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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

Sunday, June 24th:
THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
The "Summer Christmas"

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving for
Fr. William Blazek, S.J.

Reception and First Blessing to follow in the lower
church hall

Sunday, July 1st:

FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD Sodality of the Immaculate Conception and St. Rose of Lima, Monthly Meeting, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, Lower Rectory Conference Room

Wednesday, July 4th: U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 5th: STONE INSTITUTE Mass, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, July 6th: FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Confessions before the 12:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, July 7th: FIRST SATURDAY Fatima Devotions after the 9 a.m. Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"



OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, \$4,234.00 + \$947.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$5,181.00

SECOND COLLECTION FOR <u>TODAY</u>: HOLY FATHER'S "PETER'S PENCE" COLLECTION

This Sunday's Second Collection, the "Peter's Pence", enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to the needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.



Requiescant in Pace

Helen Janiak Gerard (Gerry) Welch (brother of parishioner Joan Sheehy)

FR. WILLIAM BLAZEK, S.J. ORDAINED A PRIEST ON JUNE 9th MASS OF THANKSGIVING

AT TODAY'S 10:30 A.M. MASS

RECEPTION AND FIRST BLESSING IN THE LOWER CHURCH HALL DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE MASS



This week's bulletin is sponsored through the generosity of CARDINAL SEAN'S BLOG Cardinal Seán shares his reflections and experiences:

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JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



(Front Cover: St. John the Baptist as a Boy, by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, A.D. 1665.)

"AD MULTOS ANNOS", FATHER WILLIAM BLAZEK, S.J.

Today is a day of great rejoicing for our parish as we welcome back newly-ordained Jesuit priest Fr. William Blazek, S.J. for a Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr. Blazek will be celebrant at today's 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Latin Mass. Directly following Mass we will hold a reception for Fr. Blazek and will have the opportunity to receive his First Blessing.

It adds greatly to the spirit of celebration that today's Mass is a special feast-day: the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. It is also sometimes called the "Summer Christmas", as the birth of Our Lord's cousin St. John the Baptist six months before His nativity in Bethlehem is closely related to the joyful Mysteries of Christmastide. At one time in the Church's

history St. John's Nativity was celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation and Three Masses were offered as at Christmas. Great bonfires were lighted on the hilltops (St. John's Fires) to symbolize John's mission as the one who was to bear witness to Christ, the true Light of the World, just before He came.

St. Augustine used the turning of the seasons as a way to make a spiritual analogy to the **Christian life. John's Nativity, he says, occurs at** the time of the year when the daylight is longest (at least in the northern hemisphere), and then daylight gradually decreases. The Feast of Christmas, however, occurs just after the shortest day and gradually the light increases. And just as John the Baptist said that "He **[Christ] must increase, and I must decrease,"** after Jesus had begun His Public Life, so we **might use the declining daylight after St. John's** Feast as a reminder of how our ego-life must **decrease in order for Christ's**-life within us to increase.

Another significant theological truth about John's birth is that he was sanctified in the womb of his mother St. Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard the voice of Mary's greeting, she felt at once her child leaping in her womb for joy: the unborn baby John was mystically greeted by the unborn Child Jesus. John is born without the stain of Original Sin.

We celebrate the birthdays on earth of only three individuals in our Church cycle of feasts: Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas, December 25th (He is sinless by nature); Our Lady's Nativity on September 8th (she is sinless by her Immaculate Conception); and St. John the Baptist on June 24th, for he is born without sin. A special holiness and virtue is his portion for the unique role he is to play as the Herald of the Messiah. So holy was he that many people of that day understandably concluded that John himself was the long-awaited Christ.

(Fr. Higgins)

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Vestments: White

INTROIT Isaias 49: 1,2

The Lord hath called me by my name from the womb of my mother, and He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hath protected me, and hath made me as a chosen arrow. Ps. It is good to give praise to Thy name, O Most High. V. Glory be.

