



5th 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



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

Monday April 8., 2019
8:00 AM Ernest Santos; 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
8:00 AM Ellen McHugh; 1st Anniversary
Carlin Lynch (Louise Roberge)

Wednesday April 10, 2019
8:00 AM Dana Richard; 1st Anniversary
6:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Thursday April 11, 2019
8:00 AM Edward Myles; 1st Anniversary
Mary Figueiredo;
Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Saturday April 13, 2019
4:30 PM Kenny Carreiro (Mother)
Louis St. Laurent; 7th Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday April 14, 2019
8:00 AM Sarah Valentine;
Birthday Remembrance (Family)
9:30 AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
Bill Stang (Family)
11:00 AM Elizabeth Brooks (Colleen Polselli)



The 3/31 Collection will be posted next weekend.

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 SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning this week in memory of

Edmund & Mary Pavao

THE CANDLE at the

Statue of The Sacred Heart
is perpetually burning in memory of

Sarah Valentine



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday, April 7, 2019

The living waters that the prophet Isaiah speaks about in today's first reading become for Saint Paul the clear image of Christ himself, whose resurrection is the most valuable treasure he has ever received. This treasure is transformed into the divine mercy that completely changed the life of the adulterous woman who Jesus forgives in the story from today's Gospel. We should all ask ourselves in what ways we have practiced God's mercy toward others, not only during Lent but throughout the entire year. We cannot equate mercy to giving alms; these are two different things. Mercy is born first out of God's forgiveness, who invites us to share his love and compassion with others.

Capital Sins: Sloth

Most people can't get very excited by sloth, but as a capital sin it is very serious. Sloth is a culpable lack of physical or spiritual effort. It is also known as *acedia* or laziness. This sin leads to indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness and eventually to hatred of God. Sloth paralyzes us and makes us unable to meet the challenges of life, both in physical and in spiritual ways. Sloth goes against the virtue of hope. It also, like anger, can lead to depression. The answer to sloth are the qualities of a Christian: faith in God and His goodness, and action in His name for the good of others. Both of these take us out of ourselves and set us on the road to health.

The Easter Vigil

Baptism is most appropriately celebrated in the context of the Easter Vigil because it celebrates our death to sin and rising to new life in Christ and that new life in Christ applies

to our lives on earth as well as to the promise of eternal life. In the 5th century the newly baptized adult was stripped for the plunging into the water and then anointed all over with the sacred chrism. That's one reason why there were deaconesses in the early church, because it was thought inappropriate for a deacon to see and touch the naked body of a woman. Then the newly baptized person was clothed in a white garment, a symbol of a return to innocence and of "putting on Christ" as St. Paul teaches. When the white garment is put on the minister announced to the newly baptized: "You have become a new creation." Then the baptized individual is given a candle lighted from the Christ candle "Receive the light of Christ . . . you have been enlightened by Christ!" In the context of the Easter vigil all the people then renew their baptismal promises after which the priest sprinkles them with holy water from the baptismal font to remind them of their own baptism. Then one candidate will be received into the Church and the other will be confirmed. This concludes the sacrament of baptism during the Easter Vigil. Then Mass continues and the newly received and baptized experience the Liturgy of the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Easter Flowers

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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Grades 1-6 **April 7, 2019**
10:30-11:30 AM Religious Education Center

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday Procession
9:30 Mass
Grades 1-6

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

THE CANDLE
at the FOOT OF MARY

is burning this week in memory of

Kevin McGill



THE WOMEN'S GUILD

ANNUAL PENNY SALE

This weekend!!

Doors will be open Sunday at **11:30 a.m.**

Lunch will be available.

The Penny Sale starts at **1:00**



Please pray for repose of the souls of

***Albert Pelletier, Constance Lajoie
& Ralph McManus***

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.



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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