



They proclaimed:  
Blessed is the  
King  
who comes in  
the name of the  
LORD

Luke 19:38

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*St. John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA  
March 28, 2010*

*Father of all, we pray to You for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them Your peace; let light perpetually shine upon them; and in Your loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of Your perfect will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. This week the Sanctuary Lamp is given in remembrance of **Elizabeth Hayes** by her husband, **Eddie Hayes** & cousin, **Mary Belanger**.*



## Mass Intention

Saturday, March 27	4:00 PM	<b>Lena Berube</b> (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, March 28	8:30 AM	<b>Michael &amp; Mary Fitzgerald</b> (Anniversary Mass by Family)
Sunday, March 28	10:30 AM	<b>Yvonne Comeau</b> (5th Anniversary Mass by Husband & Family)
Monday, March 29	9:00 AM	<b>All the Departed Souls in Purgatory</b>
Tuesday, March 30	9:00 AM	<b>Intention of the Celebrant</b>
Tuesday, March 30	6:30 PM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Evening Prayer</b>
Wednesday, March 31	9:00 AM	<b>Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist Parish Family</b>
Thursday, April 1	9:00 AM	<b>Prayer service</b>
Thursday, April 1	7:00 PM	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
Friday, April 2	9:00 AM	<b>Prayer service</b>
Friday, April 2	3:00 PM	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Friday, April 2	7:00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Re-enactment of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday, April 3	9:00 AM	<b>Prayer service</b>
Saturday, April 3	8:00 PM	<b>Frank L. Crowe</b> (Easter Remembrance by Family)
Sunday, April 4	10:30 AM	<b>Frederick Cooney</b> (Birthday Remembrance by Family)

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** ~ 9 AM, 4 PM;

**Sunday** ~ 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM Family Mass

**Monday to Friday** ~ 9 AM

**Eve of Holy Days; Holy Days** ~ As announced

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation** ~ Saturday 3 to 3:45 PM; also by appointment; **Marriage** ~ Couples are asked to call the parish office at 978-372-2780 at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding date; **Baptism** ~ 2nd Sunday of each month @ 1 PM Contact the parish office at 978-372-2780 for more information

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### Religious Education

**Grades K to 4:** Sunday, 9:00 AM to 10:25 AM

**Grades 5 to 10:** Sunday, 5:30 PM to 6:55 PM

*Classes meet every other week in the lower Church hall*

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Deacon Tom Anthony



Welcome to St. John the Baptist. We're glad you are here to celebrate Mass with us today. If you are new to our parish or haven't been here in awhile, *WELCOME*. If you would like to register as a parish family, registration forms can be found at the back of the Church. You can either mail it to the Rectory or drop it in the collection basket. God Bless.



*From the desk of Deacon Tom...*

*Brothers & Sisters in Christ:*

We have almost completed our Lenten Journey and now walk with Christ into Jerusalem to celebrate Palm Sunday. Here, we listen to the Passion of the Christ and reflect on Holy Week, bringing us to the most important Solemnity in Christendom, the Solemnity of Easter. I truly hope that this Lent has brought all of us closer to Christ and transformed our relationship with Him. I pray that we all have come closer to understanding Christ our Savior and Christ our Friend.

Today also marks the beginning of a very special week in another respect. It gives us the opportunity to welcome many of those back into our parish family who have not had the opportunity to celebrate with us for a long time. Like the Prodigal Son, our Father is awaiting their return, looking out longingly to the road that winds out into the distant hills past the sunset.

This reminds me of a conversation I had with a parishioner the other week. We spoke about our community and those who make up the fabric of our lives. We touched upon that common thread which joins us all and connects us in many different ways. In every community, from this parish into this beloved city of ours and beyond, there are challenges which face us all. Some of these can be seen as "Lenten Crosses" which become cumbersome and overbearing at times. Others have that capability to crush the bearer under the weight that they possess. There are times when the only thing that makes the weight bearable is when we turn to Christ and ask for His help. And Christ does respond in so many different ways.

Christ is present in everyone and shines forth at the most unexpected moments.

