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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Monday October 15, 2018
 ~St. Teresa of Jesus
 8:00 AM Jeanette Butler; 1st Anniversary
 (Family)
Tuesday October 16, 2018
 8:00 AM Frank Silvia (Mike & Joan Travers)
Wednesday October 17, 2018
 ~St. Ignatius of Antioch
 8:00 AM Jeanette Magnuski; 1st Anniversary
Thursday October 18, 2018
 ~St. Luke
 8:00 AM Maria & Manuel Almeida (Family)
Saturday October 20, 2018
 4:30 PM Michael St. Laurent; Birthday (Family)
 Loretta Martel (Family)
Sunday October 21, 2018
 8:00 AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
 9:30 AM Melania Kaharl & Joseph Ferreira
 (Family)
 11:00 AM Roger Court (Colleen Polselli)
 & For the People of the Parish

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



October 7.....\$4,837.25
 Annual Collection YTD.....\$6,355.00

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,
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 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

For the People of the Parish



**From the
Pastor's Desk**



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

Today's Gospel presents us with two aspects of our humanity: first, the desire expressed by James and John to sit at either side of the Lord and the negative reaction of the other apostles and, second, the Lord's affirmation of the "test" all must pass and the baptism they must all receive. The first two readings point to Jesus' declaration when they address suffering as part of the life of those who live near the Lord and are committed to share his message as missionaries of peace. It is important, once again, that the groups that gather every week continue to dialogue about the meaning of this vicarious suffering. In many places we hear complaints that blame "God's punishments," "bad luck," or an "evil eye." We need to purify these ideas, conscious of the fact that we are messengers of hope in the face of suffering. God never abandons anyone and always gives everyone the strength to face any grief or pain.

LECTIO DIVINA

Last week we learned about the four steps of *lectio divina* and especially the first step *meditatio* in we read an important passage of Scripture and asked questions about it. The second step is called *oratio* which is translated as "prayer." In this step we read the text from the Bible yet again in a prayerful way, having meditated upon it in step one. After reading we offer the Lord praise, petitions and thanking that the Word inspires in us. Our encounter with the text may lead us to praise God. So for the text that we read from Ezekiel (36:25-27) we may praise God for his care for us or his desire to help us change to become what he wants us to be. We may offer petitions, that is prayers for our own welfare or the good of others. We could ask the Lord to

cleanse us from sin and to put that new heart within us or to do the same for our loved ones or our enemies. Finally we might be moved to offer thanks to God for doing these things for us, either because they have already begun to happen or because we believe this promise of God to bring about a change in our lives to draw us ever closer to Him in love and obedience.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your word, oh Lord, is truth. Bring the Lord's truth into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage

Encounter Weekend. The next

Weekends are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.

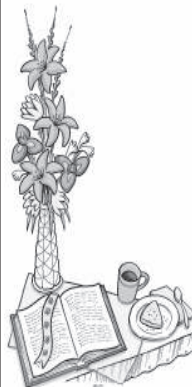
FALL BIBLE STUDY

**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**.

There are flyers at the entrance of the Church.

Please contact the Rectory to sign up.



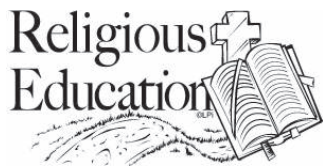
St. John's Women's Guild

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 served.

Please contact Elaine Margarida at 508-636-8738 or Ann Moran at 508-636-4922 for more information.



Schedule

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.

OLANCHO AID

The Honduran Mission Team will be holding their Annual Pasta Dinner; Pasta & Meatballs and Chicken Cacciatore

Saturday, October 27th
at 5:45 following the 4:30 mass.

The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.

Tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend, and by contacting Claire M Sullivan at cmsullivan@charter.net This will be our final fundraiser.

BULLETIN HUMOR...

The owner of a Bed & breakfast wanted to name his three rooms after the Gospels. Not knowing which names to pick, he finally decided on Matthew, Mark & Luke. Then he thought to himself, "if I could only come up with a name for the bathroom??"



The **TRUNK or TREAT** event has been cancelled!!!



Bishop Connolly High School will host an Open House for prospective students and families on **Thursday, October 18th from 5-8**. Tour our campus and learn about our college preparatory curriculum. For more information, Call Bishop Connolly Admissions at 508-676-1071 ext. 333



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

Fr. Bill Condon



Nomination Ballots will be available the next weekend 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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