



# 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 24, 2020**  
**4:00 PM** For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday October 25, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Fr. Leonard Mullaney  
 (The McGuill Family)  
 Russell & Edna Tripp (Family)  
**9:30 AM** Napoleon and Doris Leclerc (Family)  
 Toots Holden  
 (Sister; Veronica Butler)  
**11:00AM** Marie Kelley (Colleen Polselli)  
**Monday October 26, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Special Intentions of Maureen  
 & John  
**Tuesday October 27, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** John J. Buckley (Family)

**NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY**

**Thursday October 29, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Eleanor Schmitt; 1st Anniversary  
**Saturday October 31, 2020**  
**4:00 PM** For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday October 25, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Deceased Members of the  
 Women's Guild  
**9:30 AM** Bob Condon (Maria Pimentel)  
**11:00AM** Tom Rodgers (Sister)  
 Fr. Richard Donahue (Parishioners)

**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***



10/18.....\$3,415.00  
 Propagation of Faith.....\$240.00  
 Annual Collection.....\$2830.00

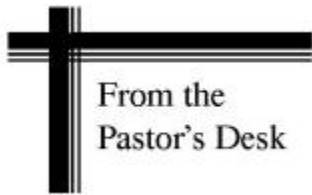
**May God Bless you for generosity, thank you  
 for your continued support!!**

*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***



From the  
Pastor's Desk

**All Saints really means ALL Saints:** All Saints Day is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. And saints who have not been canonized — those who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only to God — have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints Day is their feast.

**On All Souls Day:** We not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. (The plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can also be obtained every day from November 1-8, and, as a partial indulgence, on any day of the year.) While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Since a plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment for sin, which is the reason why souls are in Purgatory in the first place, applying a plenary indulgence to one of the Holy Souls in Purgatory means that the Holy Soul is released from Purgatory and enters Heaven.

In addition to the usual 8am Monday Mass on All Souls Day, an additional 7PM Mass will be offered for all deceased parishioners. Following the Mass (weather permitting) we will process across Main Rd. to Beech Grove Cemetery and offer prayers for the dead. All are most welcome.

## POPE ST. PIUS X YOUTH AWARD

It is a pleasure to congratulate *Devin Baptista* as the recipient of the **Pope St. Pius X Youth Award**. Bishop Edgar daCunha will present the award to *Devin* at a later date to be determined.

The Pope Pius X Youth Award is given to one teenager from each parish who has served the parish in extraordinary ministry and faith witness over many years.

*Devin* serves as teen assistant in our Religious Education Program, and most recently as a Team Leader in our Confirmation Program. He's a Senior Altar Server, and he has traveled to Honduras with our Mission Team for four years.

*Devin* is a Senior at Diman.

Congratulations, *Devin* on this well deserved award!!

The order of **MISALETTES** was delivered, they are just sitting here in boxes as we are not able to display them in the pews.

We wanted to offer you the opportunity obtain a Misallete of your own that will begin in Advent. While no monetary donation is required, the cost with shipping for each Misallete is around \$6.00.

Please contact The Rectory if you are interested.

## 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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to register by using the Online Contribution Link, and choose the appropriate Grade Level. The registration fee is \$35.00 per child, if you are registering multiple children we ask that you register them separately in the appropriate grade level.

Please be sure to add the email address you received this notice on, as this will be how we identify you.

The program will be remote and will begin on November 15th.

Although participation is optional (but highly recommended) for Pre-School, and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, the **Sacramental preparation years, Grades 1, 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.**



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](mailto: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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