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*Saint John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA
October 3, 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 as a 15th Anniversary Remembrance of **Sidney M. Corthell** by his Family.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2	4:00 PM	Nellie Montefusco (Memorial Mass by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Salerno)
Sunday, October 3	8:30 AM	Arthur & Florence McCusker (Memorial Mass by Family)
Sunday, October 3	10:30 AM	Living Intention for Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Monday, October 4	9:00 AM	All the Departed Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, October 5	9:00 AM	Robert W. Buckley, Jr. (Memorial Mass by Ron & Rita Sanville)
Tuesday, October 5	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, October 6	9:00 AM	Aura Lemieux (Memorial Mass by Family)
Thursday, October 7	9:00 AM	Theresa Lemieux (Memorial Mass by Family)
Friday, October 8	9:00 AM	Frank and Adeline Moskal (Memorial Mass by Family)
Saturday, October 9	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Saturday, October 9	4:00 PM	Nellie Montefusco (Memorial Mass by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Salerno)
Sunday, October 10	8:30 AM	Living Intention for Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Sunday, October 10	10:30 AM	Victorine Etter (1st Anniversary Mass)

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 Murray...

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Thanks again to the Activities Committee and all those involved Friday Night in making the 2nd Annual Dinner Dance such a huge success. When I arrived it seemed to be in full swing and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Though I did not stay long, I left confident that everyone would continue to dance the night away.

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Sunday night. The agenda was basically to review the minutes of the last meeting in which a lot of information was shared. We also discussed a mission statement for the parish and heard a presentation from Father Walsh about his plans to bring the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to the Parish. In the interest of saving space I will not recount all the discussions, but anyone is welcome to come and read the minutes to the meeting. They will be stored at the rectory and can be obtained by calling Diane at the office.

This week I am taking a brief four day trip to the Dominican Republic. Part of the work of the Saint James Community for the past two years has been to raise funds to build a church in Rio San Juan in the Dominican. As in many Caribbean countries with tourist areas, there are also great areas of poverty. Rio San Juan is a good example of this situation.

A few of our parishioners here approached our Spanish-speaking deacon, Nelson Agudelo, three years ago to see if it was possible for the Deacon to sponsor a missionary trip to bring used First Communion dresses and suits to a very poor parish in the DR and that started a project that still continues.

When the parishioners got there they discovered a Chapel made of corrugated tin and wood that blew down just about every hurricane season. They decided then and there that they would try to help this community build a church that would withstand hurricanes and be a bigger building to accommodate more people. When the team returned, they began planning and organizing dinners, soccer matches, raffles, and other events to help the community build the church. This new building we are underwriting is made of cement and with the help of a local architect and engineer will be a mighty fortress against the winds that blow off the sea during hurricanes.

This will be my first meeting of the people and apparently they are getting ready with a prayer service and fiesta when we arrive. Another part of this trip is to celebrate my younger sisters' milestone birthday which I am not permitted to reveal. Four of my siblings and their husbands and/or wives will be together. It will be the first time in a long time we have gathered, so I am excited about that part also. They will also be participating in the visit and are excited to see how the church is coming along.

Peace, Father Murray

Weekend Schedule October 2-3

4 PM St. James: Fr. Walsh
 4 PM St. John/Baptist: Fr. Murray/Deacon Tom
 7 PM Vietnamese Mass: Fr. Pham/Fr. Murray
 8:30 AM St. James: Fr. Murray
 8:30 AM St. John /Baptist: Fr. Walsh
 10:30 AM St. John/Baptist: Fr. Murray
 11:30 AM Spanish Mass: Fr. Murray
 5 PM: Fr. Walsh

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 219 of the *Breaking Bread Missal*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.

The collection for the weekend of September 25/26 was \$2,165.64. The RCAB collection for Catholic University was \$735.99. Both collections totaled \$2,901.64.



This weekend there will be one collection. Next week there will be two collections—our regular Sunday offertory and our special monthly collection. Thank you.

Parish CCD Class Schedule



Sunday, October 10

Grades K to 2 ~ 10:30 AM Mass
There will be no morning classes
Grade 8 to 10 ~ 5:30 to 6:55 PM

Sunday, October 17

Grades 3 & 4 ~ 9 to 10:25 AM
Grade 5 to 7 ~ 5:30 to 6:55 PM

*Grade 8 will meet in the basement of the Rectory
All other classes are held in the lower church hall.*

CCD 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) or upon registration after that date.

All children enrolled in last year's program are considered pre-registered. 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults class is forming now! The RCIA program is for adults who need to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church and is open to adults who have never been baptized, baptized Christians and Catholics who need to receive First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and/or Confirmation.