COLLECT

O God, who hast made this day honourable to us by the birth of blessed John; pour forth upon Thy people the grace of spiritual joys, and direct the souls of all Thy faithful into the way of eternal salvation. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Isaias 49: 1-3, 5, 6, 7

Give ear, ye islands, and hearken, ye people from afar. The Lord hath called me from the womb, from the depths of my mother He hath been mindful of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hath protected me, and hath made me as a chosen arrow; in His quiver He has hidden me. And He said to me: Thou art My servant Israel, for in thee will I glory. And now saith the Lord, that formed me from the womb to be His servant: Behold I have given thee to be the light of the Gentiles, that thou mayest be My salvation even to the farthest part of the earth. Kings shall see and princes shall rise up, and adore for the Lord's sake, and for the Holy One of Israel, who hath chosen thee.

GRADUAL: Jeremias 1: 5, 9

Before I formed thee in the depths of thy mother, I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee. V. The Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth: and said to me: Alleluia, alleluia. V. Luke 1. 76 Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; thou shalt go before the Lord to prepare His ways. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 57-68

Elizabeth's full time of being delivered was come, and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and kinsfolk heard that the Lord hath showed His great mercy towards her, and they congratulated with her. And it came to pass that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they called him by his father's name, Zachary. And his mother answering, said, not so, but he shall be called John. And they said to her: There is none of Thy kindred that is called by that name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And demanding a writing table, he wrote, saying: John is his name; and they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened, and his tongue loosed; and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came upon all their neighbors; and all these things were noised abroad over all the hill country of Judea; and they that had heard them, laid them up in their heart saying: What a one, think ye, shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him. And Zachary his father was filled with the Holy Ghost: and he prophesied, saying: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because He hath visited and wrought the redemption of His people.

OFFERTORY PSALM 111: 13

The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

SECRET

We heap up our gifts upon Thine altars, O Lord, that we may with due honour celebrate the birthday of him who both foretold the coming of the Saviour of the world and pointed Him out, when He came, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: who with Thee liveth.

COMMUNION: Luke 1:76

Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.

POSTCOMMUNION

Let Thy Church, O God, be glad at the birth of blessed John the Baptist; through whom she knew the Author of her new birth, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

June 24th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m. Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Prelude: Ut Queant Laxis (Gregorian Chant)

Introit: Is 49: 1, 2 De ventre matris meæ

"From my mother's womb the Lord called me by my name; and He made my mouth like unto a sharp sword; He protected me in the shadow of His hand, and He made me as His chosen arrow."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English) Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 92 (91): 13 Iustus ut palma

"The righteous man shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow up like a cedar of Lebanon."

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias" Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei

Communion: Lk 1: 76 Tu, puer

"You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways."

Post Communion Hymn, Salve Regina (Gregorian Chant Mode V)

Recessional Hymn:

On Jordan's Bank (Worship II Hymnal **No.218)**

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

June 24th, A.D. 2012Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Prelude

Processional Hymn

O Nimis Felix Meritique Celsi (Gregorian Chant)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Is 49:1,2; Ps. 91:2

"De ventre matris meae vocavit me Dominus nomine meo: et posuit os meum ut gladium acutum sub tegumento manus suae protexit me, et posuit me quasi sagittam electam.(Psalm) Bonum est confiteri Domino: et psallere nomini tuo, Altissimi. "

Ordinary Prayers: Missa Brevis In C Major KV 220

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei) (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

Gradual: Jer. 1:5,9

"Priusquam te formatrem in utero, novi te: et antequam exires de ventre, sanctificave te. Misit Dominus manum suam, et tetigit os meum, et dixit mihi." Alleluia: Lk 1:76

"Alleluia, alleluia. Tu, puer propheta Altissimi vocaberis: praeibis ante Dominum parare vias ejus. Alleluia."

Offertory Verse: Ps. 19:13

"Justus ut palma florebit sicut cedrus, quae in Libano est, multiplicabitur."

