

In the same way,
everyone of you who
does not renounce all
his possessions cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

*Saint John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA
September 5, 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 lovingly given In Memory of Rudolph & Ann Salvi by Family.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4	4:00 PM	Dana Pothier (Memorial Mass by Roy & Yvette McKinney & Sons)
Sunday, September 5	8:30 AM	Brian Fitzgerald (1st Anniversary Mass)
Sunday, September 5	10:30 AM	Lionel Sevigny (Birthday Remembrance by Family)
Monday, September 6	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Tuesday, September 7	9:00 AM	All the Departed Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, September 7	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, September 8	9:00 AM	Pierre Serafin (Memorial Mass by Daisy Camille)
Thursday, September 9	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service
Friday, September 10	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, September 11	9:00 AM	Marie Donohue (1st Anniversary Mass)
Saturday, September 11	4:00 PM	Rudolph & Ann Salvi (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, September 12	8:30 AM	Patrick F. Linehan (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, September 12	10:30 AM	Henry & Marjorie Charron (Anniversary Mass by Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

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 Deacon Tom...

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As part of my administration here at St. John's, I want to explain what I am doing and why I am doing it. I am not sure about previous pastors, but since my arrival at St. James I have tried very hard to inform parishioners, through the bulletin or by speaking after Communion about plans, repairs, and use of money, good news and bad news as a way of being transparent. You may not agree with all that I do, but you won't be surprised as I strive always to inform parishioners of even the smallest details of repair and governance, so that all may see what is happening.

After meeting with the Finance Council I will soon be presenting the parish a full accounting of last year's receipts and expenditures as well as reporting to you ongoing developments.

The first news I want to share with you is the receipt of money from the bank for the sale of land on the side of the church. After a long 18 months of delays and planning, moneys were transferred from Pentucket Bank to our account in Boston and the sale is finalized. We received \$750,00.00. With this occurrence we will be able to pay off all our outstanding debts, including the debt to the Archdiocese. We also will be able to put a new roof on the rectory, which badly needs this repair.

After all this work is done and with some funds transferred to a saving account we can access at any time, the bulk of the money will be put into what is known as the Common Investment Fund. This fund is an investment vehicle run by the Archdiocese for parishes fortunate to have money not immediately needed and is invested in the stock market with dividends paid quarterly. With the approval of the Finance Council, the plan is to keep the bulk of money invested and withdraw only the dividends to use for parish operations, repairs and unseen expenditures.

This is an important development in the life of this parish for a number of reasons. It allows us to pay our bills on time, to have money for repairs and to remove us from the list of parishes that cannot meet their basic expenses. It also gives us freedom to think about purchases that may have been held off because of the financial instability of the past. I do not have any ideas in mind at this point and in truth have been looking at ways to carve as much as possible away from the budget, but this money does give us some welcome breathing room financially speaking.

I know that the past few months have been very difficult for the parish, but at the same time, a lot has been done to help this parish from the Archdiocesan offices to the local folks who have been constant in their presence. I hope that you will continue to pray for all those who have been touched by this difficulty and that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide all towards healing.

I also intend to keep you informed of who is here as priests and deacons. I am pleased to have announced the arrival of Father John Walsh, SJ, to work here and at Saint James. I also am announcing that Sr. Amarillis Flores Arroijia has joined our pastoral team also. In addition, Father Leo Martel, a retired priest in the Archdiocese has agreed to come here to celebrate Masses from time to time. I hope you will extend a warm welcome to them also.

Peace, Father Murray

Weekend Schedule September 4/5

- 4 PM St. James: Fr. Leo Martel
- 4 PM St. John the Baptist: Fr. Paul Coughlin
- 7 PM Vietnamese Mass: Fr. Joseph Pham/Fr. Murray
- 8:30 AM St. James :Fr. Paul Coughlin
- 8:30 AM St. John the Baptist: Fr. Murray
- 10:30 AM St. John the Baptist: Fr. Coughlin
- 11:30 AM Spanish Mass: Fr. Murray
- 5 PM: Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo Martin

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 210 of the *Breaking Bread Missal*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.



The collection for the weekend of August 28/29 was \$2,624.16.

This weekend there will be one collection. Next weekend there will be two collections—our regular Sunday offertory and the second collection is our Special Monthly Collection. Thank you.

