



The Miraculous Assumption of Mary

*Saint John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA
August 15, 2010*

Celebrating our
55th Anniversary

*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 Loving Memory of **Al Raymond** by his Family.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14	4:00 PM	Edith Kimball (Birthday Remembrance by Family)
Sunday, August 15	8:30 AM	Al Raymond (Birthday Remembrance by Family)
Sunday, August 15	10:30 AM	Helen Corsaro (2nd Anniversary Mass by Friend)
Monday, August 16	9:00 AM	All the Departed Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, August 17	9:00 AM	Elizabeth & Eddie Hayes, Sr. (Memorial Mass by son, Francis Hayes & Family)
Tuesday, August 17	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, August 18	9:00 AM	Geraldine Lanen (Birthday Remembrance by sister, Marlene FitzGerald) & Suzanne Chareth (Anniversary Mass by sister, Marlene FitzGerald)
Thursday, August 19	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service
Friday, August 20	<i>There will be no Mass or Prayer Service</i>	
Saturday, August 21	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, August 21	4:00 PM	Ida L. Dubois (21st Anniversary Mass by Family)
Sunday, August 22	8:30 AM	Saint John the Baptist Parish Family
Sunday, August 22	10:30 AM	Pauline Flanagan (10th 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

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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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 Paul...

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth."

Today, August 15, 2010, we celebrate Mary! We celebrate the Mystery of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven! For it is indeed a Mystery that we celebrate: it is a Mystery of our Faith! We, the faithful of Christ in the Roman Catholic Church, believe as a dogma of our faith that Mary, the Mother of Christ, at the end of her life on earth, was taken up into Heaven by God, both body and soul!

At the moment chosen by God, a moment she knew in the Holy Spirit, Mary set forth on the road to the heavenly Homeland, just as she had taken the road to visit her cousin Elizabeth, for Mary could not banish from her spirit that memorable meeting! Is Mary not about to visit God Himself, in His heavenly Home, in order to give Him thanks?

"Blessed are you among women!" Truly, Mary hears this Word of God. She receives it in her with a Mother's love: the Son of the Father is reunited with His Mother for all eternity!

What would Mary say to her beloved Son? Will she repeat her "Magnificat?" Moreover, as Mary is the model of all of Christ's faithful, would she not say to her Son something that each and every mother could say to her child on the Day of eternity:

"You are my son. You are my daughter: Today I have begotten you."

For all of us—men, women and children—will have a son or daughter in Heaven, whether according to the flesh or according to the Spirit. No one goes to Heaven alone: like Mary, every true Christian, every apostle of the Gospel, is preceded or followed by those whom we have begotten in Christ! Eternally, in Heaven, a single word resonates in the mouth of the Father, of Mary, and of all the elect: "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

God Bless, Father Paul



*Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing,
Who reignest in splendor with Jesus, our King.
Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria!*

*In heaven the blessed thy glory proclaim;
On earth, we thy children, invoke thy sweet
name!*

Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

*We pray for our mother, the Church upon earth'
And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth.
Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria!*

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 202 & 203 of the *Breaking Bread Missal*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.

Giving

The collection for the weekend of August 7/8 was \$1,970.45. The Special Monthly Collection was \$1,131.18. Both collections totaled \$3,101.63.

This weekend there will be **two collections**—our regular Sunday offertory and a collection for the Archdiocese of Boston’s support of Catholic Relief Services. Next weekend there will be two collections as well—our regular Sunday offertory and a second collection for the Archdiocese of Boston’s ministry for Catholic Home Missions. Thank you.

The next **Legacy Committee Meeting** will be **Sunday, August 15** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. There’s still time to join!

The **55th Anniversary Committee** will meet on **Monday, August 16** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. Everyone is welcome—please join us.

The **Pastoral Council Meeting** has been **rescheduled for Sunday, August 29** at 6:30 PM in the lower church hall.

On **Saturday, August 21**, our Health Care Ministry along with the Red Cross will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** in Saint John the Baptist’s lower church hall from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation. Please give.



Interested in become a Greeter at the beginning of one of our weekend Masses? Call Joan Pechnik at 978-372-6140. This ministry puts a welcoming face to our parish for those who might be coming here for the very first time. Being a greeter is also an easy and very fulfilling way to serve the Lord our God. All are welcome.

For more information on our parish or any of our parish ministries, please visit our website at www.stjohnhaverhill.org

There will no daily Mass or prayer service celebrated on Fridays (except for First Fridays.)