These occurrences become the Eye of the Storm that can bring about peace and tranquility. I have experienced this while carrying my own Lenten Crosses and witnessed it happening to other people. Just when I stumble, a hand is extended and my Cross is lifted. I look at those closest to me, those in my family, my wife and my children, and my heart goes out to them. There is that unbounded feeling to love and protect them. I feel that all of us can relate to this.

I tell so many stories involving children, especially my youngest. Yes, I can reflect on my own childhood through them and I feel a close affinity to the many trials and tribulations that they go through. It also makes me appreciate this parish family and this city even more; this city where I chose to plant my roots and raise my family. Through this process of living and through my ministry I have met so many fascinating and dedicated people that I would have otherwise not known. And each has revealed Christ a little more to me each day. From that basketball referee who spoke glowingly about my daughter when she needed to hear it, to those teachers at Consentino Middle School who, facing many challenges thrust upon them, have risen to the challenge and treated each child in such a special caring way so that they had the opportunity to excel. I think about those volunteers who dedicate their time at the City Library; the civil servants to those who we see each day in passing. Each has the very same investment in this community. Each has the capability of living Christ and spreading the Living Word. All of us together have that same mission. And in the end, we all are invested in one another and have much to learn from one another.

*Yours in Christ, Deacon Tom*

Readings for the Mass begin on page 104 of the *Breaking Bread Missal 2010*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.



Last weekend's collection was \$2,722. This weekend there will be one collection. On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Land. Next weekend's collection will benefit the Clergy Benefit Trust.

The upcoming Easter collection supports the retirement, medical care and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.


Call your **Prayer Intentions** into St. John's Rectory at 978-372-2780 or email them to [stjohn@parishmail.com](mailto:stjohn@parishmail.com)

Memorials for the **Sanctuary Light** that burns before the Tabernacle are available. Please contact the Rectory for further information.



**Have you been called to serve Christ?** Do you want to help your parish and church?

If you answer "yes" to either of these questions, take a moment out of your day and have a cup of coffee and a conversation with Deacon Tom Anthony. Call him anytime at 978-973-0437.



**Sunday, March 28**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
Grades K to 2 ~ 9 to 10:25 AM  
Grades 8 to 10 ~ 5:30 to 6:55 PM  
*Grade 8 will have a regular class meeting*  
*Grades 9 & 10 will go to Confession during their class time*

**Sunday, April 4**  
**Easter Sunday**  
*(no classes)*

**Thursday, April 8**  
**MANDATORY** Confirmation Rehearsal ~ 6 PM  
for all Grade 10 students and their Sponsors in the main Church


**Friday, April 9**  
Confirmation ~ 7 PM

**Sunday, April 11**  
Grades K to 2 ~ 9 to 10:25 AM  
Grades 8 & 9 ~ 5:30 to 6:55 PM


*Grade 8 meets in the basement of the Rectory*  
*All other classes meet in the lower church*

**Please pray** for all those who are sick or in need and especially for...


**Alex, Ann S., Arthur, Barbara, Betty, Bill B., Boris, Cathy, Celeste, Connie, Cristina, Danny, Dolph, Elizabeth P., Ernest J., Evy, Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, baby Jayden, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, Joan, John C., Jon, Kathy, Kathleen, Leo, Linda, Lorraine, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marion, Mary, Mary R., Mary Z., Mike, Noreen, Peggy, Renee, Rita, Russell, Sophie, Stephen, Sue, Deacon Tom, Tom, William & Yvonne**

 **In Our Prayers**

Please remember in your prayers the RCIC Candidates and Catechumens who will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3 and all our Grade 10 students who will be making their Confirmation on Friday, April 9 and . Pray also for their sponsors and families.



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 **Please pray** for all those in the United States Armed Services who are serving our country at home and abroad and especially for...

**Alan, Allan, Angela, Christopher, Colin, Douglas, Eric, Josh, Joshua, Michael, Patrick, Rick & Rob**

Please pray also for their families and loved ones.

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**Rice Bowls** should be returned no later than Palm Sunday, **March 28**. Thank you.

**Envelopes for Easter flower memorials** are available at all entrances to the church. Envelopes must be **returned by April 1** to be included in the Easter bulletin.