Offertory Hymn: Ut Queant Laxis (Gregorian Chant)

Communion Hymn: Ave Verum Corpus (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

Communion Verse: Ps. 20:6

"Tu puer, propheta Altissimi vocaberis praeibis enum ante faciem Domini parare vias ejus. "

Recessional Hymn

Te Deum (Gregorian Chant)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY LATIN MASS

June 25th-30th, A.D. 2012

Monday, June 25th: 12:30 p.m. St. William, Abbot

Tuesday, June 26th: 5:30 p.m.

Saints John and Paul, Martyrs

Wednesday, June 27th: 12:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, June 28th: 5:30 p.m.

Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul



Friday, June 29th: 12:30 p.m. SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOLSTLES

Saturday, June 30th: 9:00 a.m.

Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SUNDAYS
BEFORE AND AFTER THE
10:30 LATIN MASS



WE INVITE EVERYONE
TO JOIN US FOR
COFFEE HOUR

DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT
FATHER BLAZEK WITH A GIFT FROM THE
PARISH OF AN ALTAR MISSAL AND A SET OF
MASS VESTMENTS. ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PARISH GIFT,
WE INVITE YOU TO PLACE THE
CONTRIBUTION IN THE OFFERTORY,
MARKED "FR. BLAZEK'S GIFT" OR SEND IT
DIRECTLY TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.

SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY UPDATE

We are planning another transition in the management of our parish cemetery of St. Mary's, Needham:

Beginning July 1st, 2012, we will no longer be contracting with Mr. Joseph Viel of Cemetery Services Inc. for the maintenance and operation of St. Mary's. Instead we will be working with Guardian Estate Management Inc. and Cemetery Helpful Solutions Consulting Group to set up a new care-plan for our parish cemetery. The number to call for cemetery business will be the parish office at 617-244-0558. We thank Joe Viel and his staff for their care of St. Mary's since September, 2011.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: JUNE 21ST-JULY 4TH

LIVE "TOWN HALL MEETING"
WITH CARDINAL SEAN ON
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
MONDAY, JUNE 25TH (8 P.M.)—
CATHOLIC TV

THE U.S. BISHOPS HAVE ANNOUNCED A
TWO-WEEK EFFORT OF PRAYER, STUDY,
CATECHESIS AND PUBLIC ACTION TO
EMPHASIZE BOTH OUT CHRISTIAN AND
AMERICAN HERITAGE OF RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY. CARDINAL SEAN IS ASKING
CATHOLICS TO RECITE A PRAYER FOR
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DURING THIS
FORTNIGHT AND IS INVITING ALL
CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN A LIVE
INTERACTIVE "TOWN HALL MEETING"
ON CATHOLIC TV THIS MONDAY, JUNE
25TH, AT 8 P.M. PLEASE SEE
BOSTONCATHOLIC.ORG/FREEDOM
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

By this Purgatorial Society, the names of our dead friends and relatives may be enrolled (either as individuals or in aggregate), and prayed for especially in the 52 Masses that will be offered in the parish each year for the intention of the Purgatorial Society. The requested offering for a perpetual enrollment is \$20.00. (White leatherette enrollment envelopes are available in the vestibule of the rectory.) The prayers we have offered at Mass for the souls of the faithful departed are both an expression of our belief in individual survival after the event of bodily death and of a charity towards our neighbor which reaches beyond the grave.

The following names have been added recently to the enrollments of the Purgatorial Society:

Arthur Merrill, Mary J. Kerr Penzo, Carol, Daniel, and Winifred Kerr, Gloria Casanova, Mary Ellen Margossian, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard and Katherine Anne Celso

(New members' names will be printed in the parish bulletin at the end of each month. Please let us know if any names have been transcribed incorrectly or if you think your enrollment may have been overlooked.)

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." (II Machabees 12:46)



"If a compassionate charity towards all that are in any distress, even towards the most undeserving, be an essential ingredient of a Christian spirit, and one in which the very soul of religion and piety towards God consists, how much more should we exert our charity for those in spiritual need, no longer able to help themselves, and perhaps bound to us by ties of blood or friendship?"

—Fr. Herbert Thurston, S.J.

