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*St. John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA  
April 4, 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 as a loving Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for of **James H. Connors** by his Wife.*



## Mass Intention

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)
Monday, April 5	9:00 AM	<b>Intention of the Celebrant</b>
Tuesday, April 6	9:00 AM	<b>All the Departed Souls in Purgatory</b>
Tuesday, April 6	6:30 PM	<b>Evening Prayer Service</b>
Wednesday, April 7	9:00 AM	<b>Thomas Johnson</b> (Memorial Mass by Frank DiStefano)
Thursday, April 8	9:00 AM	<b>Prayer service</b>
Friday, April 9	9:00 AM	<b>Deceased Members of St. John the Baptist Parish Family</b>
Saturday, April 10	9:00 AM	<b>Eva House</b> (1st Anniversary Mass)
Saturday, April 10	4:00 PM	<b>Albert Berube</b> (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, April 11	8:30 AM	<b>Eleanor B. Linehan</b> (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, April 11	10:30 AM	<b>John Costa</b> (Birthday Remembrance by Wife & 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

**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*  
**Phone:** 978-521-4557

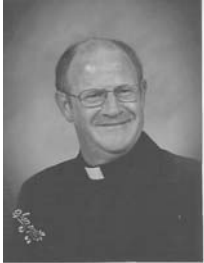
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Welcome to St. John the Baptist. We're glad you are here to celebrate Mass with us today. If you are new to our parish or haven't been here in awhile, *WELCOME*. If you would like to register as a parish family, registration forms can be found at the 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 Father Keith...*

*Brothers & Sisters in Christ:*

Today's Gospel recalls the first witnesses to Christ's Resurrection. In the early hours of the post-Passover dawn a courageous, solitary woman, Mary Magdalene, made her way through the streets of Jerusalem to perform a final act of love for Jesus; to come to the tomb that the others, who had run away, had never seen. She would make her way past the shopkeepers, eager to open up after the Passover closing, and past the soldiers who patrolled the streets. To get to the tomb, in those days, she had to leave the protection of the city walls and go to this cemetery of caves in an abandoned rock quarry. Once safely there, she saw ... only an empty tomb. What could it mean? What could have happened to Jesus?

Next John and Peter come along in haste, past the same shops, past the same early morning crowds, past the same soldiers they so feared on Good Friday. They too look in and see nothing. Nobody rests there, only the clothing of the grave. John peers into the empty tomb, and, like Mary Magdalene, sees nothing. But he believes. The empty tomb confirmed for John that Jesus was right: death could not contain Him; He was risen from the dead. Death would never be the same again. The world would never be the same again. Today we make that same journey to the tomb of Jesus, each in a different way. Some of us see the empty tomb and understand. Others see only emptiness.

What does the empty tomb mean? What can we learn at Easter? We learned on Good Friday that all of us, even the Son of God, must die. Good Friday also teaches us that without Jesus our lives are empty and our world is lost. But Easter teaches us the same lesson it taught Mary Magdalene and Peter and John: Jesus did not cease to exist. He is alive; He is with us. We can turn to Him in our doubts and He will calm us. Jesus is more alive than ever, waiting for us to come to the tomb, to search for Him each day in the reality of our human existence.

Mary, Peter, and John sang no Alleluias at their discovery. In quick silence they returned to their friends and told them what had happened. In awe and wonder they came to understand all that Jesus had done, all that He had said. His promise to them came to pass, as it will for all of us who make the pilgrimage through life: first suffering, then new life. First, Good Friday, then Easter Sunday. First, death, then Resurrection.

**The Lord has indeed risen, Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*God Bless, Father Keith*

Readings for Holy Saturday: the Easter Vigil begin on page 126 of the *2010 Breaking Bread Missal*; readings for Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of our Lord begin on page 152.



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.

On Tuesday, **April 6 at 7 PM,** Father Keith will meet with **parents of Grade 2 CCD students** in preparation for First Holy Communion.

On Saturday, **May 22,** our **Youth Group** will host a **Yard Sale** in the church parking lot. Sites will be available at \$10 for a single space; \$20 for a double. Please contact our coordinator, Leslie at [stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com](mailto:stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com) or Diane at the Rectory for more information.



We will also be accepting gently-used donations—no stuffed animals, please. Donations can be left in the garage attached to the Rectory. Thank you.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is in need of **donations of dark-colored yarn** to support our Troop Cap ministry. If you can help, please leave your yarn at the back of the church or drop it off at the Rectory any weekday.

The next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be **Wednesday, April 7** at 6 PM in the Rectory. Everyone is welcome. Can't knit or crochet—join us—we'll show you how!



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**Upcoming events** include:

- the **Crowning of Mary procession** the weekend of May 15/16
- our **Annual Parish Picnic** the weekend of June 26/27 in our church parking lot
- **Vacation Bible School** for children pre-K through grade 4 the week of August 2 through 6 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Tuition is \$25 per child with a family cap of \$50.
- **The 13th Day**—a recently released movie about the miracle at Fatima will be shown in May.
- the **2nd Annual Trivia Night** in May.



**Volunteer Ministries at St. John's:**

- **Youth Group** for students grade 3 and up. Please contact our coordinator, Leslie, at [stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com](mailto:stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com) for more information
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6 PM in the Rectory.
- **Adult and Children's Choirs.** Please see anyone in the Music Ministry for more information.
- The **Marian Society** prays the Rosary every Saturday morning at 10 AM in the main church with light refreshments immediately following in the lower church hall

**For more information on these events and ministries and more, please call the Rectory or visit our website at [www.stjohnhaverhill.org](http://www.stjohnhaverhill.org).**

The **Bishop Minihan Council 202** of Greater Haverhill invites all practicing Catholic men



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to **join the Knights of Columbus Council 202.** Please consider joining Council 202 and giving a few hours of your time supporting church, family, youth, community or council activities. There are many benefits of being a member of the K of C. Call Robert Conrad at 978-521-9984 for additional information or visit their website at [www.council202.org](http://www.council202.org).

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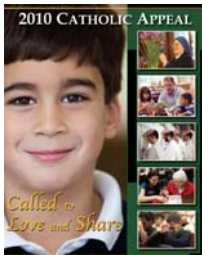
Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of our Lord ~ April 4, 2010

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.

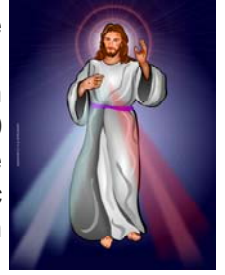
*Mary, on this, the Lord's Day,  
We celebrate with joy  
The fulfillment of the miracle  
God began in your womb.  
He became what we are  
So that we might become what He is.  
He is Risen, the first-fruits  
Of those who have fallen asleep.  
He reigns as Lord and God forever.  
In your marveling at the great things  
The Mighty One worked in you,  
We find our own awe at being chosen  
Sons and daughters of God,  
Of being empowered to become  
A nation of saints,  
With You as our companion and model,  
May God bring this good work to completion  
And may our dedication to you  
Of all that we have and are  
Bring us to share in your blessedness. Amen.*



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Cardinal Sean wishes to thank everyone from St. John's who has participated in the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$20,432 from 104 households reaching 59.2% of our parish goal of \$34,500. We ask every Catholic family to participate so we can surpass our goal. Please know that every gift matters. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org) or call 617-779-3700. 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).



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.

### Readings of the Week

#### 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

#### Monday, April 5

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday, April 6

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday, April 7

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday, April 8

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday, April 9

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday, April 10

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

#### Sunday, April 11

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

