

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 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 30, 2019
4:30 PM Norman St. Amour;
 Birthday Remembrance (Wife)
 For the Souls in Purgatory
 For the People of the Parish

Sunday March 31, 2019
8:00 AM Jason Nolan (Family)
 Tom Slowik; Birthday Remembrance
 (Wife)

9:30 AM George Lewis (Sister)
 Salome & Jacinto Fonseca;
 Anniversary (Family)

11:00 AM Roger Court (Colleen Polselli)

Monday April 1., 2019
8:00 AM Raymond Jezak; 2nd Anniversary
 (Family)

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
8:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory
 (Fernandes Family)

Wednesday April 3, 2019
8:00 AM Kyle Pontes (Parents)
6:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Thursday April 4, 2019
8:00 AM Janet Roberts; 1st Anniversary

Saturday April 6, 2019
4:30 PM Edmund & Mary Pavao (Daughter)
 Bob Vieira (Family)

Sunday April 7, 2019
8:00 AM Kevin McGuill (Family)
 Anne Motta (Roger & Pat Leclerc)

9:30 AM Melania Kaharl (Family)

11:00 AM Mary Agnes & Thomas Henry
 (Granddaughter)
 David DosVais (Family)
 & For the People of the Parish

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of

Jason Nolan



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The **Second Collection** this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services; an overseas appeal supporting Migration, Social Development and World Peace.

May God bless you for your generosity!!



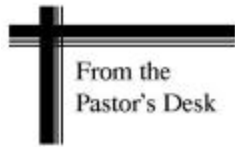
Kindly take a moment to pray for the intentions, the welfare, the healing and salvation of...

Bob Condon, Mike Coleman, Holly Rodrigues, Vivian Desautels, Greg Silver, Pat Beland, 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, 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, Randy Carvalho & Our Service Men and Women

**THE CANDLE
at the**

Statue of The Sacred Heart
is perpetually burning in memory of

Sarah Valentine



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Although today many RCIA coordinators may be using the Gospel of the blind man who recovers his sight from Year A, the Gospel for Year C--the parable of the prodigal son--is one of the most beautiful readings for Lent. All the readings proclaim the theme of reconciliation in Jesus. For our communities, this is a very important theme; it makes us reflect on the efforts we make to welcome those who come to us and also the many we must seek out and bring closer to the Lord. What does it mean to live reconciled in Jesus and to accept and forgive others, despite our differences? What are the obstacles we must overcome to reconcile with those who have offended us or whom we have offended?

Capital Sins: Gluttony and Lust

Traditionally gluttony is the overindulgence in food or drink. In modern times we might associate it with any addictive behavior, that is the use of any substance or activity that does harm to ourselves. Gluttony, like all capital sins, leads to other sins all of which are harmful to us physically and spiritually: alcoholism, obesity, self-indulgence, etc. Ancient authorities saw a connection between gluttony and lust. Lust in turn leads to exploitation, pornography, fornication, adultery, self-abuse, all of which harm our relationship with God, self and neighbor and is the opposite of the two great commandments: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Easter Vigil

This year at St. John's we will be including the rite of baptism and confirmation within the Easter Vigil. These sacraments are most properly celebrated on this night when we recall the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Why? Because baptism, the first sacrament, plunges us into the waters that cleanse us from sin and begin a new life in Christ here on earth that will lead us to life with Him forever. In being baptized we participate in his death, as St. Paul teaches, and anticipate our resurrection. In the ancient church, the people to be baptized have never seen the liturgy of the Eucharist. They were only permitted to stay for the readings at Mass. Once they are initiated through baptism and confirmation, they will experience for the first time, the Eucharistic celebration and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Church prepares them for this by an extensive period of training (for adults) and makes them ready at the Vigil by singing the Litany of the Saints to invoke the intercession of all those who have been baptized, lived good Christian lives and have gone to heaven. After the Litany of the Saints, the baptismal water is blessed by prayers and the symbolic action of lowering the Christ candle into the water. Then the candidates for baptism renounce Satan and make the Profession of Faith before the water is poured and the words are said.

Easter Flowers

Offerings for Easter Flowers to decorate the Altar must be submitted by Sunday, April 14th



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SCHEDULE

Grades 1-6 **March 31, 2019**
10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Center

Confirmation I **April 8, 2019**
7:30 - 8:30 PM Religious Education Center
Final Class

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Confirmation Rehearsals

**Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:30-8:30 pm at the
Church (students only)**

**Monday, April 29, 2019, 7:00-8:00PM at the
Church (Students and Sponsors)**

Confirmation

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019
7:00 PM**

First Communion Rehearsals

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 - 11:30am
Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 - 11:30am**

First Communion

**Saturday, May 4, 2019
11:00 AM**

SAVE THE DATE



The Parish Fair will be held
August 3rd & 4th this year.

We will be holding an organizational meeting on
Wednesday, April 24th
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center.



THE 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR
TICKETS SOON!!**

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.



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.

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