CCD Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 12 for Grades K to 2 (9 to 10:25 am) and Grades 8 to 10 (5:30 to 6:55 pm). CCD classes are scheduled to begin for Grades 3 & 4 (9 to 10:25 am) and Grades 5 to 7 (5:30 to 6:55 pm) the following Sunday, September 19.



Classes meet every other week. New registrations will be accepted through October 31. Tuition for the 2010/2011 CCD year will be \$25 per child with a family cap of \$50. Tuition is due within the first month of class (by October 3, 2010), unless other arrangements are made through Renee or Father Murray.

All children enrolled in last year's program are considered pre-registered until you tell us otherwise. Any updates/changes in family information should be given to Renee in the CCD office. For information and new registrations, please contact Renee in the CCD office by calling 978-521-4557 or email at rbarrick@parishmail.com.

On Saturday, September 18, at the 4 PM Mass, Father Robert Murray will be installed as Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish. There will be a gathering after the Installation Mass in the lower church hall; light refreshments will be served.

Please stop by and introduce yourself to Father Murray and Father Walsh, our new Parochial Vicar, and welcome them to our parish community.

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

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.

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, Eleanor, Elizabeth P., Elvita C., Erin, Ernest J., Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, Greg, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, Joan, John C., John P., Joshua, Kathy, Kathleen, Fr. Keith, Kelly, Lenny, Linda, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marguerite, Marie G., Marion, Marita, Mary, Mary P., Mary R., Mary S., Mary Z., Mary Jo, Megan, Melissa, Mike, Nita, Ron S., Russell, Rusty, Sheila, Stephen, Susan, 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.



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

On Friday, September 24th, Saint John the Baptist will host their 2nd annual Dinner Dance at the

BRADFORD COUNTRY CLUB!!

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

All Silent Auction donations should be delivered to the Rectory by Friday, September 17. If you would like more information, please contact anyone on the 55th Anniversary Committee, Deacon Tom, Bill Vlahos or the Rectory.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors: Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home and the Knights of Columbus Council 202.



Would you or someone you know want to learn more about the priesthood?



Saint John the Baptist Church is happy to announce a

Saint Andrew's Dinner

for men from middle-school to adulthood. Parents and friends are also invited to attend.

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL SEAN O'MALLEY WILL BE ATTENDING.

Where:

*Saint John the Baptist Church Hall
110 Lincoln Avenue, Haverhill*

When:

Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 pm

For Tickets:

Please call Deacon Tom Anthony for reservations @ (978) 973-0437

THE EVENING WILL BEGIN WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EVENING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY A FULL-COURSE DINNER IN THE PARISH HALL. CARDINAL SEAN WILL BE SPEAKING ALONG WITH SEMINARIANS FROM SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY AND BLESSED POPE JOHN THE 23rd SEMINARY.

ALL ARE INVITED TO EXPOSITION AND EVENING PRAYER. THE DINNER WILL BE STRICTLY RESERVATION ONLY. **SEATING WILL BE LIMITED.**

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, Mother of Jesus,
Give me your heart so beautiful,
so pure, so immaculate,
That I may be able to receive
Jesus in the Bread of Life,
Love Him as you loved Him,
And serve Him as you served Him
In the distressing disguise
Of the poorest of the poor. Amen.*

Readings of the Week

Sunday, September 5

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 6

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 7

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Or 1:18-23

Thursday, September 9

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 10

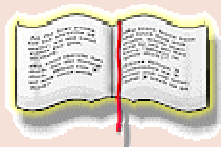
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 11

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 12

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32
or 15:1-10



Pie Sale



On the weekend of **September 11 & 12**, the **Dominican Sisters** will be having a **Bake Sale** at St. John's after all Masses. All proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

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

Finance Council: To be announced

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, Matt Timony & 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 Pffferling, Eileen Sarcone, Joe Sarcone, Anne Six, Matthew Timony, & Bill Vlahos (stjohnactivitiescommittee@parishmail.com)

55th Anniversary Committee: Deacon Tom Anthony, Donna Bibeau, Leslie Crowe, Mary Duchemin, Diane Forte, Dianne Peck, Frank Perra, Joan Perra, Eileen Sarcone, Joe Sarcone, Matt Timony, & Bill Vlahos,

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 & Bill Vlahos (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, or the Rectory.

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

The **55th Anniversary Committee** will meet on **Sunday, September 5** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. Everyone is welcome—please join us.

The next meeting of the **Activities Committee** will be **Thursday, September 9** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

The next **Legacy Committee Meeting** will be **Sunday, September 12th** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.

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