



MONTH OF THE *Rosary*

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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 3:30 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.

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.

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

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



Saturday October 3, 2020
4:00 PM Roger Court (Colleen Polselli)

Sunday October 4, 2020
8:00AM Kevin McGuill (Family)
9:30 AM Ken Sullivan (Family)
 Bob Condon (Rita McCarthy)
11:00AM Johanna Plasonig (Duquette Family)

Monday October 5, 2020
8:00 AM St. Anthony
 for a favor received

Tuesday October 6, 2020
8:00 AM Timothy & Raymond Jezak (Family)

NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Thursday October 8, 2020
8:00 AM Kyle Pontes (Parents)

Saturday October 10, 2020
4:00 PM Norm Sorel (Family)

Special Intentions of
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brewer
 as they celebrate their
 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday October 11, 2020
8:00AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
9:30 AM Eleanore & Arthur McDonald
 (Daughter)
11:00AM Margaret Monteiro & John Kelley

We have opened up our 2020 Mass Book, please contact the Rectory with any special dates you may be looking for.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week in memory of

Ken Sullivan



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 Online.....\$296.48

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

From the Pastor's Desk



Sunday, October 4th is Respect Life Sunday. The nature and urgency of this message should not be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of the human person demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum, beginning with the preeminent issue of the right to life. Both as Americans and as followers of Christ, we must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition. The culture of death extends beyond our shores: abortion, famine, and starvation, denial of health care and development around the world, euthanizing the sick and the elderly, the deadly violence of armed conflict and the scandalous arms trade that spawns such conflict. Our nation is witness to domestic violence, the spread of drugs, and sexual activity which poses a threat to lives. Respect for human life calls us to defend life from these and other threats. It calls us as well to enhance the conditions for human living by helping to provide food, shelter, and meaningful employment, beginning with those who are most in need. Our weapon of choice in this battle is the Holy Rosary! October has traditionally been a month given over to Our Blessed Mother, the feast of the Holy Rosary celebrated on October 7th.

On Tuesday the 13th of October everyone is invited to join a special Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church at 6 pm to pray for peace and life through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. This Mass will be followed by, weather permitting, a procession to the Marian grotto behind the church and the recitation outdoors of the Most Holy Rosary. (This Mass will also be live streamed for those who can only join us remotely.)

Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death;
and as your Son gave His life for us,
help us to live our lives serving others.
Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior,
open our hearts to the Gospel of life,
protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth.

Additionally, the Holy Rosary, is offered publicly ½ hour (7:30 am) before each daily Mass,

Please take any necessary health precautions.



Welcome Religious Education Families!!!

We are getting ready to launch our 2020-2021 Religious Education Year; the program will be remote. Though certainly less than ideal, it is a prudently safe move at this time, and will have the added benefit of allowing students to work through the material at their own pace while permitting catechists to be able to regularly monitor their progress and check in that grade-appropriate coursework is being completed.

We would very much like to encourage our religious education families, and all parish families, in their attendance at Sunday Mass, either in-person or virtually. Though there has been a temporary dispensation granted from our bishop for the in-person attendance at Sunday Mass, we are never dispensed from the Third Commandment to "Keep Holy the Lord's Day." Please remember to keep faith and prayer as a component of your family life.

Although participation is optional (but highly recommended) for Pre-School, and 3rd through 8th Grades, the **Sacramental preparation years, Grades 2, 9, and 10 are mandatory**; in addition to the weekly lessons, we will hold periodic meetings in the lower church, most likely following a Sunday Morning Mass that will allow some sense of community to develop among those in these key years of catechetical formation, details on those gatherings will be forthcoming.

We will also look at what the possibility for sacramental year retreats will be this upcoming Spring. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the plan will be that First Communion for grade 2 and Confirmation for grade 10 will be held in the Spring as usual.

In order for a child to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist in grade 2, students must attend a Two Year Preparation Program. Therefore, it is essential that children entering grade 1 be registered.

Please note: All **Catholic School students** who are entering **grade 2** and are planning on receiving sacraments during the 2020-2021 year are asked to register for the Religious Education Program **for the Sacrament year only**. **Catholic School students should receive their sacraments in our parish.**

Confirmation Program: This is a **two-year program for both Catholic and Public School** parishioners. **Students need to register in Grade 9 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 10.**

We will be holding online registration the week of October 19 – October 23, we will be sending registration instructions and links the week prior. We have a targeted start date of November 1st.

The Rectory is closed this up coming week and will re-open on Tuesday, October 13th.

If you need immediate assistance call 508-636-2251 and the answering service will contact us.

Online Bereavement Support

Due to Covid-19 the Diocese of Fall River is offering online bereavement group sessions on Tuesday evenings. There are two time options available, 4:30 and 7pm. One on one sessions can also be arranged, contact Rosemary Saraiva 508 678 2828 or 508 642 0583 or rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com

The month of October is traditionally a time to **honor Mary**. As a constant reminder, **The statue of Our Lady is displayed in the niche on the left hand side of the church.**

We encourage you to pray the rosary and reflect on the sacred mysteries of Christ as a source of strength and comfort in our daily lives.

THE CANDLE at the foot of *Mary*
is burning this week in memory of
Kevin McGuill



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Columbus Day Mass for Peace~ Monday Oct 12@6pm in St. Mary's cathedral. Recitation of the rosary at 5:30.

Anyone wishing to attend the Mass must pre-register online at www.fallriverdiocese.org The Mass will be live streamed on the Diocese of Fall River Facebook page. All are encouraged to take part and pray for peace

Care Giver Tip: "Did you ever wish that you had listened more closely and written down what a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or even your toddler had said or done?.....Because now you only remember fragments. With the exception of war, our relatives often love to talk about the days they have lived through but are no more. We just have to ask (and then write down their stories and events because they are precious.)"

Bulletin Humor

When the Religious Education Teacher asked her class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible story.

She was puzzled by one of the students pictures, which showed four people on an airplane,

So she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," he replied.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!" he replied.

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