

*Will not God then secure
the rights of his chosen
ones who call out to him
day and night?*

Luke 18:7

*Saint John the Baptist Parish, Haverhill, MA
October 17, 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 Jack Giambrone.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16	4:00 PM	James McCusker (11th Anniversary Mass by wife, Celeste & Family)
Sunday, October 17	8:30 AM	Jack E. Purcell (1st Anniversary Mass by Wife & Family)
Sunday, October 17	10:30 AM	Joseph H. Rousseau, Emma L. Rousseau & Richard J. Rousseau (Anniversary Mass by Family)
Monday, October 18	9:00 AM	All the Departed Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, October 19	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish
Tuesday, October 19	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, October 20	9:00 AM	Elizabeth & Eddie Hayes, Sr. (Memorial Mass by son Edward Hayes, Jr., & Family and daughter, Anne Hayes & Family)
Thursday, October 21	9:00 AM	Intention of the Celebrant
Friday, October 22	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, October 23	9:00 AM	Anna V. Beale (4th Anniversary Mass by daughter, Sarah)
Saturday, October 23	4:00 PM	Officer Michael J. Walukevich (Birthday Remembrance by Mom & Family)
Sunday, October 24	8:30 AM	Josephine Clark (9th Anniversary Mass by Daughter & Family)
Sunday, October 24	10:30 AM	Albertine Charron (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 Murray...

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

There has been a lot of talk recently about a new Sacramentary and the changes that will occur as a result of this new guide for the church's prayer.

The Sacramentary is the book the priest uses to guide the prayer of the church. While there has been a lot of development over the course of the history of the church, the Sacramentary is largely a book that comes down to us from the time of Gregory the Great.

The prayers that we use include options, so that we can mix and match prayers according to our local need. (So for instance in a time of war we can always use the prayers for peace) In every country in the world, the prayers are basically the same, but obviously in different languages. This makes it possible to attend Mass anywhere, and while not exactly the same, (the church after Vatican II allowed for some cultural adaption) the basic framework remains intact.

We will always begin with the Sign of the Cross and pray through the Mass until we hear the announcement, "The Mass has ended, let us go in peace", or some other similar dismissal. The changes at the parish level will not be so big that you will not recognize the Mass, and actually the real changes will come in responses in the dialogue parts of the Mass. So instead of saying, "The Lord be with you". We will be saying "The Lord is with your spirit".

Why make these changes? After many years of study and reflection, the bishops, our teachers and guides in the faith have determined that this new translation is closer to the original Latin. Those of you who reminisce with longing for the old Latin rite can now rejoice that we are moving closer to that rite than we ever have been since the translation of 1973.

Change is sometimes difficult. Most often it is difficult because we don't want to change, don't feel a need to or just don't want to spend the energy. This is an occasion to embrace a change that the bishops, our teachers and guides are leading us toward. Although it is a year away I hope to inform you from time to time of the preparations that are being put in place, so that you will be able to know well what is happening as we put these changes come to us.

Peace, Father Murray

Weekend Schedule October 16/17

4 PM St. James

Fr. Robert Murray

4 PM St. John the Baptist

Fr. John Walsh

7 PM Vietnamese Mass

Fr. Joseph Pham/ Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. James

Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John the Baptist

Fr. Walsh

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist

Fr. Walsh/Deacon Tom Anthony

11:30 AM Spanish Mass

Fr. Murray

5:00 PM

Fr. Walsh/Deacon Leo

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 223 of the *Breaking Bread Missal*. Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.

Giving

The collection for the weekend of October 9/10 was \$2,656.43.

This weekend there will be two collections—our regular Sunday offertory and second collection for the Archdiocese of Boston's collection for Catholic World Missions. Next weekend there will be one collection.

