



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 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 (Family)
11:00AM Jack Reynolds (Rita McCarthy)
Monday October 19, 2020
~Saints John deBrébeuf & Isaac Jogues
8:00 AM Joseph McGuill, Sr. (Family)
Tuesday October 20, 2020
8:00 AM Bruno Vavala & Lawrence Talbot

NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY

NO DAILY MASS ON THURSDAY
****this week only****

Saturday October 24, 2020
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish
Sunday October 25, 2020
8:00AM Fr. Leonard Mullaney
 (The McGuill Family)
9:30 AM Napoleon and Doris Leclerc (Family)
 Toots Holden
 (Sister; Veronica Butler)
11:00AM Marie Kelley (Colleen Polselli)

**We have opened up the 2021 Mass Book.
 Please contact the rectory to book your
 Masses.**

**We also have the Sanctuary Candles and the
 Candle at the Foot of Mary available.**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Burns this week

For the People of the Parish



10/4.....\$3,910.00
 10/11.....\$2,094.21

Annual Collection.....\$565.00

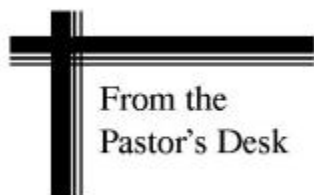
**May God Bless you for generosity, thank you
 for your continued support!!**

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

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 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***



Thursday of this week, October 22, is the feast of our beloved Pope Saint John Paul II “Open wide the doors to Christ,” urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978.

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol’s promising academic career at Krakow’s Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an “underground” seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland’s University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong! Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul’s ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches

improved considerably during his papacy.

One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II’s pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson’s disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities. He died, as many of us remember, on Divine Mercy Sunday in April of 2005. Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014. May he continue to pray for us!



Please pray for repose of the souls of

***Bruno Vavala
& Lawrence Talbot***

whose Funeral Masses were recently held here at St. Johns last week. May Jesus lead them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Kindly pray for the consolation of her families, friends and all who mourn their passing.

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

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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 this upcoming week, October 19 – October 23, we will be sending registration instructions and links the week prior. We have a targeted start date of November 15th.



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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