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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.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 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.

Co-Pastors: Fr. Paul Bernier
Fr. Christopher Peschel

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



Saturday September 12, 2020
4:00 PM* Derek Silva (Family)
Sunday September 13, 2020
8:00AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
 Barry Beaulieu (Family)
9:30 AM** Bob Condon (Mike & Jean Prior)
11:00AM Anne & Jack Burke (Niece)
Monday September 14, 2020
 ~*The Exaltation of the Cross*
8:00 AM John J. Buckley (Family)
Tuesday September 15, 2020
 ~*Our Lady of Sorrows*
8:00 AM Timothy Jezak;
 Birthday Remembrance (Family)
 Cheryl Pereira Gauvin;
 Birthday Remembrance (Family)

NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Thursday September 17, 2020
8:00 AM Mary Kennedy; 1st Anniversary
Saturday September 19, 2020
4:00 PM* Joe Cabral; 5th Anniversary (Wife)
 Gloria Pereira; 1st Anniversary
 (Family)
Sunday September 20, 2020
8:00AM Raymond Gallant (Family)
 Joseph Henry (Niece)
9:30 AM** Melania Kaharl (Family)
11:00AM Margaret Monteiro & John Kelly
 (Family)

*PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME
 **WE HAVE REINSTATED THIS MASS

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week

For the People of the Parish



9/6.....\$2,553.00
 Online.....\$182.49

Catholic Charities Final\$36,675.00

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

*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., 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***

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

Sarah Valentine

Tuesday September 15th we will celebrate the annual Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

One year before his death, St. Charles Borromeo [d. 1584] heard a strange story that began in the town of Rho, just outside of Milan, Italy. The Saint was the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan and he was responsible for investigating reported miracles, one of which, this one mentioned, turned out to be true: The miracle involved a portrait of the Sorrowful Mother depicted in a seated position, with the Crucified Body of Our Lord reclining on her lap [like many "Pieta" images]. This particular portrait was already thought of as miraculous when St. Charles visited and prayed before it in the year 1570, some years earlier. Now, he assigned a group to investigate, and this is what they ascertained as fact:

Two farmers had stopped in the church at Rho on April 24, 1583 to pray before the ancient image known as Our Lady of Sorrows. They had often stopped in and were very familiar with the image. On this day they were stunned to see that the eyes of the Madonna were swollen as though the image had been crying. Thinking that they had made a mistake, they went closer to the portrait. At that moment tears of blood began pouring from her eyes. They were overwhelmed and much anguished that our Lady was so sorrowful, but they went to tell others to come and see the miracle. Someone suspected that the blood might be peeling paint, so a handkerchief was used to catch the tears of blood. Later it was obvious that the stain was made by blood and not paint.

It is not known how long the tears of blood lasted, but soon the little church was crowded with excited parishioners who were witnesses to the event and the news spread to Milan and surrounding villages, and to the Archbishop, St. Charles. He placed Carlo Bascapè in charge of the episcopal investigation. A notary took depositions from 40 witnesses; the results were sent to the Holy See. The miracle of Our Lady of Sorrows was declared authentic and St. Charles promised his parishioners that he would build a basilica to honor Our Lady as Our Lady of Sorrows or the Griever as the local people called her. He died after the cor-

nerstone had been laid.

The yearly anniversary on April 24 is celebrated with impressive ceremonies, while the Feast Day of the Sorrowful Mother, which is September 15, is commemorated more solemnly. Her Feast of September 15 is one day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

Next Sunday, September 20th, parishioners who attend Sunday morning Masses will be meeting Fr. Justin Brophy, OP and Fr. Augustine Reisenauer, OP. Fr. Augustine mentioned having assisted here at St. John the Baptist in the past, but only on a couple of occasions. These two Dominican Friars, both of whom were ordained in 2012 and are professors at Providence College, have graciously agreed to be of assistance across the three parishes of Westport in our new model of shared clergy. Our two "weekend assistants" are indispensable linchpins in making the whole Sunday morning Mass schedule work (7 Masses between 8 and 11 am in three locations, sometimes starting at the same time!) We are so grateful for their help and I know the parish will be as warm in their welcome and embrace of our helpers as you all were for me and Fr. Paul over these last two weeks.

God's Love to All,

Fr Chris

ONLINE ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

begin on October 15th (for 6 consecutive weeks)
Thursday Evenings from 6:30-8:00. The Adult Confirmation will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please contact the Rectory at 508-636-2251 to register.

Bulletin Humor/Children in Church

"How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the Priest said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

**A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF
PANDEMIC**

Knights of Columbus
Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the
Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in
faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill, for those who are
vulnerable ,and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Westport Mass Times

Our Lady of Grace

Daily Mass
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:00AM

Saturday
5:30PM

Sunday
8:30AM, 10:00AM & 5:00PM

St. George

Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00AM

Saturday
5:30PM

Sunday
8:30AM & 10:30AM



In celebration of the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi* in
October

**Blessing of the Pets
will take place**

**Saturday, October 3
At 11:00 AM**

**St. John the Baptist Church
945 Main Road
Westport**

Whether furry or feathery, big or small, bring your pet(s) to the blessing! The blessing will take place in the parking lot. Please make sure they are on a leash or secured safely!

**This event is open to all, tell your friends and
Neighbors!!!**



We are in the process of interviewing for the Religious Education Director position.

Religious Education will not be starting until October, we are still evaluating what platform we will be using, however it will most likely be remote until the end of the year.

We will keep you informed.

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