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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 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)

Monday July 27, 2020
8:00 AM Michael Larrivee; 1st Anniversary

Tuesday July 28 2020
8:00 AM Tom & Cora Pereira

Wednesday July 29, 2020
~St. Martha
8:00 AM John J. Buckley (Family)

Thursday July 30, 2020
8:00 AM Arlene Monarch (Frances Lynch)

Saturday August 1, 2020
4:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday August 2, 2020
8:00AM Russell Tripp (Family)
10:00AM Eleanore & Arthur McDonald
 (Colleen Polselli)
 Derek Silva (Family)



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

7/19.....\$4,004.54

Masses.....\$1,021.00

By Mail.....\$650.00

Online.....\$1,994.56

Catholic Charities YTD.....\$18,805.00

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, 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**

Burns this week in memory of
George Sylvia

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns 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**



Celebration Summary: Bryan M. Cones
Discerning God's wisdom lies at the heart of today's liturgy. The alternative opening prayer says it plainly: "Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, in the beauty of human life." So great is this gift that Solomon desires it above all else, and God grants his request (first reading). In the Gospel Christ himself is the giver of wisdom, although the insight he offers into God's reign is somewhat elusive, clothed in parables and analogies. Yet those who understand become themselves bearers of wisdom, bringing forth "both the new and the old." To use the words of Paul in the second reading, we become progressively "conformed to the image" of God's Son. Yet being children of wisdom isn't merely a question of knowledge. Discernment implies action, and so we ask in the opening prayer that God help us "use wisely the blessings" God has given. The merchant in the Gospel is our guide: Once he has found the pearl of great price, he sells all that he has to acquire it. As in the past few weeks, today's liturgy offers many images for the reign of God rooted in everyday experience, a reminder that the kingdom is always at our doorstep if we can but discern its presence. It is, however, coming to fullness within us as well, and the Communion antiphon offers markers for seeing it in our hearts by echoing the Beatitudes: "Happy are those who show mercy . . . Happy are the poor of heart." For those with eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to welcome it, the kingdom of heaven is already at hand.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MT 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Gospel: Deacon Owen Cummings
Matthew 13:44-52

The first two parables in this gospel passage from St. Matthew relate well to the first reading about King Solomon in 1 Kings 3. In his dream conversation, Solomon is invited by God to ask for something. He asks for wisdom, and is commended by God. Wisdom, or as the text has it "an understanding heart," is really a pseudonym for God. Asking for wisdom is asking for God. That is precisely

That's what makes the reign of God a "buried treasure," or a "really valuable pearl." It is God's

own self, and so priceless, beyond compare. The great Origen of Alexandria calls Jesus the *autobasileia*, “the reign itself.” Jesus is God’s own self, and Jesus is human reality as God would have it be. He is God and man. He is the understanding heart of God, and the understanding heart every human seeks to be. The next parable of the dragnet that draws in what is worthwhile and what is worthless is used by Matthew as a message to his own community and to the Church today. The reign of God, with the Church as its harbinger and servant, is mixed, made up of both sinners and saints. Final judgment belongs with God alone, and as Benedict Viviano, OP, says in the New Jerome Biblical Commentary, “In the meantime patient tolerance must guide the practice of those in it.”

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Sumpin’ funny

It was Palm Sunday and because of a sore throat little Johnny stayed home from church. When the family returned after Mass they were carrying palm branches. Johnny asked what they were for. They told him: “People waved them at Jesus as he rode by.” Johnny looked glum: “Wouldn’t you know it, the one Sunday I don’t go Jesus shows up.”

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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!

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