



## *2nd Sunday of Lent*

### **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.

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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.

**Pastor:** Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley

**Administrative Assistant:** Paula Brown

**Religious Education Director:** Susan Orzeck


**Music Director:** Scott Simpkin

**Music Accompanist:** Matt Richard



# PMASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday March 16, 2019**  
**4:30 PM** Jose & Honorina Vasconcellos  
 (Family)

**Sunday March 17, 2019**  
 **8:00 AM** Peter Habib (Matt Richard)  
 & For the People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Joanne Branco (Husband)  
**11:00 AM** Eleanor & Arthur McDonald  
 (Daughter)

**Monday March 18., 2019**  
**8:00 AM** Antone & Evelyn Simas (Family)

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
 ~*St. Joseph*  
**8:00 AM** Ann Taber; 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday March 20, 2019**  
**8:00 AM** Vas Peyton (Family)  
**6:30 PM** For the People of the Parish

**Thursday March 21, 2019**  
**8:00 AM** Joey Aquilia; Birthday Remembrance  
 (Family)

**Saturday March 23, 2019**  
**4:30 PM** Kyle Pontes; 3rd Anniversary  
 (Parents)  
 Normand Robinson (Son)

**Sunday March 24, 2019**  
**8:00 AM** Carlin Lynch (Family)  
**9:30 AM** Manuel, May & Louie Fernandes  
 (Family)  
**11:00 AM** Brian McDonald (Sister)



*Plan to set aside some special time during Lent, to help prepare yourself spiritually for Easter.*

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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*Salome & Jacinto Fonseca*



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

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 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, John,  
 Kerri, 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 CANDLE at the FOOT OF MARY

is burning for

*The People of the Parish*



## Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday, March 17, 2019

As the season of Lent advances, God reveals himself in the Word and defines his relationship with all of us more clearly. In today's Gospel, God reveals the glory promised to those who are faithful to the Covenant. Jesus reminds his apostles that the transfiguration is not an escape from the real world but, rather, a goal that announces the victory of life over death. Life on earth is a journey of suffering and of joy, of rejection and of misunderstandings, of hope and of success. Faith allows us to confront life confidently and binds us to him who leads us to eternal happiness. To offer a source of reflection for community groups, it would be useful for both the homily and the Prayer of the Faithful to include elements that contrast concepts such as "sacrifice" and "happiness," "anguish" and "hope," and "pain" and "joy," which are all common in the daily lives of parishioners.

### Capital Sins: Covetousness

The Seven Capital Sins are sins that lead to other sins. They are basic sins that, if not healed, poison our whole lives. Like pride, covetousness is one of the capital sins. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines covetousness as a disordered inclination or desire for pleasure or possessions. It goes against the ninth and tenth commandments. (You shall not covet your neighbors wife or goods). Exodus expands on this saying: "You shall not covet *anything* that is your neighbors." Notice that this is a DISORDERED inclination. There's nothing wrong with liking things or wanting things, but it turns into something disordered then it is covetous-

ness. You make like your neighbors spouse, but when you fantasize about have relations you are covetous. The spouse belongs to your neighbor, not to you. Your affections and desires are disordered and therefore sinful. You make your neighbor's snazzy red car, but you can't steal it and use it for yourself. Covetousness, the desire for something can lead us to further sins: lust, lying, stealing etc. Feeling covetous today?

### The Exsultet

Once the blessing of the New Fire and the procession with the Paschal Candle have taken place, the priest chants the hymn known as *Exsultet*. It's title resembles the English word "exultation" and so we know that this hymn invites us to rejoice in the saving power of God. In fact the hymn invites the hosts of heaven, all the angels, the whole earth knowing an end to gloom and darkness, and also Mother Church. Finally the hymn invites the faithful present to fill the building with the sound of their voices such that the very building would "shake with joy." The hymn goes on to connect the Passover (Resurrection) of Jesus with the events of the Passover in Jewish history. "This is the night that even now . . . sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin leading them to grace and joining them to the holy ones." The hymn continues praising the benefits of the resurrection: "The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty." The singer offers the Paschal Candle to God in thanksgiving and prays that it will be found burning before the dawn when the morning star appears. It calls Christ the "Morning Star" for he and his resurrection from the dead begins a new day for the human race—they are reconciled to God and made partakers in the divine nature.

*2ND SUNDAY OF LENT*

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***SCHEDULE***

***Grades 1-6***                      ***March 17, 2019***  
10:30-11:30 AM              Religious Education Center

**Confirmation I & 11**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
**Monday, March 25th at 7:00 in the Church**

***Grades 7 & 8***                      ***See you in September***

**AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS**

We invite you to join in our Lenten Program,  
**At the Foot of the Cross**

**Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer.**

**Time & Talent** offers each person the opportunity to think about how their individual gifts and talents can be used to serve the parish community.

Our **Treasure (Almsgiving)** will go directly to Olancho Aid to help our friends in Honduras. Additionally, our parish will support Sacred Heart Food Pantry in Fall River, which provides food and other assistance to local needy families. A list of basic staples is posted on the bulletin board and listed in the Foot of the Cross flyer.

**Prayer Petitions** may be offered and written on the papers provided at the entrance of the church.



## WOMEN'S GUILD

ANNUAL PENNY SALE  
on SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

Anyone wishing to donate a prize, please call  
**Madeleine Freitas 508-636-6563.**

Deadline to drop off prizes is  
Sunday, March 24th.

## Scholarships

\$500 - Scholarship Application  
Application Deadline: April 1, 2019

**The application is available  
for pick-up at the rectory.**

Applicants must be **active, confirmed, and participating** members of St. John's Church.  
Thank you and we wish our graduating seniors well.



Please pray for repose of the souls of

***Danny Sullivan  
& Anne Motta***

whose Funerals were recently held here at St. Johns. May Jesus lead them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Kindly pray for the consolation of their families, friends and all who mourn their passing.

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