is burning this week in memory of*  
  
***Ken Sullivan***



**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



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

Sunday, October 7, 2018

God is the creator, redeemer, and sanctifier of all humanity. Today's readings lead us to recognize the communion of God in love. The Father sent the Son, whom he made a "little less than the angels" so that, by dying and rising, he would be crowned in glory. This intimate communion the Holy Spirit creates becomes present as a sign in every sacrament the Church celebrates. In today's Gospel, Jesus affirms the union of man and woman before God, a sign the Church has declared as the sacrament of marriage. Faced with the many options for human relationships that society offers us today, we can neither forget the origin of the human family nor the holiness of married life. It is important to have the various groups of the community, especially the youth groups, discuss the significant value of Christian marriage.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

What is *lectio Divina*? This is a technical term taken from Latin meaning "divine reading." *Lectio Divina* is a method of praying the Scriptures either alone or in a group. It is a very ancient practice and is based on the idea that one does not really know Scripture until one memorizes it and makes it prayerfully personal. *Lectio Divina* is NOT Bible study, rather it is a personal encounter with the Word of God. Sometimes it may be helpful to know the context of the scripture passage in order to understand its meaning, but in *Lectio Divina* we do not worry about who the author is, when it was written and why. Instead we let the reading impact our prayer and our lives. We encounter not the word of man, but the Word of God. This method was used throughout the time of the ancient church and the Middle Ages (100-1450). After that it was the practice usually of monks

and nuns rather than ordinary Christians. Since and because of the Second Vatican Council the Church has been unearthing the ancient practices of the Church in the way we celebrate Mass (using the language of the people, for example) and in the way we encounter Scripture in its privileged places—in the sacraments and in the public proclamation during the Mass. And now we concentrate on private prayer using Scripture. There is a definite method ( 4 steps) of *Lectio Divina* which we will learn over the next four weeks: Step 1 *lectio*; Step 2 *meditatio*; Step 3 *oratio*; and step 4 *contemplatio*. If you want to know more, just google "Lectio Divina" or check out the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and read the section entitled "Ever ancient, Ever New: the Art and Practice of *Lectio Divina*."

**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

**The Origin of the Bible: Human Invention  
or Divine Intervention?**

Sessions will be held on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm** or **Friday mornings at 9 am** in our parish center starting **October 24/26** and run for **four weeks**. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

**St. John's Women's Guild**

invites all women of the parish to a  
Communion Breakfast

**Sunday, November 4th  
in the Parish Center  
following the 8:00 Mass**

A continental breakfast will be  
provided

More information to follow.



**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.



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

***CLASSES RESUME***

***Grades 1-6***                      ***Sunday, October 14, 2018***  
10:30-11:30 AM              Religious Education Center

***Confirmation I & II***        ***Monday, October 15, 2018***  
7:30 - 8:30 PM              Religious Education Center

***Grades 7 & 8***                ***Tuesday, October 16, 2018***  
6:00 - 7:00 PM              Parish Center

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



If you are interested in joining our Choir, please join us at our

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**AUTUMN PRAYER**

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. AMEN



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 participating in this event, or would like more information, please contact the Rectory.



The month of October is traditionally a time to **honor Mary**. As a constant reminder, The **statue of Our Lady is displayed in the niche on the left hand side of the church.**

We encourage you to pray the rosary and reflect on the sacred mysteries of Christ as a source of strength and comfort in our daily lives.

**THE CANDLE at the foot of *Mary***  
*is burning this week in memory of*

***Kevin McGuill***



Nomination Ballots will be available the next two weekends October 13/14 and Oct 20/21 for you to nominate parishioners to serve a 2-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council. There are **2 positions** open going into 2019. The PPC members have worked diligently for several years now and have made a lasting impact on the life of the parish by formulating and implementing a 3-year plan, and they are currently working on a 5 year strategic plan, which will carry over to the new council.



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