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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 31, 2020**  
**4:00 PM** For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday November 1, 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)  
**Monday November 2, 2020**  
 ~ *All Souls Day*  
**8:00 AM** Joseph Cook; 3rd Anniversary (Peter & Paula Brown)  
**7:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish  
**Tuesday November 3, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** John J. Buckley (Family)

**NO DAILY MASS ON WEDNESDAY**

**Thursday November 5, 2020**  
**8:00 AM** Kyle Ponte (Parents)  
**Saturday November 7, 2020**  
**4:00 PM** Brian McDonald (Sister)  
**Sunday November 8, 2020**  
**8:00AM** Joanne Branco (Husband)  
 Pat Healy; 20th Anniversary (Wife)  
**9:30 AM** Emma Chantre; 1t Anniversary (Family)  
**11:00AM** Richard Trecida (Family)

**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 in memory of*

***Bill Rodgers***



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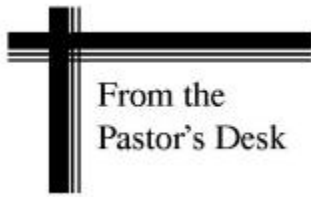
*Kindly take a moment to pray for the intentions, the welfare, the healing and salvation of...*

**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

This Wednesday, November 4, the Church commemorates a great saint of the reformation era, St. Charles Borromeo. He was born on October 2, 1538 at the castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore near Milan. His father was the Count of Arona and his mother a member of the House of Medici. He was the third of six children born to the couple.

At the age of 12, the young Count Charles Borromeo dedicated himself to a life of service to the Church. His uncle gave to him the family income from the Benedictine abbey of Saints Gratian and Felinus. Even as a youth, his integrity was obvious. He was explicit in telling his father that he could only keep the money required for his education and to prepare him for service to the Church. All other funds belonged to the poor of the Church and were to be passed along to them.

The young count suffered from a speech impediment that made him appear slow to those who did not know him. Despite this challenge, he performed well and impressed his teachers. He attended the University of Pavia and learned Latin. He was praised because he was hardworking and thorough.

In 1554 his father passed away and although Charles was a teenager, responsibility for his household fell to him. Charles continued in his studies and earned a doctorate in canon and civil law. His responsibility for his household resulted in financial difficulties, and Charles earned a reputation for being short of funds. Life sped up for the young count after his uncle, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Medici became Pope Pius IV on December 25, 1559. The new pope asked his nephew to come to Rome and appointed him as a cardinal-deacon. With the rank came the job of assisting and advising his uncle full-time. A month later, Pope Pius IV made his nephew a cardinal. With the new rank came even more duties including the government of the Papal States, the supervision of

the Knights of Malta, the Franciscans, and the Carmelites. He was only 23 years old. Borromeo was appointed administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan in 1560. Since he would become the ecclesiastical administrator of Milan, he decided that the Lord was calling him to the priesthood. In 1561, he founded a college at Pavia dedicated to St. Justina of Padua. In 1562 his brother died and his family urged him to leave the service of the church to preserve the family name. However, Borromeo refused. He became more insistent upon becoming a good bishop and in compelling others to lead exemplary lives of clerical service.

The driving out of corruption was a critical matter during Borromeo's time. The Protestant Reformation was spreading throughout northern Europe and constantly threatened to move south. The greatest defense against Protestant doctrinal errors and claims against the hierarchy of the Catholic Church was reform and the restoration of integrity to the Catholic Church. Archbishop Borromeo saw this clearly and he made this his mission. His strategy was to provide education to many clergy he saw as ignorant. He founded schools and seminaries and colleges for clergy. His work of cleaning up the Church also made him enemies. On one occasion a member of a small, decrepit order known as the "Humiliati" attempted to assassinate him with a pistol, but missed. Many of his subordinates and secular officials complained about the Archbishop throughout his career. However, the existence of these enemies only emboldened Borromeo and served as confirmation that his efforts to eradicate corruption were working.

In 1576 a famine struck Milan followed by the plague, and many of the wealthy and powerful fled the city. Archbishop Borromeo remained. He used his own fortune to feed the starving people. When that money was spent, he took loans and went deep into debt. He may have fed 70,000 people per day. Eventually, the Archbishop convinced the local governor to return to his post and care for the people. Eventually, the Archbishop's life of work and toil began to take its toll. In 1584, he became ill with a fever. He returned to Milan where his condition worsened. When it

became obvious he would die, he was given his last Sacraments. He died on November 3, at the age of 46. He was beatified on May 12, 1602 by Pope Paul V. He was subsequently canonized by Pope Paul V on November 1, 1610.

### **PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS IN NOVEMBER**

Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls of those who have died, in particular the souls in Purgatory. We will be having an All Souls Day evening Mass at 7pm Monday November 2 (in addition to the regularly scheduled 8am Mass on Mondays) followed by, weather permitting, a candle- light procession across the street to the cemetery. Praying for the souls of our departed loved ones, and indeed the souls of all those who have nobody to pray for them, is a beautiful work of mercy to l  
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Traditionally the **Book of the Names of the Dead** is on display by the lectern during the month of November; for you to enter names in, however in these uncertain times we ask that you contact the Rectory and we will add the names for you. Adding the names remind us of how **our connection with one another transcends time and space to the place where all are one in memory and hope.**

### **“ROE ACT”**

On November 12, the Massachusetts Legislature will vote on a bill called, the ROE ACT, to expand abortion services here in our state. Our legislators need to hear that WE DO NOT support this radical bill. The "ROE" Act would remove protections for newborn babies born alive during an abortion; risk our women's lives by removing hospital care for those undergoing grueling late term abortion; and endanger our young girls by denying them parental or adult support supervision at an abortion clinic. Please consider making a call. Use this main State House number (617) 722-2000 and request the offices of the Judiciary Committee and our local representatives. Please consider sharing this information with your friends and family. Please consider taking to social media and share the State House number. We are prolife and we must stand up for those who are most vulnerable in our society, the unborn.

WINDOWS AND DOORS of the Church are to remain open during Mass, please dress accordingly.

Please DO NOT shut the windows during Mass.

Please leave your kneelers down after Mass, this help the sanitizers identify where parishioners were sitting.

#### **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

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Please visit our website

[stjohnthebaptistwestport.org](http://stjohnthebaptistwestport.org)

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.

#### **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.

The order of **MISALETTES** was delivered, they are just sitting here in boxes as we are not able to 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 Misalette is around \$6.00.

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