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*St. John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA
June 6, 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 Remembrance of Millard & Betty Belcher and Lee & Edith Kimball.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 5	4:00 PM	LoriLynn Lemieux & Robert Busi (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM	John Costa (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by wife, Hugnette)
Sunday, June 6	10:30 AM	Irene Houle & Leonard Houle (Memorial Mass by Family)
Monday, June 7	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Tuesday, June 8	9:00 AM	Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday, June 8	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, June 9	9:00 AM	All the Departed Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, June 10	9:00 AM	Prayer Service
Friday, June 11	9:00 AM	Mary B. Clark (Birthday Remembrance by daughter, Mary Peel)
Saturday, June 12	9:00 AM	Intention of the Celebrant
Saturday, June 13	4:00 PM	Katherine Flanagan (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, June 14	8:30 AM	Michael & Loretta Alaura (Memorial Mass by Daughter & Family)
Sunday, June 14	10:30 AM	John LeBlanc (5th Anniversary Mass 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

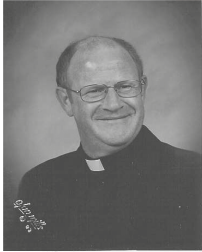
Reconciliation ~ Saturday 3 to 3:45 PM; also by appointment; **Marriage** ~ Couples are asked to call the parish office at 978-372-2780 at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding date; **Baptism** ~ 2nd Sunday of each month @ 1 PM Contact the parish office at 978-372-2780 for more information

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

In celebration of this Sunday's feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we can find the roots of Jesus at the Last Supper when He said to the Apostles "Do this in remembrance of Me." What did Jesus mean when He said those words? Did He think we needed a reminder not to forget Him? Did He mean solely that we are to continue to offer thanks with bread and wine? Is holding the Eucharistic meal what we are to remember to do? The answer is a little bit of yes and a whole lot of no. We are being commanded to remember something much larger than just getting to Mass and participating in the Eucharist.

The notion of memory held by Jesus and the Jews affected their faith and ours. Their notion of memory was that when an event was remembered or a story told, more was happening than merely relating a memory of a past event. To tell of a past event was to make that past ever present in the here and now. It could be said, then, that if a person heard a story retold, that person was not there. To hear a memory is to experience the original event. We see this at work particularly when we read the life of Jesus in Sacred Scriptures. In the tradition of the time of Jesus the church reminds us of the stories and memories of Jesus as the Oral Tradition.

So too then we can understand Jesus did not merely say, "Remember." Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance." What is it we 'do'? Jesus said, "This is My Body which will be given up for you." He said, "This is the cup of My Blood ... it will be shed for you and for all."

He has called us to remember what was done for us. Jesus sacrificed Himself for us because of His love for the Father. When we look to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ we see a Body that has been sacrificed. The nature of our Catholic faith is that it calls us to this kind of love, a sacrificial love. Yes we lift up the Bread, and, yes, we lift up the Cup, and, yes, we are told to "do this in remembrance of Me," but there is more. We are to live Jesus' life in memory of Him.

If we can participate in the Lord's Supper, participate in His Body and Blood through our ritual act of remembering, then if we imitate His life, Jesus becomes present whenever and wherever we do His will. This is how we can then understand what Jesus Himself told the disciples before He ascended to the Father, "I will be with you always." Jesus is fully present in the Eucharist. This is the gift we celebrate today. We simply respond to Jesus' offering by making a sacrificial offering of ourselves. When we do, others will see Christ's presence and have hope and faith and believe and live the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, "Do this in Remembrance of Me."

God Bless, Father Keith

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 180 of the *2010 Breaking Bread Missal*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.

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The collection for the weekend of May 22/23 was \$2,552. This weekend there will be one collection. Next weekend there will be two collections—our regular Sunday offertory and our Special Monthly collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Tickets for this year's Catholic Parishes of Haverhill Annual Raffle are in the mail. The drawing will be held at St. James Church on Sunday, July 11 at 1 PM. Please be sure we have your correct mailing address on file.



Grand Prize is \$5,000 CASH! Second prize is \$500; third prize is \$250 and a bonus prize of \$250 to the seller of the winning ticket for the Grand Prize. Start selling your tickets today! Cost is \$5 per ticket or \$25 for a book of six...get one free! You may also purchase just some of the tickets in your book. Please send back any unused tickets with your return envelope. Good luck to all!!

Tickets will also be available for purchase at our Annual Parish Picnic or through Mary Peel.

Congratulations and our prayers for continued success to all 2010 graduates and especially those of Saint John the Baptist Parish—

God of our beginnings,
We thank you for the gifts of these graduates;
Their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity,
Their open speech and encouraging words.
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,
And we have become a richer and more
Diverse community because of them.
As they step forward into the world that awaits,
Comfort their fears with the full knowledge
Of your Divine Presence.
Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps
Of Jesus as modern-day disciples
In a world that needs their spirit.
Guide their feet as they move through life,
Protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness
While they help to lead future generations
Into the warmth and promise of Your light.
We ask this blessing upon each of them,
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

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.

