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DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

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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

Music Director: Scott Simpkin



Saturday July 18, 2020
4:30 PM John L. Mercer (Family)
 Louis St. Laurent;
 Birthday Remembrance (Family)
 John Figueiredo; Anniversary
 (Family)

Sunday July 19, 2020
8:00AM Jason Nolan (Family)
 Barry Beaulieu (Family)
10:00AM Melania Kaharl (Family)
 Patrick Walsh (Grandmother)
 Brian McDonald (Sister)

Monday July 20, 2020
8:00 AM Ann Dyson

Tuesday July 21 2020
8:00 AM Arlene Monarch

Wednesday July 22, 2020
 ~*St. Mary Magdalene*
8:00 AM Fr. John J. Perry

Thursday July 23, 2020
8:00 AM Carl Trembly

Saturday July 25, 2020
4:30 PM George Sylvia (Wife; Gail)
 Norman St. Amour ; 6th Anniversary
 (Wife; Agatha)

Sunday July 26, 2020
8:00AM Tim Collins
 (Richard & Denise Bernardo)
 Carlin Lynch (Family)
10:00AM Mary Agnes & Thomas Henry
 (Granddaughter)
 Joseph Henry (Niece)
 Ursula Russo
 (John & Barbara Fazzina)



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

7/12.....\$4,004.54

Masses.....\$2,093.50

By Mail.....\$1,570.00

Online.....\$341.04

Catholic Charities YTD.....\$15,835.00

*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, Ja-
net 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

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Jason Nolan

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 at the***

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

Sarah Valentine

From the Pastor's Desk



Celebration Summary: Bryan M. Cones

Images of harvest in Scripture often point to the end of days, when Christ will suddenly return in glory as judge of heaven and earth. The alternative opening prayer points us to that moment, as does today's Gospel passage. To those who would like to get the judging going right now, though, Jesus offers a warning: Deciding who is good and who is evil is not up to us; that task is left to the harvester. The same prayer offers sound advice in the meantime, asking God to "keep us watchful in prayer and true to [Christ's] teaching" until God's glory is fully revealed in us. Other images in today's Gospel, however, offer a subtler vision of how God's reign comes into the world. The mustard plant begins as the tiniest of seeds but grows to great size. Yeast, mixed with flour by the woman of the house, invisibly increases the dough. And the second Communion antiphon, inspired by the book of Revelation, reminds us that Christ's return is not some distant event but is instead as close as the guest at our door. With judgment so near, perhaps we might fear the outcome. Not to worry, writes the writer of Wisdom: Though the "master of might," God judges "with clemency, and with much lenience" (first reading). Even the Spirit aids us in our weakness, interceding "for the holy ones according to God's will" (second reading). With God as "merciful Father" (prayer after Communion), we dare to hope "that God will continue to bless us with compassion and love" (alternative opening prayer).

ALLELUIA

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.

THE GOSPEL

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "*The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a*

man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Gospel: Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

Matthew 13:24-30

This passage consists of three parables about the kingdom of God, a brief section on the use of parables, and an allegorical interpretation of a parable. The first parable is "the weeds among the wheat" (Mt 13:24-30). As the kingdom of God is experienced on earth it contains a mixture of good and not so good people. However no one but God can judge who is good and who is not. Human judgment is flawed and left to their own devices humans would totally destroy one another in the name of God. Human history continues to confirm this. At the end of the age God alone will decide who enters and who does not. Until then all of us, wheat and weeds alike, must live together.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A wife persuaded her husband her husband to go on a diet with her. They had not been social distancing themselves from the refrigerator! They were so successful that each of them lost almost 50 pounds. When the wife returned to work at the restaurant. When she came home from the restaurant

She asked, "Did you miss me that much?" He said, "No, but you smell like hotdogs and I can't let you go."

Wisdom of Solomon

Two women came before King Solomon claiming that the young man they brought with them is supposed to marry her daughter. "He'll be MY son—in-

law,” the first exclaimed. The other said, “No he’s MY son-in-law!” the kings got his sword and announced that he would cut the young man in two down the middle and each woman could have half. The first woman said, “Sounds good to me.” The second said, “Oh no my king, let the other woman have him. Do not spill his blood!” Solomon then announced, “Give him whole and entire to the first woman. She’s a true mother-in-law.”

Director of Religious Education

This position will be overseeing vibrant and very active programs at St. John the Baptist in Westport. It is a paid 12-month position and is a wonderful opportunity for Ministry within the St. John’s Parish Community. The DRE must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church, and a person of prayer who is committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith.

The DRE reports directly to our pastors. As a member of the parish staff, the DRE works with other staff members to foster and maintain a working environment where worship, prayer, hospitality and learning are the primary motivators. Specific details about the position follow.

Parish Religious Education Program

The Primary Responsibility of the DRE is to administer the Parish Religious Education Program for the approximately 250 students. This includes:

- Overseeing the development of the Religious Education Program for grades K-10 in conformity with the guidelines of the Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Fall River.
- Scheduling the classes and/or any programs that coincide with the classes
- Providing access and inclusion for children with special needs
- Researching and requisitioning resources (text books, AV, etc.)
- Ensuring that Safe Environment requirements, policies and mandates are followed
- Coordinating CORIs for all staff and Volunteers
- Meeting with the Pastors routinely to discuss the program
- Recruiting and orienting catechists

For a complete job description please visit our website.

If you are interested please Please send resume to St. John the Baptist, PO Box 3328, Westport, MA 02790 or via email to stjb@sprintout.net.

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PEOPLE

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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

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

1st Prize - Handmade quilt “Chocolate & Cherries”

2nd Prize - \$500.00

3rd Prize - \$250.00

4th 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.

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