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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 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

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Matthew Laird

Receptionist: Cindy Dupont

Music Director: Mr. Scott Simpkin



Saturday December 18, 2021

4:00PM Emilia Dunkley

(Beatrice Johnson)

Sunday December 19, 2021

8:00 AM Barry Beaulieu (Family)

Gerry Boucher & Thomas

Costa (Family)

10:00 AM Alfred Berthiaume (Family)

Monday December 20, 2021

8:00AM John J. Buckley (Family)

Tuesday December 21, 2021

8:00AM Thomas Gleghorn (1st Anniv.)

Emilia Dunkley Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Thursday December 23, 2021

8:00AM Paul Corcoran (Wife Phylllis &

Family)

Friday December 24, 2021

4:00PM Aime & Rita Lafrance (Family)

Leopold & Georgette Baraby

(family)

10:00PM Thomas Gleghorn (Family)

Saturday December 25, 2021 10:00AM Donald Hoaglund Jr. Sunday December 26, 2021

8:00 AM Norm Sorel

Diane Mello (Betty Sorel)

10:00 AM Sarah Valentine (Family)

THE CANDLE at the Foot of Mary

is burning this week

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Annual Collection to Date: \$22,525.00

May God bless you for your generosity and continued support!



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

Barbara, Peter Comeau, Jeanne Cawley, Bill McClure, Betty Zuber, Michael Marchand, Shawny Smith, Linda, Richard, Ken, Thomas Marques, Maria Fernandes, Ray Richard, Rachel S., Yanni Spanos, Sydney Neronha, Bob Da Silva, 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, Jennifer Lavoie, Patrick Masterson, Dennis Martel, Kathy, Jeff Noetzel, Muriel & Henry Navarette. Anne Sennett Bahm, Maureen Stewart, Paul Desmarais, Randy Carvalho, Maria Fernandes and **Our Service Men and Women**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning this week

For Tom Gleghorn

THE CANDLE at the

Statue of The Sacred Heart is perpetually burning in memory of

Sarah Valentine



HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS By Dr. Suess

He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes! Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise! Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small, Was singing! Without any presents at all! He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME! Somehow or other, it came just the same! And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?" "It came without ribbons! It came without tags!" "It came without packages, boxes or bags!" And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas, "he though, "doesn't come from a store." "Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" And what happened then? Well...in Whoville they say, that the Grinch's small heart Grew three sizes that day!

Merry Christmas!
Praying all our Hearts grow three sizes this season!

All classes will complete our Advent preparations for Jesus to come into our hearts with the Wise Men and Star this week. Classes will resume January 9th. I am still in dire need of discussion leaders for the confirmation Program. With just myself teaching the entirety of Grade 9 & 10 (approx. 60 students), there is no opportunity to break into smaller groups to make discussing the presentations more meaningful or listen to concerns, questions & thoughts of our young people. Please consider participating in the faith formation program.

Contact Colleen Brady with any questions or concerns, at 508-636-5506, or via email at Faithformation.stjb@gmail.com

ADVENT VESPERS REMINDER

Sung Vespers are held every Sunday evening during Advent at 6:30PM in the church.

OLANCHO AID

Our parish has been so supportive of our sisters and brothers in Honduras and we pray it will continue. Money collected through December will assist these children and help support a couple from Washington state who have made a 3 year commitment to serve there. Jacob is a school psychologist and Nancy is a bilingual teacher. They will be moving to Honduras in January with their two children.

There is a green wrapped box at the back of the church (main entrance) for the collection along with self addressed envelopes.

Please make checks payable to Olancho Aid.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Claire Sullivan 508-636-8988 cmsullivan@charter.net

WESTPORT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please note addition of Lessons & Carols at 9:30pm on Christmas Eve at St. John the Baptist

Christmas Eve Friday 12/24

4pm St. John the Baptist
5pm Our Lady of Grace
5:30pm St George
9:30pm Lessons & Carols St. John the Baptist
10pm St. John the Baptist
Midnight Our Lady of Grace

Christmas Day Saturday 12/25

8:30am St. George 10am Our Lady of Grace 10am St. John the Baptist 10:30am St. George

Please Note: There will be no Saturday Evening Vigil Masses on Christmas Day. Sunday Mass times on 12/26 will be as normal for each parish.

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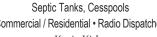
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