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



- Alban, Alex, Ann S., baby Angelina, Barbara, Bernie, Carmine, Cathy, Celeste, Cristina, Danny, Eleanor, Elizabeth P., Ernest J., Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, Gage, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, John C., John P., Kathy, Kathleen, Lenny, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marguerite, Marion, Mary, Mary R., Mary S., Mary Z., Mike, Rita, Ron S., Rose, Russell, Stephen, Susan B., Tom, Wally, William & Yvonne



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, Paul, Rick & Rob

Please pray also for their families and loved ones.



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.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Sunday, June 6 at 6 PM in the Rectory.



On **Sunday, June 13**, we will be having a **Registration Celebration** after the **10:30**

AM Mass for Vacation Bible School. Please join us to find out more about this exciting ministry here at Saint John's. Pizza, soda and refreshments will be served!!

St. John's **Vacation Bible School** will be the week of **August 2 to August 6** from 9 AM to 12 noon. Preschoolers to those children who will be going into Grade 4 in September are invited to participate. Tuition is \$35 for the first child in your family with a family cap of \$60.

Our VBS "campers" will be learning about the life of Jesus, making crafts, having snacks and participating in fun activities. On Friday evening, we will have a family event to celebrate all the children have shared during the week.

Registration is on-going through Renee in our CCD office @ 978-521-4557 or rbarrick@parishmail.com, Diane in the Rectory at 978-372-2780 or dforte@parishmail.com or at the Registration Celebration. A \$10 deposit will reserve a spot. Deposit will be applied towards total fee. Reservations will be accepted through July 18. The balance of tuition is due by July 18. Join us!!



In celebration of our 55th Anniversary, the **2010 Annual Parish Picnic** will be a two-day event this year.

Saturday, June 26, will be an adult only event beginning at 7 PM in the church parking lot. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverages. A DJ will be provided. There will be an at-will donation to cover expenses.

Sunday, June 27, will be a family, fun-filled event after the 10:30 AM Mass also in the church parking lot. There will be lots of games, rides and food. This year we will also have a "Dunk the Deacon" tank for a nominal fee of \$1 per ball. Please bring a dish to pass (pasta, macaroni, potato or garden salad, cole slaw, baked beans, etc.) or a finger-type dessert (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, congo bars, etc.) Tickets for the Sunday event will go on sale after all Masses the weekend of June 12/13. Cost is \$5 per adult; \$3 for children 12 and under. See you there!

The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** was received by the following boys and girls on...

April 10 ~

Emma Kallery

Molly McGuire

May 2 ~

Nikolai E. Ahern

Hannah Lambert

Jenifer Arnold

Hayden Makarow

Maren A. Eramo

Nathan D. Mansfield

Allison J. Flanagan

Vanessa Matos

Michael P. Galvin

Kaila R. Nelson

Joshua J. Gariepy

Harry C. Pinti III

Dale F. Hastings

Ty C. Prescott

Jennifer R. Hubbard

Daniel M. Shea

Meghan Jegorow

Samuel E. Stys

Shannon B. Kaiser

Christopher Tenaglia

Owen Kamuda

Jessica K. Wardle

Avery Keeves

Anna Wyner

Jameson Keeves

Angelina M. Yacubacci

May 8 ~

Gabriella R. Giadone

May 9 ~

Alex G. Archambault

James A. McInnis IV

Jordan E. Archibald

Kaitlyn A. McInnis

Alyssa M. Bruedle

Nicholas L. McInnis

Timothy Chianca

John T. Mitchell

Michael Cordeiro

Jack O'Connor

Jared A. Filaseta

Nolan O'Neil

Jayden J. Gore

Tyler Pfifferling

Joseph Helps

Amy Seavey

May 15 ~

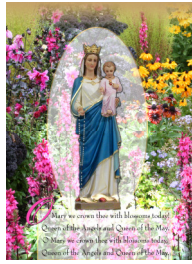
Alyssa Mottola

May 16 ~

Luca Miller

May 23 ~

Lindsay Joubert



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.

*O Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother most loving and most merciful,
I, a miserable and unworthy sinner
Come before you, with the heartfelt prayer,
That you in your loving kindness
Will graciously be near me and all
Who throughout the whole Church
Are to receive the Body and Blood
Of your Son this day,
Even as you were near your most dear Son,
As He hung bleeding on the Cross,
That, aided by your gracious help,
We may worthily offer up
A pure and acceptable sacrifice
In the sight of the
Holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.*

Readings of the Week

Sunday, June 6

Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday, June 7

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 8

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 9

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 10

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 11

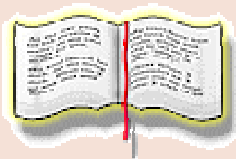
Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday, June 12

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, June 13

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36—
8:3 or 7:36-50



Blessed and Given

By Scott Hahn

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading. A king and high priest comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His Body and Blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20-7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30).

The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus.

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread—in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this is remembrance of Me."

Through the priests He still feeds us in the "deserted place" of our earthly exile. And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For so often as we share in His Body and Blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.