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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 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)

**Monday August 3, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Juliette Parent (Simonne Conlon)

**Tuesday August 4, 2020**  
 ~*St. John Vianney*  
**8:00 AM** John J. Buckley (Family)  
 John Johnson (Wife)

**Wednesday August 5, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Kyle Pontes (Parents)  
 Anne Motta (Mary E. Salmon)

**Thursday August 6, 2020**  
 ~*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
**8:00 AM** Jack Reynolds (Simonne Conlon)

**Friday August 7, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** For the People of the Parish

**Saturday August 8, 2020**  
**4:30 PM** For the People of the Parish

**Sunday August 9, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Ryan Pavao (Family)  
 Virginia Routhier (Prior Family)  
**10:00AM** Russ Nauta  
 (John & Barbara Fazzina)  
 Joseph Henry (Niece)



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

7/26.....\$3,213.94

Masses.....\$1,815.00  
 By Mail.....\$1,077.00  
 Online.....\$321.94

Catholic Charities YTD.....\$25,490.00

*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  
***Jack Reynolds***

**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**

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!” This opening line from today’s Liturgy of the Word could be applied equally to bodies and spirits in these hot days of late summer in the northern hemisphere. Indeed, though we usually tend to spiritualize Scripture’s message, Isaiah’s invitation is most certainly about the earthly gifts of water, grain, wine, and milk, which sustain and strengthen us. After all, our God is indeed the source of all these, and so in the alternative opening prayer we offer a note of praise and thanksgiving: “Gifts without measure flow from your goodness.” The Gospel account of the feeding of the multitudes further highlights God’s compassion for us, especially for those most in need; the lovely Communion antiphon from the book of Wisdom speaks of “sweet-tasting bread,” a reference both to the earthly loaves Jesus fed the crowds and to the bread of his teaching, which fed their hearts and minds. We find both “breads” at the Eucharistic table, and so after Communion we pray for “the strength of new life.” The assembly’s prayer today would lack Gospel fullness if it neglected the needs of those who suffer lack of clean water and food. Though Paul in the second reading is convinced that nothing can separate us from Christ, unmet human need certainly prevents the fullness of God’s reign on earth. War, too, which continues even now, also separates us from that fullness, especially as we recall this week the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Japan. Our prayers for peace must never cease.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from*

*the mouth of God*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL MT 14:13-21**

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “*This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.*” Jesus said to them, “***There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.***” But they said to him, “*Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.*” Then he said, “***Bring them here to me,***” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

***Gospel: Deacon Owen Cummings***

**Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus goes to the desert after hearing of the death of John the Baptist. Soon he is surrounded by a vast throng. The narrative may be interpreted as a Liturgy of the Word followed by a Liturgy of the Eucharist, though not in any tight or detailed sense. First, the Liturgy of the Word. Comparing the story with the parallel story in Mark’s Gospel, we observe that Jesus is “moved with pity” to heal in Matthew, but to teach in Mark [6:34]. The difference, however, is not finally significant. Jesus’ compassion is to make people

whole, by healing touch, or by healing word. Second, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The vast throng has been with him until evening and they are hungry. They are like the Israelites wandering in the desert with Moses. The ancient Israelites were provided by God with manna from heaven to satisfy their hunger. The new Israel following Jesus, the new Moses, is fed by the Eucharist. Notice the fourfold action of Jesus: **he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it** to the disciples to give it to the hungry people. And, we are told, there are twelve baskets left over, to take this Eucharist in mission to the whole of Israel, all twelve tribes, and so, symbolically, to the world.

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A Little Humor: What's important?

A man died and went to heaven. A group of people showed up at the gate, but St. Peter turned them away. "Who are those people and why did you turn them away?" St. Peter answered: "They were Jews who ate ham." A second group was turned away. "Why?" asked the man. St. Peter responded: "They were Catholics who ate ham on Friday." Yet a third group was turned away. "Who are they and why did you turn them away?" asked the man. "They were Episcopalians who were caught eating ham with a salad fork."

## **Director of Religious Education**

### **We are hiring!**

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**PEOPLE**

79th Annual Catholic Appeal  
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

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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.

**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)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$300.00**

**With the generous donation of a parishioner we have added an additional \$300.00 cash prize to the raffle.**

**Please return your tickets!**

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

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