



Holy Family

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.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00AM

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.

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

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paula Brown

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



Saturday December 26, 2020
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday December 27, 2020
8:00AM Norm Sorel; 5th Anniversary
Diane Mello; 10th Anniversary
(Betty Sorel)
Carlin Lynch (Family)
10:00AM Brian McDonald (Sister)

Monday December 28, 2020
~The Holy Innocents
8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of
Fr. Hindsley

Tuesday December 29, 2020
8:00 AM Riley Gavriluk; 1st Anniversary

No Mass on Wednesday

Thursday December 31, 2020
8:00 AM Fr. Bill Condon
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Saturday January 2, 2021
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday January 3, 2021
8:00AM Joanne Branco (Husband)
10:00AM Teri Gumkowski
(Bev & Roger Robidoux)

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



Due to printing deadlines, the December 20th collection will be printed next weekend.

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

**THE CANDLE at the
FOOT OF MARY**

is burning this week in memory of

Kevin Sousa

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Is burning this week in memory of

Teri Gumkowski

Once again, we would like to thank
Potter Funeral Services for donating our
2021 Calendars. They are available at the
entrance of the church.



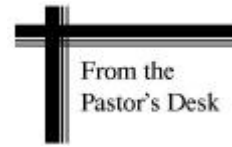
Please pray for repose of the soul of

Kevin Sousa

whose Funeral Mass was were recently held here
at St. Johns. May Jesus lead him to a place of
refreshment, light and peace. Kindly pray for the
consolation of his family, friends and all who
mourn their passing.



Once again a special **Thank You** to
Jack's Landscap'n for donating the beauti-
ful wreaths on the Church and the
Religious Education Center.



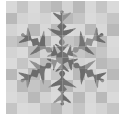
Today we commemorate the fact that God chose to be born and raised in the same environment as all men, when He could have chosen otherwise. *Holy Family of Nazareth, was a model of tranquility and harmony for all families. He gave powerful graces to husbands and wives, children and siblings, to overcome differences so they can build a common life with your own as a model.* **The Vocation of the Family Is to Support Each Other on the Road to Heaven.** In the Gospel we do not find speeches on the family but an event that is worth more than any word: God willed to be born and to grow up in a human family.

During His life in Nazareth, Jesus honored the Virgin Mary and righteous Joseph, being subject to their authority during the whole time of His infancy and adolescence (Luke 2:51-52). In this way, He made evident the primary value of the family in the education of a person. Jesus was introduced to the religious community by Mary and Joseph, frequenting the synagogue of Nazareth.

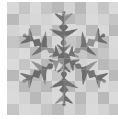
With them He learned how to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. When He was 12 years old, He stayed behind in the temple, and His parents took three days to find Him. With that gesture, He led them to understand that He had to "*attend to His Father's business,*" that is, to the mission that God had entrusted to Him (Luke 2:41-52).

I would like to **thank** everyone who made this Christmas Season a spiritual and meaningful one. I would like to thank parishioners for what each one of you have done during the past year for our parish. To the people who decorated inside and outside of the parish, parishioners who donated to the Christmas Floral Memorials to Lectors, Altar Servers, and Musicians. I would also like to thank all for your cards and well wishes and for your continued support of our parish. Jesus' coming made it possible to reconnect ourselves with God and with each other; so as we celebrate this Christmas, let us remember the family of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary & Joseph and acknowledge the importance of family in our own lives.

May we have a Blessed New Year!



**WINTER REMINDER
WEEKDAY MORNING MASS**



**WILL BE CANCELLED IF
SCHOOL IS
CANCELLED and/or DELAYED IN WESTPORT
DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

***Schools will not be actually cancelling school, as they will be remote on Snow Days; which means we will not have Mass on those days.**

Please call the answering service and/or check the Facebook Page for cancellation notice, also.



We Welcome

William carreiro

who joined our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism
on December 6, 2020

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.

Bulletin Bloopers

- Bible Study will be held on Thursday morning at 10:00, all are invited to lunch in the Parish center after the B.S. is done.
- Pastor is on vacation massages can be given to the secretary.
- This morning's sermon "Jesus walks on water"
Tonight's sermon "The search for Jesus"

The 2021 Mass Book is open, Please contact the rectory to book your Masses.

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



THANK YOU for your generosity, through your kindness were able to deliver 75 gifts to to St.Vincents, 115 gifts to Sacred Heart Nursing Home, \$327.50 to Cardinal Medeiros Residence and \$782.03 to help feed the Homebound of the Community through Westport Friends Helping Friends.



*We would like to take this opportunity to thank, Choir Director; **Scott Simpkin**, Organists; Steve Tinkham & Linda Johnston and Steve Toro on Clarinet for enhancing our Christmas Services. .*

A special thank you to Scott Simpkin for decorating the church, and of course the volunteers that helped him.



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