Join Deacon Tom Anthony for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** followed by **Evening Prayer** on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.**

**Morning Prayer Service** with Deacon Tom will be every **Thursday at 9 AM.** All are welcome.



In addition to our Saturday schedule for confessions on **all Wednesdays in Lent** from **6:30 to 8 PM**, we will be offering **confessions** here at St. John the Baptist, together

with all the Catholic parishes and chapels in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Archdiocese has set up a website, [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org) with lots of great material and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and to invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent. Copies of the guidelines are available at the entrances to the church.

The Youth Group will present a **Passion Play** on Good Friday, April 2.



Stations of the Cross will be at 7 PM with the Passion Play immediately following. Please join us.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday, March 29; Tuesday, March 30;  
Wednesday, March 31 ~ 9 AM Daily Mass**

**Thursday, April 1  
9 AM Prayer Service  
7 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
& the Washing of the Feet**

**Good Friday, April 2  
9 AM Prayer Service  
3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
*Followed by an opportunity for Confession*  
7 PM Stations of the Cross &  
Re-enactment of the Lord's Passion  
*Followed by an opportunity for Confession***

**Saturday, April 3  
9 AM Prayer Service  
8 PM Easter Vigil**

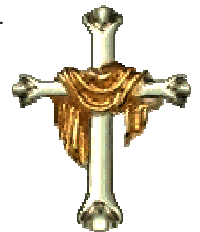
**Easter, Sunday, April 4  
10:30 AM Mass for the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

*Brochures for the **Lenten/Easter schedules** for all four **Haverhill Catholic parishes** can be found at the entrances to the church. Please take one home with you.*

*Please remember in your prayers—*

**Florence McCusker**

*who recently passed to our Lord  
Jesus Christ.*



*May God grant her peaceful rest with the Saints  
and the reward of a good and faithful life. Pray  
also for the consolation of her loved ones.*

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## St. John the Baptist Parish

Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion ~ March 28, 2010

St. John the Baptist's ministry devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary will offer the Rosary every Saturday morning at 10 AM in the main church. Everyone is welcome.



Coffee and light refreshments will follow in the lower church hall. Rosaries and handouts will be available for those who are unfamiliar with this beautiful devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come and pray with us.

### *To Our Lady of Sorrows*

*O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
By the overwhelming grief you experienced  
When you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion  
And the death of your divine Son,  
Look upon me with eyes of compassion, and  
Awaken in my heart a tender commiseration  
For those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation  
Of my sins, in order that being disengaged from  
All undue affection for the passing joys of this earth,  
I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem,  
And that henceforth all my thoughts  
and all my actions may be directed  
Towards this one most desirable object.  
Honor, glory and love to our divine Lord Jesus,  
And to the holy and immaculate  
Mother of God. Amen.*

### **Readings of the Week**

**Sunday, March 28** Lk 19:28-40 (37)/ Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Monday, March 29** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday, March 30** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday, March 31** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 1** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a,  
6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,  
11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday, April 2** Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16;  
5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday, April 3** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1,  
26:13a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/  
Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,  
32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/  
Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday, April 4** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, at an  
afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given me?" Christian stewards recognize Christ as the source of all good things. God calls us to share what we have to help others. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for Christ and for one another. The **Annual Catholic Appeal** is one way to use our gifts for the Church. To date, we have received \$10,487 from 82 households reaching 30% of our goal. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a prayerful, thankful pledge to the Appeal this weekend. For more information, please call 978-779-3700 or visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you!



**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated at **All Saints Parish**, Bellevue Avenue, Haverhill, on **Sunday, April 11**, starting at 1:30 PM and ending at 4:30 PM. The afternoon will include: Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet, veneration of the relic, a talk given by Fr. Michael Harvey, confession and Benediction. (Mass will NOT be offered.) For more information, please call or email Gerald & Ann Marie at 978-372-3824 or [gerannjo@yahoo.com](mailto:gerannjo@yahoo.com).

**Thank You to those who contributed to the Youth Group's Easter Egg Ministry to provide Easter baskets for the children of St. Charles Home, Rochester.**



**Your help and support is testimony to the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.**

**Purchased items and the Easter egg need to be returned by Sunday, March 28. Easter baskets will be delivered to the orphanage on Wednesday, March 31.**



Food  
Pantry  
Ministry

Due to a shortage of food at the local food pantry we support, **St. John's will be accepting donations every weekend.** Please leave your non-perishable items at the back of the church. Thank you.