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

- Alban, Alex, Alvin, Ann S., Barbara, Bernie, Betty H., Carmine, Cathy, Celeste, Coby, Connie, Cristina, Dan, Danny, Dee, Eleanor, Elizabeth P., Elvita C., Ernest J., Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, Greg, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, Joan, John C., John P., Joshua, Kathy, Kathleen, Fr. Keith, Lenny, Linda, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marguerite, Marie G., Marion, Marita, Mary P., Mary R., Mary S., Mary Z., Megan, Melissa, Mike, Nita, Ron S., Russell, Rusty, Sheila, Stephen, Susan B., 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, Michelle C., Patrick, Paul, Rick & Rob**

Pray also for their families and loved ones.

*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
For the selfless acts they perform
For us in our time of need.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*



Thank you to Mary Belanger for her generous contributions to the Youth Group in memory of

Elizabeth and Eddie Hayes, Sr.

and

*Walter Pszybysz
“forever young”*

On Friday, September 24th, Saint John the Baptist will host their 2nd annual Dinner Dance at the Amesbury Play House, Amesbury, MA.

The evening will include a cocktail hour starting at 6:30 PM followed by a full-course dinner, dancing, a silent auction and even an opportunity for late-night karaoke. Every one is invited. Tickets are \$25 per person and are on sale after all weekend Masses or through the Rectory.



We are also looking for donations for the Silent Auction. If you would like to make a donation, please contact anyone on the 55th Anniversary Committee or the Rectory.

Thank you to the **volunteers of the councils and ministries of Saint John the Baptist Parish—**

Finance Council: Roberta Alicata, Deacon Tom Anthony, Bill Bibeau, Donna Bibeau, Deb Conner (co-chairperson), Leslie Crowe, Mary Duchemin, Father Bob Murray (chairperson), Dianne Peck, Margaret Pfifferling & Anita Purcell

Pastoral Council: Deacon Tom Anthony, Bill Bibeau, Donna Bibeau, Tom Broderick, Joann Corthell, Leslie Crowe, Anna Dubois, Diane Forte, Linda LeBlanc, Celeste McCusker (co-chairperson), Father Bob Murray (chairperson), Barbara O'Shea, Joan Pechnik, Mary Peel, Anne Six & Bill Vlahos

Activities Committee: Roberta Alicata (chairperson), Deacon Tom Anthony (co-chairperson), Donna Bibeau, Sue Brewster, Betty Burrill, Don Clough, Pauline Clough, John Connor, Kathy Connor, David Corthell, Joann Corthell, Mary Duchemin, Celeste McCusker, Barbara O'Shea, Joan Pechnik, Mary Peel, Frank Perra, Joan Perra, Margaret Pfifferling, Eileen Sarcone, Joe Sarcone, Anne Six, Matthew Timony, & Bill Vlahos (stjohnactivitiescommittee@parishmail.com)

Legacy Committee: Deacon Tom Anthony (chairperson), Bill Bibeau, Donna Bibeau, Leslie Crowe, Barbara O'Shea, Joan Pechnik, Frank Perra, Anne Six, Matt Timony & Bill Vlahos

Health Ministry: Donna Bibeau (dbibeau@parishmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Donna Bibeau, Barbara O'Shea, Kay Poole, & Marsha Tartaglia

Youth Group: Deacon Tom Anthony & Leslie Crowe (stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com)

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the councils or ministries or would like to join, please contact any of our volunteers.

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” (Isa. 6:8)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus Council 202 is committed to the continued success of Saint John the Baptist's Mission of building up the Kingdom of God here on this earth. If you are **interested in becoming a Brother Knight**, please call Deacon Tom at 978-973-0437.

St. John's will be accepting donations every weekend to support local food pantries. Please leave your non-perishable items at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John the Baptist's ministry devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary will offer the **Rosary every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM** (after the 9 AM Morning Mass) in the main church. Everyone is welcome.



Rosaries and handouts will be available for those who are unfamiliar with this beautiful devotion to the Blessed Mother. Come and pray with us.

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after all these years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of the Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.

The **Marian Society** will be visiting the **North End of Boston** in prayer and fellowship—praying the Rosary at Saint Leonard Church and the Sacred Heart Italian Church and then enjoying lunch in the North End.

We will leave from Saint John the Baptist at 9 AM on Saturday morning, **September 11** for the drive into Boston and will return early afternoon. Lunch is on your own. Please RSVP through the Rectory by Saturday, September 4, so we have an accurate count of who will be joining us we can plan on cost and mode of transportation.

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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.

Saint John's is looking for Acolytes (adult altar servers) or Altar Servers to serve at the 8:30 AM Mass. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Tom at 978-973-0437.



Readings of the Week

Sunday, August 15

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/
1Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv11:19a;
12:1-6a,10ab/1Cor 15:20-27/Lk1:39-56

Monday, August 16

Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20

Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 21

Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 22

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

