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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 and 10:00AM

## **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:** Mrs. Paula Brown

**Religious Education Director:** Mrs. Susan Orzeck

**Music Director:** Scott Simpkin



May God Bless you for generosity, thank you for your continued support!!

6/21.....\$1,784.53

4:30.....\$421.50  
 8:00..... \$357.00  
 10:00.....\$438.00  
 By Mail.....\$430.00  
 Online.....\$138.53

**Saturday July 4, 2020**  
**4:30 PM** Michael Almeida & Gilbert Almeida  
 (Linde Pierce)  
**Sunday July 5, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Carlin Lynch (Family)  
**10:00AM** Salome & Jacinto Fonseca & Family  
 Martine Kublbeck (Women's Guild)  
 George Cataldo (Daughter)

Catholic Charities YTD.....\$12,435.00

**Monday, July 6, 2020**  
**NO 8:00AM MASS**

**Tuesday July 7, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Fr. John Perry  
**Wednesday July 8, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Carlin Lynch (Family)  
**Thursday July 9, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Stanley Gwozdz; 1st Anniversary  
**Saturday July 11, 2020**  
**4:30 PM** Elizabeth Brooks (Colleen Polselli)  
**Sunday July 12, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Joanne Branco (Husband)  
 Gabriel Michael Shurtleff  
 (Richard & Denise Bernardo)  
**10:00AM** Ann Chabo ; 7th Anniversary  
 (Daughter; Jean Leimert)  
 Richard Trecida (Family)  
 John Figueiredo (Family)  
 Sylvia Belliveau (Family)  
 Margaret Monteiro & John Kelly  
 (Family)

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

**Betty Zuber,**  
**Michael Marchand, Shawny Smith, Linda, Richard, Ken, Thomas Marques, Ray Richard, Rachel S., Lisa D., Lori Araujo, Yanni Spanos, Sydney Neronha, Judith Fralic, Mary Alice Fast, Bob Da Silva, Bob Condon, Mike Coleman, Holly Rodrigues, Pat Beland, Bruce Reynolds, Janet Mohr, Deborah Silvia, Devyn Arruda, Brenna, Margaret Kelley, Marie Drago, John Massa, Susan Tremblay, Stacey, Katherine Buschman, Kerri Martel, Carlos Silveira, Miguel DeSouza, Floris, Claire Sennett, Kevin Kelly, John, Edward Polgar, Joseph F. Heitzler, Jennifer Lavoie, Jim O'Hearn, Patrick Masterson, Dennis Martel, Kathy, Jeff Noetzel, Muriel & Henry Navarette, Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart, Paul Desmarais, Randy Carvalho, and Our Service Men and Women**

**THE CANDLE AT THE FOOT OF MARY**

is burning this week for the

***People of the Parish***

***THE CANDLE at the***

***Statue of The Sacred Heart is perpetually burning in memory of***

***Sarah Valentine***

## From the Pastor's Desk



### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

Sunday, July 5, 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the Father has revealed to the meek and humble of the world those things that the wise and the learned cannot comprehend. These "things" that Jesus refers to are the collection of works and teachings over the course of his ministry in Galilee and Jerusalem. Jesus then invites all those who are labored and burdened to rest in him. Those who live in the flesh, Saint Paul proclaims, cannot experience the Spirit. They do not hear the call that the Father makes in Jesus to live for others, and instead pursue their own interests and comforts. Some Old Testament prophets distinguished between those whose hearts were hardened from those who were willing to open their hearts to the warmth of the word of God. In these passages, we learn that not only does God ask us to receive his mercy, but we are also called to be open and ready to share it with others. Christ invites us to carry our burdens with his help, and to live in his Spirit with the hope that our life and death may find meaning in him. We too shall rise with Christ, who has lived and risen from amongst us.

#### ALLELUIA CF. MT 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL MT 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: ***"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no***

***one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."***

#### **Lectionary Summary: Glenn CJ Byer**

Humble, servant leadership is the over all theme present in both the first reading and the Gospel. In the selection from Zechariah, which scholars date as composed after the Babylonian exile, the prophet speaks of a "messianic" king who will come as a servant ruler. Weapons of war will be banished in lieu of a universal reign of peace. To the shattered community returning to Jerusalem following the exile, his words may have been a sharp contrast to the kind of "messiah" the people expected who would establish a new kingdom with sword and violence. It is obvious that Matthew, the evangelist, knew of this prophetic writing in his depiction of Jesus, who comes "meek and humble of heart." "Meek and humble of heart," Jesus is presented by the evangelist as a servant leader who helps his followers to carry the burdens of discipleship. Jesus is presented not as dispensing with the law and the prophets but as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The disciple is called to learn from him. For the Jewish people, the law was sometimes referred to as a "yoke" and Jesus' use of that term certainly won a hearing with the disciples. In the eighth chapter of Romans, Paul is reflecting on the difference between a

he or she is living in the flesh and will not participate in the divine life given in baptism. If the person is living in the Spirit, sin and death is conquered and the person will have (eternal) life in communion with God.

#### **A Little Humor**

*Two hippies and a priest:* Two scrungy hippies were walking down the street and stopped at a red light. A Catholic priest came up to them with his arm in a cast waiting to cross the street. One hippie asked: "Hey man, what happened?" The priest answered: "I fell in the bathtub and broke my arm." The first hippie asked the other: "What's a bathtub?" The second answered: "I don't know, I'm not Catholic."

## **Director of Religious Education**

After 15 years of dedicated service to the youth of St. Johns, Susan Orzeck is retiring as our Religious Education Director as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Although we are very sad to see her go we wish her the very best!!

With that, we have begun our search for a new DRE. This position is a paid 12 month position as of right now, but we will entertain the possibility of a part time position. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ministry within our Parish Community. The DRE must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church, a person of prayer who is committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in hearing more about the position please see Fr. Hindsley after Mass or contact the Rectory.

## **QUILT RAFFLE**

As you know each year we offer a quilt raffle in conjunction with our Parish Fair, the ladies worked very hard on the quilt over the winter, in spite of these uncertain times and our fair being cancelled this year, we have decided to go ahead with the Quilt Raffle on

**August 15th  
just before the 4:30 Mass  
the drawing will be livestreamed**

In addition to the quilt and cash prizes, we have added an additional prize that was donated to us.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Handmade quilt "Chocolate & Cherries"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$250.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Wine Cooler (Refrigerator)**

The tickets will be mailed out soon!

The tickets are \$3.00 each, or a book of 10 for only \$20.00.

Please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist, and return the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you need additional tickets, please contact the rectory at 508-636-2251, or via email at [stjb@sprintout.net](mailto:stjb@sprintout.net)

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