

MONTH OF THE *Rosary*

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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 4:00PM
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.

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

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



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

Monday October 12 2020
8:00 AM Marilyn Carr; 1st Anniversary
(Family)
Ellen Bender;
Birthday Remembrance (Family)
Anne Motta; Birthday Remembrance
(Mary Salmon)

Tuesday October 13, 2020
8:00 AM John J. Buckley (Family)
Pauline Pelletier; 1st Anniversary

NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Thursday October 15, 2020
~ *St. Teresa of Jesus*
8:00 AM William & Jeanette Butler (Family)

Saturday October 17, 2020
4:00 PM Michael St. Laurent (Family)

Sunday October 18, 2020
8:00AM Barry Beaulieu (Family)
Mary Agnes & Thomas Henry
(Granddaughter)
9:30 AM Melania Kaharl (Fmaily)
11:00AM Jack Reynolds (Rita McCarthy)



10/4 Collections will be posted in next weeks
bulletin.

**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 SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week in memory of

The Robinson Family

THE CANDLE at the

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

Sarah Valentine

OUR LADY OF GRACE ADORATION CHAPEL is open from 7:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Please no more than 5 people in the chapel at anytime.

THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. October 13th is also the day when Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the three shepherd children and told them to pray the Rosary. It is a powerful prayer and a wonderful reminder of the life of Jesus and His Holy Mother. The decades of the Rosary are dedicated to an episode in the life of Christ and so by praying the Rosary we remind ourselves of Him and all the things that happened to Him for our salvation. To know Jesus is to love Him. Pope St. John Paul II added the five luminous mysteries or mysteries of light to the Rosary. These cover moments in Christ's life that were not part of the 15 decades: the Baptism in the Jordan, the Marriage Feast at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist. We thank the Pope for adding these important moments in Christ's life for our edification and prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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

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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Knights of Columbus

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

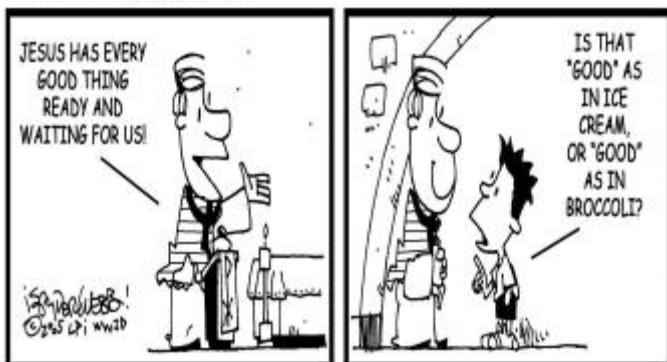
O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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
For the People of the Parish



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

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 Fr. Peschel after Mass.. If you need any more information or have any questions, please call the Rectory Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00.



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