Classes are starting now and will continue until Easter 2011. There is no cost for these classes and all course materials will be provided. For more information, please contact All Saints RCIA Coordinator, Peter Richardson, at 978-521-1172 or email him at p.richardson86@comcast.net

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

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



- Father Nason, Alex, Arraya, Betty H., Bill, Carmine, Cathy, Celeste, Coby, Connie, Cristina, Elizabeth P., Elvita C., Erica, Ernest J., Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, Grace, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, Joan, John C., John P., Kathy, Fr. Keith, Leo, Linda, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marguerite, Marie G., Marion, Marita, Mary, Mary P., Mary R., Mary S., Mary Z., Mary Jo, Megan, Mike, Nita, Renee, Russell, Rusty, Sheila, Stephen, Susan, Susan B., Tom, Theresa, & 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.*



The Knights of Columbus Council 202 will be collecting donations for their **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive** the weekend of **October 16/17.** All proceeds will benefit Disabled Children of Massachusetts through Charity Grants.



The next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be **Wednesday, October 6** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.



Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology, was a Roman Catholic saint who took the Gospel literally by following all Jesus said and did. His feast day is October 4.

In celebration of Saint Francis, all are welcome to gather for the **Blessing of the Animals** while Father Murray bestows his blessings upon our beloved pets on **Sunday, October 3 at 2 PM** on the front steps of Saint John the Baptist Church.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- All pets must be on leashes or in travel cages
- Pets should be licensed and current with all shots
- Be sure to bring water for your pet
- ALL pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet!

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. Everyone is invited to Exposition and Evening Prayer. **THE DINNER WILL BE STRICTLY RESERVATION ONLY.**

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.

After Mass today, we will be distributing **baby bottles from the Pregnancy Care Center of the Merrimack Valley & Southern New Hampshire (PCC.)** Please take **one bottle per family.**



Take the bottles home! As a family, fill them with a check (made payable to PCC), cash or coins, and return them to the church no later than Sunday, October 24. As you will see from the insert in the bottle, you may list the name and address of a mother you wish to honor. The PCC will send a special card to her showing that you have made a gift for life in her name.

The Baby Bottle Campaign is used to fund Pregnancy Care Programs that help women in crisis pregnancies. Because this is Respect Life Month, this is your opportunity to respect life as a family. To receive more information about PCC, call 978-373-5700 in Haverhill or 978-388-7960 in Amesbury.

The **Pregnancy Care Center** of Haverhill and Southern New Hampshire will be hosting its **Annual Fund Raiser Dinner** on Thursday, **October 21** at 6:30 PM at the Andover Wyndham Hotel, Andover.

Tickets are free and Saint John's has reserved two tables for this event. If you are interested in tickets, please call Deacon Tom Anthony at 978-973-0437 or the Rectory at 978-372-2780

It's time to start preparing for Christmas! Our **Seasonal Adult Choir** will begin doing so on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:15 PM in the church.



We'll be getting ready to sing for a Christmas Eve Mass and in early January, 2011, a Joint Concert with our **Youth Choir** and the **Adult and Youth Choirs** from Saint James Parish.

The concern will include a short cantata entitled "A Carol Fantasia," which the Adult Choirs from both parishes will perform together. We hope you'll consider joining us. We especially need **men!** Please stop by rehearsal to learn more or to sign up. We promise you'll have a good time!

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Council will be Sunday, October 3 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.



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.

In October, the Marian Society will be planning a trip to Revere. Details to be announced soon.

Readings of the Week

Sunday, October 3

Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday, October 4

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 8

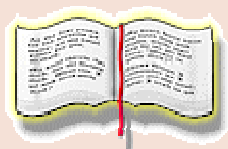
Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



Sacred Hearts Parish is offering a **Marriage Course: *How to Build a Marriage that Lasts a Lifetime.***

The Course is held in the Church Hall, 165 South Main Street, Bradford on...

Friday Evenings 7:00 to 9:30PM

October 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

For more information, please contact George & Nancy Adams at 603-362-9849 or email them at Micknnancy1212@yahoo.com. Cost is \$20 per couple per week.

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An **“At-Home Retreat”** based upon the **Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola** is being planned for our parish beginning **Tuesday, October 26.**



Those making the Retreat will meet once a week on either Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM or Wednesday mornings at 9:45 AM for about 45 minutes. At home every day participants will pray over a passage taken from either the Gospel or the Spiritual Exercises and then share their reflections at the next weekly meeting.

If you would like to participate, please call Diane at the Rectory at 978-372-2780 and leave your name and phone number. For more information, please call Father John Walsh at 978-372-8537 ext. 208.

Training for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers will be offered soon. If you are interested in participating in this important part of our Mass celebration, please call the Rectory at 978-372-2780.

Court Sacred Hearts #864, **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**, will meet on **Saturday, October 9**, at 1 PM in Sacred Hearts Church Hall, Bradford.



Preceding the business meeting, CDA members and friends will pray a **Living Rosary for peace and family**. Participants are asked to bring one or two items for the Saint Vincent dePaul Food Pantry.

Please remember, everyone is welcome, to join in prayer, friendship and works of charity.

“We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.—Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

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.

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