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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.



PMASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday October 22, 2018
8:00 AM Frank Silvia

Tuesday October 23, 2018
8:00 AM Charles Peixe

Wednesday October 24, 2018
8:00AM Tom Slowik

Thursday October 25, 2018
8:00 AM Jeff Gobeil

Saturday October 27, 2018
4:30 PM Normand Robinson (Son; Raymond)

Sunday October 28, 2018
8:00 AM Russell & Edna Tripp; Birthday
 (Family)
 Tom Slowik; Month's Mind (Wife)
9:30 AM Joseph Henry (Colleen Polselli)
 & For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Ann Gilbert Christ (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.

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



October 14.....\$4,377.00
 Annual Collection YTD..... \$13,159.00

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, 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

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

The first of the four steps of *lectio divina* begins with a prayer. Any prayer seeking God's help will do. This is an example: ***O Lord, our God, who sent your Word, Jesus Christ, to instruct us in your ways, send your Spirit upon us that we may read the word of God in faith, let it enlighten our minds and pierce our hearts with your love so that we may love to live according to your Law and learn what we need to do to love you above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*** The first step is to read the passage of Scripture alone or in a group, aloud or in silence. Read it slowly and think about it. Consider this text from Ezekiel 36:25-27: ***I will sprinkle clean water upon you to***

cleanse you from all your iniquities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. Each step has questions to ask of ourselves regarding the text: 1) What word or words in this passage caught your attention? 2) What in this passage comforted you? 3) What in this passage challenged you? If step one is done in a group, the members may share the answers to the questions and discuss what the Spirit has brought up to think about and meditate upon.



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.

BULLETIN HUMOR: A Priest and a Senator arrived at the pearly gates at the same time, and being a humble fellow the Priest motioned for the senator to speak with St. Peter first.

"Senator, we've been expecting you. Welcome! Please, step into this limo. It will take you to the finest mansion we have.

Next, the Priest approached, "Hello Pastor" St. Peter welcomed him "here comes the shuttle bus to take you to your economy suite"

"Wait a minute" the Priest questioned, "I have served the Lord for many years, an economy suite is my reward?" St. Peter smiled as he replied "Well, we get Priests up here regularly, but this is the first senator we've ever had.



Schedule

Grades 1-6 **Sunday, October 21, 2018**
10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Center

Confirmation I & II **Monday, October 22, 2018**
7:30 - 8:30 PM Religious Education Center

Grades 7 & 8 **Tuesday, November 13, 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 this weekend, and by contacting Claire M Sullivan at cmsullivan@charter.net This will be our final fundraiser.



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.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

For those students interested in singing in the Youth Choir in grades 3 & Up for the 4:30 Christmas Eve Service. Please see Scott Simpkin. Rehearsal will begin within the next few weeks after the 9:30 service in the choir area. Rehearsals will last approx. 15-20 minutes after which students will be escorted back to their Religious Education Classes.



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

For the People of the Parish



Nomination Ballots are available this 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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