



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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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 11:00AM

### 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 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)

**Monday September 21, 2020**  
 ~*St. Matthew*

**8:00 AM** Fr. Richard Donahue

**Tuesday September 22, 2020**

**8:00 AM** Richard Koerner

**NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY**

**Thursday September 23, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Alfred & Medora Robillard

**Saturday September 26, 2020**  
**4:00 PM\*** Marques/Fontaine Family  
 (Joan Marques)

**Sunday September 27, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Mary Agnes & Thomas Henry  
 (Granddaughter)

**9:30 AM\*\*** Matthew & Statia Dobyne (Family)  
**11:00AM** Ambrosia Vieira (Family)

\*PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME

\*\*WE HAVE REINSTATED THIS MASS



9/13.....\$2,917.00  
 Online.....\$323.75

**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,  
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 Claire Sennett, Kevin Kelly, John, Edward Polgar,  
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 Jim O'Hearn, Patrick Masterson,  
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***THE SANCTUARY CANDLE***

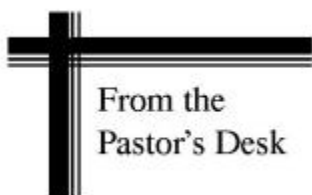
*Burns this week*

***For the People of the Parish***

***THE CANDLE  
 at the***

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

***Sarah Valentine***



Saint Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors.

In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors "sinners." Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Matthew is also the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully reports how Jesus described who will be truly blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are required for those who follow the new Law Jesus came to bring.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

The symbol for Matthew's Gospel is a man with

wings. Matthew wrote about Jesus' Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew's Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich! St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants, and we celebrate his feast September 21.

### REGISTRATIONS IN THE PARISH

We welcome you to our faith community and invite you to register in the parish. Registration forms are available online or by contacting the Rectory. If you would like to register, fill out the form and return it to Fr. Bernier or Peschel after Mass. If you need any more information or have any questions, please call the Rectory Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00.

### 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 AND CHURCH

**A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in Between the pages.**

**"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered,**

**"It's Adam 's suit".**



*Welcome Fall* please be kind...

**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

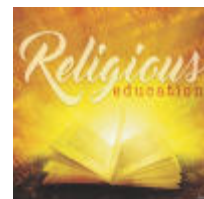
**Blessing of the Pets  
will take place**

**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!!!**



#### **UPDATE**

We have finished interviews and finalizing the process of hiring the Religious Education Director .

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 continue to keep you informed.



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