



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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
Rector to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 P.M. or by calling the
Rector for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made at least six months
in advance.

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 January 9, 2021
4:00 PM Rhea & Normand Proulx
 (Sister; Joan Marques)

Sunday January 10, 2021
8:00AM Shirley Lynch (Family)
 Rosa Silva (Sons)
10:00AM Edmund & Mary Pavao
 (Daughter)

Monday January 11, 2021
8:00 AM Repose of the Soul of
 Rev. Kevin Harrington

Tuesday January 12, 2021
8:00 AM Dick Spirlet & Fryderyk Bernat

Thursday January 14, 2021
8:00 AM Carlin Lynch (Family)

Saturday January 16, 2021
4:00 PM Ann Chabo; Birthday Remembrance

Sunday January 17, 2021
8:00AM Barry Beaulieu (Family)
10:00AM Teri Gumkowski
 (Gerry & Kathy Santos)

The 2021 Mass Book is filling up fast, please contact the rectory to book your Masses.

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

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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 January 4.....\$2,199.00

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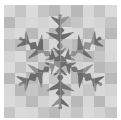
May God Bless you for generosity, thank you for your continued support!!

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

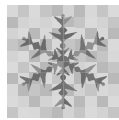
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THE CANDLE at the

Statue of The Sacred Heart is perpetually burning in memory of Sarah Valentine



**WINTER REMINDER
WEEKDAY MORNING MASS
WILL BE CANCELLED IF
SCHOOL IS
CANCELLED and/or DELAYED IN WEST-
PORT 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.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: *"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world."*

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon

Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to void actual sin.

A custom on the feast of the baptism of the Lord is blessing of people and homes with Holy Water. Holy Water is a gift from God; His Son and the participation of the Life He has come to lead us in Salvation.

THANK YOU!

So many parishioners and friends were so generous not only to the parish, but to me and Fr Paul personally over the Christmas season with everything from cards to baked goods! We're so grateful to all of you, and know how much of a joy it is for us to be your parish priests!

THE SANCUTARY CANDLE

is perpetually burning this week in memory of

Edmund & Mary Pavao

THE CANDLE at the Foot of Mary

is burning this week in memory of

Ann Chabo



Please pray for repose of the souls of

***Dick Spirlet
& Fryderyk Bernat***

whose Funeral Masses were held here at St. Johns this past 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.

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