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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 November 3, 2018
4:30 PM Gloria Amaral (Family)

Sunday November 4, 2018
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Women's Guild
9:30 AM Doris McGuill (Claire Sullivan)
11:00 AM Anne & Jack Burke (Colleen Polselli)

Monday November 5, 2018
8:00 AM Leonard F. Hindsley, Jr.

Tuesday November 6, 2018
8:00 AM Special Intentions of Bruce Reynolds (Kenneth Machado)

Wednesday November 7, 2018
8:00AM Kyle Pontes (Parents)

Thursday November 8, 2018
8:00 AM Peter Healy (Wife)

Saturday November 10, 2018
4:30 PM Irene Boucher; 50th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday November 11, 2018
8:00 AM Michael & Manuela Orlando (Family)
9:30 AM Melania Kaharl (Family)
 Richard Trecida (Family)
11:00 AM Philip & Claire Norcross (Son; Harold)

**THE CANDLE AT THE
 foot of Mary**

is burning this week for

David Carriero

**THE CANDLE
 at the**

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



October 28.....\$5,050.70
 Annual Collection YTD.....\$19,764.00

May God bless you for your generosity!!



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

**Bruce Reynolds, 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

Bill Rodgers



**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Not long ago we heard the response of the rich young man to Jesus' invitation to follow him. He could not do it; his many possessions kept him from doing so. Today we hear of another man who approaches the Lord with a question, this time about the commandment to love. Jesus recognizes that he is closer to the kingdom than the man himself realizes. If we had the privilege of meeting Jesus face to face today, and if the Lord asked us to follow him or to love our neighbor with all our heart, how would we respond? Liturgy planners can explore this contrast--love for material things versus love for spiritual things--in their preparations. The solution to this dilemma may be found in the law and commandments, which are found not in books but in the human heart. The responsorial psalm gives us a clear answer: "I love you, Lord, my strength." In God's love, we are able to love and forgive others.

LECTIO DIVINA

The fourth step of *lectio divina* is called *contemplatio* or in English "contemplation." In this step we read the Scripture passage yet again and follow the reading by a reflection. What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? Where does the Lord want me to go? How can I make myself ready to follow God's will for me? One aspect of conversion of mind and heart is the realization and firm belief that the Lord wants to cleanse me God wants to change me. He wants to remove our stony hearts, a symbol of our isolation from God and others, and replace it with a natural heart so that we will be what God intends us to be—a person who loves God and neighbor. God wants us, in this prophetic text to let His spirit live within us so that we will obey His statutes. His commandments are not arbitrary laws meant to restrict us, rather they are meant to guide us into becoming our truer, better selves. -----After a period of silent reflection we recite the Lord's Prayer and conclude with the following prayer: *How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call*

upon the name of the LORD. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you I will offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. (Taken from Psalm 116).

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

November is the month dedicated to All Souls. It is the month we call to mind our deceased loved ones. We will remember them at each time of prayer throughout the month and invite you to write the names in the **Book of the Names of the Dead.** This will remind us of how **our connection with one another transcends time and space to the place where all are one in memory and hope.** If you wish, you may repeat the name of a loved one, even if you have written it in past years.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS for
New Altar Servers will be held **THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, November 7th
5-6 PM

Thursday, November 8th
6-7 PM.

New servers need only attend one of these sessions. Interested boys and girls who are in at least the third grade and who have made their first Penance and first Holy Communion are encouraged to attend.

Westport Community Blood Drive
St. John the Baptist Church
December 8 10am.-3pm.

*Appointment Scheduling is now available for those who signed up at Church and others who wish to donate.

- CALL 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- GO TO redcrossblood.org
- DOWNLOAD the Blood Donor App.

Schedule early for your preferred time.
Questions? Call Joan @508-636-6798



Schedule

*****Please note there are no Religious Education Classes next weekend, due to the Veteran's Day long weekend*****

Grades 1-6 ***November 4, 2018***
10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Center

Confirmation I & II ***November 5, 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

MARIAN MEDAL

Congratulations to

Bob Tripp

who is the recipient of the **2018 Marian Medal**.

Bob is a devout longtime member of our Parish. He serves our Parish in many ways. Bob inaugurated the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen chapter within our Parish which recognizes the talents of our Altar Servers. He coordinates the Altar Server schedules, holds meetings to recruit servers and trains them for their ministry. In addition he serves as a Lector and is part of our Funeral Ministry.

Bob will receive his medal from Bishop Edgar daCunha on Sunday, November 18th, at 3:00 at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Fall River, all are invited to share this special day with him.



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.



It is time once again for our annual **Thanksgiving Sukkot Festival** donations. All children/families are invited to bring their items into the Religious Education Center **November 4 - November 18th**

Suggestion lists have been sent home with students and copies are at the entrance of the church. Our bounty will help families in need at the Sacred Heart Food Pantry.



***ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
in collaboration with the WESTPORT POINT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

*Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm
here at St. John. Fr. Hindsley will preside and
Pastor Kate, will preach.*

It's always a great time for us to get together, listen to the Word and the preaching, sing psalms and hymns in thanksgiving to God and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment afterwards in the Church Hall. Plan to come and bring a friend!

Festival Lights at La Salette

We are working on a bus trip for the beginning of December, more information to follow.



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