



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 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 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)

Monday August 10, 2020
 ~*St. Lawrence*
8:00 AM Bob Condon

Tuesday August 11, 2020
 ~*St. Clare*
8:00 AM David Carreiro; 1st Anniversary

Wednesday August 12, 2020
8:00 AM Henrietta Holden (Helen Walsh)

Thursday August 13, 2020
8:00 AM Frank Rosa (Family)

Saturday August 15, 2020
4:30 PM Kyle Pontes (Parents)
 Angie & Everett Margarida (Family)

Sunday August 16, 2020
8:00AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
 Roger Court (Colleen Polselli)

10:00AM Melania Kaharl (Family)
 Margaret Monteiro & John Kelly
 (Family)

**THE CANDLE
 At the Foot of Mary**

Burns this week in memory of
Bob Condon

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week

For the People of the Parish



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

7/26.....\$4,979.14

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 By Mail.....\$1,290.00
 Online.....\$612.64

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

**Betty Zuber,
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 Bob Da Silva, Bob Condon, Mike Coleman,
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 Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart,
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 Our Service Men and Women**

***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

We note in a special way today the mystery of the triune and incarnate God in whom we have our life. Both options for the opening prayer speak of the Spirit, who “made us [God’s] children, confident to call” God Father (opening prayer). “Reborn in the Spirit,” we celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons of God (alternative opening prayer). In the liturgy, then, we praise the God who invites us to share divine life. But lest we limit God to the divine mystery among us, the first reading calls us to attend to the divine mystery beyond us, the God who is not found, as Elijah discovered, in the wind, or in an earthquake, or in fire, but in utter stillness, the merest whisper. Indeed, our God is beyond creation, yet the ruler of it, as Jesus reveals in the Gospel passage in his mastery of the elements—the chaos from which God draws forth creation. Faced with the storms and tornadoes, hurricanes and droughts, of late summer, today’s liturgy offers us hope in God’s ultimate power over earthly chaos. Tsunamis, which can claim thousands of lives, however, also remind us of the precariousness of our situation. Like Peter, we may at times cry out in fear. Yet with Jesus’ rebuke at Peter’s lack of faith comes also a loving hand stretched out to save us. In the face of tragedy and disaster, are we not to be that outstretched hand? Let the assembly leave today’s liturgy strong in faith and ready to bear up those caught in life’s storms.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

*I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for his word.*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL MT 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “*It is a ghost,*” they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, “***Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.***”

Peter said to him in reply, “*Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.*” He said, “***Come.***” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “*Lord, save me!*” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “***O you of little faith, why did you doubt?***” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “*Truly, you are the Son of God.*”

Gospel: Virginia Smith

Matthew 14:22-33

In our systematic journey through the first Gospel this year, we have now arrived at a point between the third and fourth sermons. Both narrative and dialogue characterize this section, and topics tend to center on Christology and ecclesiology. Today, it’s Christology, the nature of the God-man. The incidence of Jesus’ walking on the water is recorded in every Gospel except Luke’s, but with quite different emphases. In both Mark and Matthew the apostles think they’re seeing a

boat, and the twelve fail to get it (Mark

generally takes a dim view of that group). Only Matthew chronicles Peter's ill-fated attempt to join Jesus for a stroll on the waves. This is in keeping with Matthew's portrayal of Peter as a major character in his gospel. Peter's impetuosity, the inadequacy of his faith as demonstrated here, and Jesus' special care of him are all highlighted in Matthew. In John, this event is used as the lead-in to his monumental Bread of Life discourse, possibly to exhibit that the same powers that allow Jesus to walk on water can be employed just as easily to institute the Eucharist. This is an outstanding example of how the same material is utilized in rather dissimilar ways in the various Gospels. It is also an illustration of why so many of us relate to the bumbling Peter who grows to become Christianity's first universal leader. We, too, can and will mature in faith if only we are patient and if we are humble enough to ask for help walking on the waters of our own life. With such faith, we will not sink.

A Chuckle

The boss called an employee into his office. "Rob," he said, you've been with the company for a year. You started in the mail room. One week later you were promoted to a sales position. One month after that I made you district manager of the sales. Just four short months later, you were promoted to vice-chairman. Now it's time for me to retire, and I want you to take over the company. What do you say to that?" The employee responded: "Thanks." The boss asked: "Is that all you have to say?" The employee took the hint and said, "Thanks, Dad."



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HONDURAN MISSION TEAM

The Honduran Mission Team will once again be running a calendar raffle to support their work in Honduras.

In these unprecedented times, we are unable to sell tickets after Masses, we ask that you please contact Claire Sullivan at 508-636-8988 or via email at cmsullivan@charter.net for tickets.

The Raffle will run September through December.

The cost is \$5.00 per month or \$15.00 for all 4 months.

Checks should be made payable to
St. John's Mission Team.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**



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)

5th 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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