Parish CCD Class Schedule

Sunday, October 31

Grades 3 & 4 ~ 10:30 AM Mass
(All Saints Pageant)

Grade 5 to 7 ~ 10:30 AM Mass

There will be no morning or evening classes

Sunday, November 7

Grades K to 2 ~ 9 to 10:25 am

Grade 8 to 10 ~ 5:30 to 6:55 PM

*Grade 6 & 9 meet in the basement of the Rectory
All other classes are held in the lower church hall.*



CCD Registration

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.

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.



**PLEASE PATRONIZE
OUR ADVERTISERS**

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, Don, Elizabeth P., Elvita C., Erica, Ernest J., Florence L., Francis D., Fr. Fred, Gail C., Grace, Jeannette S., Fr. Jim, Joan, John C., John P., Kathy, Fr. Keith, Leo, Linda, Louise, Fr. Marc, Marguerite, 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, Daniel, 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,



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 concert 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!

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.**

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.

Have you been called to serve Christ? Do you want to help your parish and church?

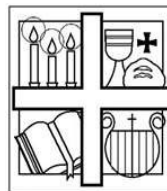
If you answer **"yes"** to either of these questions, take a moment out of your day and have a cup of coffee and a conversation with Deacon Tom Anthony. Call him anytime at 978-973-0437.

On Sunday morning, **October 31**, Saint James Parish is sponsoring a **5k Road Race** at 10 AM from Saint James School, Primrose Street and a **Rosary Walk** at 10 AM at Saint James Cemetery, Primrose Street for those who would like to participate in this way.



Afterwards there will be a pancake breakfast which is open all. Registration is \$20 for adults; \$10 for students (under 18) and will include the breakfast and a t-shirt. Proceeds to benefit Haverhill's Emmaus House, the Pregnancy Crisis Center of Haverhill and parish programs.

For more information, please call 978-372-8537 or visit the website at www.stjamesgfunrunwalk.org.



On Saturday, **November 6**, from 10 AM to 2 PM, Saint James Liturgy Committee will be hosting a **day of reflection and training for Lectors, Cantors and Eucharistic Ministers.**

Father Murray is inviting all who serve in these ministries to come and experience this day.

The day will begin with prayer and reflection on one's ministries and then a time to share on the effects and rewards it has brought to you in serving the Lord and the community in this manner. After lunch, we will be breaking into individual groups for some training and updating of practices.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Diane by October 30 so that we may plan for lunch. There is no cost for this event.

The **Baby Bottle Campaign** is being done during Respect Life month to fund the Pregnancy Care Center programs which help women in our community to face crisis pregnancies. Because October is Respect Life Month, this is your opportunity to respect life as a family.

Reminder: As a family, fill the Baby Bottles with a check (made payable to PCC) cash or coins and **return them to the church no later than October 24.** As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may list the name and address of a mother you wish to honor. The center will send a special card to her showing that you have made a gift for life in her name. To receive more information about PCC, call 978-373-5700 in Haverhill or 978-388-7960 in Amesbury.



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.

Readings of the Week

Sunday, October 17

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Sunday, October 19

Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 20

Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 21

Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 22

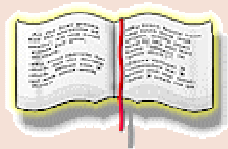
Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 23

Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 24

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/
Lk 18:9-14



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

The next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be Sunday, **October 24** at 6:30 PM in the Lower Church Hall.

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.

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

Finance Council: Bill Bibeau, Debbie Conner, Paul Magliocchetti, & Anita Purcell

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

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

55th Anniversary Committee: Deacon Tom Anthony, Donna Bibeau, Leslie Crowe, Mary Duchemin, Diane Forte, Barbara O'Shea, Dianne Peck, Joan Pechnik, Mary Peel, 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, Diane Forte, Barbara O'Shea, Kay Poole, & Marsha Tartaglia

Youth Group: Deacon Tom Anthony, Diane Forte & Bill Vlahos (stjohnyouthgroup@parishmail.com)

If you have any questions 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)



Saint John the Baptist will be sponsoring a Community-wide **Blood Drive** on Tuesday, **October 26** from 2 to 7 PM in the lower church hall.

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.