



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Saturday, June 23, 2018

4:00 PM

Sunday, June 24, 2018

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM John Stolarski – 2nd Anniversary

Daily Mass this week will be held on
Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM

Monday, June 25, 2018

8:00 AM Mary T. Gudjonsson

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

8:00 AM

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

8:00 AM

Thursday, June 28, 2018

8:00 AM

Friday, June 29, 2018

NO MASS

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 30, 2018

4:00 PM James & Gertrude Butler

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jeannette Galland

ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE
for the month of June are in memory of
Dr. Eduardo C. Leonardo

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in
Thanksgiving for prayers answered.

VOCATION VIEWS

Following Jesus demands carrying the cross and walking in his steps. Do you have the courage to be a follower? Trust that Jesus will give you what you need. (Luke 9:18-24)

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #717 *The Great Forerunner of the Morn*

Preparation: #438 *O God, You Search Me*

Communion: #322 *Bread of Life*

Meditation: #377 *Servant Song*

Recessional: #610 *Shall We Gather at the River*



77th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

This year's Catholic Charities drive is coming to a close. Anyone who is planning to donate and hasn't yet, please send in your contribution by **Tuesday, June 27th**. Our 2017 contribution was \$46,010. The contributions received to date are **\$36,730**. To make a donation, by check, **make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church**. **Either mail in your red and white contribution card to the Rectory or drop it into the weekly collection basket by June 27th**. You may also visit the parish website and find the link to Catholic Charities where it will allow you to donate through their link on-line. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts. Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

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| Weekend Collection | \$ 2,056.16 |
| Renovation Fund | \$ 1,246.50 |
| Catholic Charities to date | \$36,730.00 |

This weekend will be a Special Collection for the Church in Latin America. It is an important way for the faithful in this country to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters to the south who's pastoral and material needs are great. Your support will help bring our faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Thank you for your support.

Reserving Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candles

If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one or for a Special Intention, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

FAITH FORMATION

Helps build a strong foundation.

Religious Education - 2018-2019

Students, remember that attending mass regularly is part of your Religious Education!

FIRST COMMUNION

All children entering First Grade in September will need to register for Religious Education Classes to begin in the fall. The First Communion program is a two-year program that begins in First Grade and ends with the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion in Second Grade. Registration Forms are available at both entrances of the Church and can be returned either by placing them in the collection basket or dropping them off at the Rectory.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This is a two-year program for both Catholic and Public School parishioners. Students need to register in Grade 9 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 10. Religious Education Registration Forms have been sent. Please consider returning them as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office at 508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831.

STM DINNER \$25.00 CLUB WINNERS

April club winners: Linda Marcoux #469
Edward Cote #162
William Bradbury #487

May club winners: Norman Bessette #41
Mildred Travers #783
Rev. James Butler #57A

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors for all masses. If you think you might be interested in this Ministry, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“My God is now my strength!” Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

11th Annual Golf Classic Diocesan Health Facilities Monday, August 20, 2018 LeBaron Hills Country Club

The Diocesan Health Facilities Eleventh Annual Golf Classic will be held Monday, August 20, 2018 at LeBaron Hills Country Club, Lakeville, MA. All proceeds will benefit the over 900 individuals we serve in our skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers and community programs. For details on levels of participation available, please contact the Diocesan Health Facilities Office at 508-679-8154. Printable registration forms are available at www.dhfo.org forms are also available at the entrances of the Church or speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

2019 MUSIC & MASS MISSALETTES

The Music & Mass Missalettes are a wonderful way to remember a loved one. Our total cost for the year is \$2,400. We now have a combined book that has the weekend masses as well as the music for the year. By changing to a one book missal it has saved us nearly \$600 per year. However, this still remains a big expense to the church. If anyone is interested in donating by the month or year, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

This is a group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Fall River Area Bereavement Group will be meeting **July 24th – September 4th**. This group meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA For more information call #508-678-2828 Ext. 27 or call #508-642-0583. There is no fee to participate. Parking is available adjacent to the building. All are welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses this weekend, **June 23 & 24, 2018**

TRAVELING? Looking for a place to attend Mass? **For nationwide Mass times and locations: Website at www.Masstimes.org or by calling 1-800-627-7846.**



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah tells how the Lord called to him from birth and gave him his name. He explains that although he thought he toiled in vain, his strength is in the Lord in Whose sight he has been made glorious. God made him a light to the nations so that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

John heralds the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He says, “Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.” The children of the family of Abraham and those who are God-fearing have received the word of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Elizabeth gave birth to a son whom she named John. On the eighth day, when her neighbors and relatives came to circumcise the child, they wanted to call him Zechariah, after her father, but Elizabeth’s husband wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.” Immediately he spoke blessing God and the people became afraid. All who heard of the incident knew that the hand of the Lord was with John.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018

“From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded His coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals on His feet. My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent.’”

The church celebrates the birth of three persons – Mary, Jesus and John the Baptist. We spend time with John, especially during advent, recalling his conception, the meeting of his mother with Mary, and his ministry in the desert, preparing the way of the Lord. St. Paul today, in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, helps us focus on the role of John.

He was a ‘herald’ announcing the coming of the Messiah, an arrow pointing out the One he would call the ‘Lamb of God.’ The church today is the herald of the Good News. In the ‘Joy of the Gospel’, Pope Francis points out that the kerygma, the announcement or proclamation of the Good News is vital for us today. We are to be like John the Baptist, announcing, being the herald that we have salvation in the person of Jesus Christ. ‘Hear ye, hear ye.’