JOB OPENING

We are presently seeking someone to work in the parish office as a part-time Administrative Assistant Book-keeper. If interested, please contact Fr. Higgins for more information.
617-244-0558

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Dennis Geary, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC;

IN THANKSGIVING for the return of Command Sgt. Major Gregory Widberg and his I-182 Infantry Regiment, from Kabul, Afghanistan. During their deployment they suffered two casualties—1 dead, 1 wounded.

(Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.





HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."
—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary



Trombetta, Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Bill McIlheny, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca,

David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, WandaLempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, JoeBellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan, Fred Strom.

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858





SPECIAL INTENTION: For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.
"St. Gerard Majella, pray for us"

Prayer for Motherhood:

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid.

Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God's designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETINE SISTERS

Hawarden, Wales



The website address is: www.poorclarestmd.org

"As we enter ever more fully into the 'brave new world' of creating the children of our choosing, we need to look at the consequences of those actions: 'The pricey manufacture of 'custom kids' [by genetic enhancement] would in fact undermine the value and dignity of human life by reducing these children to customized products like cars or computers. Rather than surprise and appreciation for the uniqueness and mystery of each individual, custom-made children would be judged by how they conform to preset specifications."

—Marilyn Coors, Ph.D., Respect Life Program, 2005-2006

Calendar of Masses (Intention of the Mass–Special Remarks–Requested by:)

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SATURDAY June 23rd	4:00 p.m.	Martha Crimlisk	Birthday Memorial	Janet Crimlisk
SUNDAY June 24th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	Janina Kucharska, Henryk Jagelello, Stefania Sokolowska and Andrzej Kucharski	Memorial	Barbara Sokolowska
	10:30 a.m.	Francis McCarthy Nora Powers Rev. Martin T. Kelly	Memorial Memorial 1 year Memorial	Mary McCarthy Betsy & Paul Eldridge Juhasz Family
	5:30 p.m.	Ludmila Dostalova	Memorial	Lida Reed
MONDAY June 25th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY June 26th	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant		
	5:30 p.m.	Ralph, Rose & Vincent Mazzarella	Memorial	Mazzarella Family
WEDNESDAY June 27th	7:30 a.m.	Adele Outar	Memorial	Esther Claude
	12:30 p.m.	Corcoran & Mazzarella Family	Memorial	Colbe Mazzarella
THURSDAY June 28th	7:30 a.m.	Rose Gajewski	Special Intention	Elizabeth Bellino
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Dominic Gentile	10th year Ordination	Davulis Family
FRIDAY June 29th	7:30 a.m. Health of the Sick	Ginger Gajewski	Special Intention	Elizabeth Bellino
	12:30 p.m.	The Juhasz Family	Special Intention	
SATURDAY June 30th	9:00 a.m.	Sean Wright Centofanti Family Alice Nyhen Robert Nyhen	Special Intention Memorial Birthday Intention	Mary Curran Maria Centofanti Nyhen Family Nyhen Family
	4:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Aufiero	40th Wedding Anniversary	Aufiero Children

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Staff

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FATHER ALVARO SILVA

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PATTI STROM (LATIN MASS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM)

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PARISH SECRETARY: MARGIE BIBBO FIRST SACRISTAN: MANNY GOGUEN

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TOM GOGUEN, PETER GOGUEN

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham For all Cemetery business, please call the Parish Office: 617-244-0558

Welcome, New Parishioners and Sunday Visitors

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a
Canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of
Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass
apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman
Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary form
(1962 Missal) are celebrated here with the blessing
of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley,
Archbishop of Boston. We encourage new
parishioners to please register in the parish and to
introduce yourselves to the Pastor, and we are
always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our
beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your
coming again.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 9 AM & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass, First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

Parish Mission Statement

"What then is a parish? It is the smallest section of the one universal flock which has been entrusted to Peter

by the Lord. Under the authority of a responsible priest who has received the care of souls from his bishop, the parish is, within the Church of Jesus Christ, the first community of Christian life; it is a community cut to human dimensions, in which the shepherd can know his flock and the flock can know their shepherd ... At the heart of this area, we find the parish church with its bell-tower, its baptistery, its confessional, its altar and tabernacle, a symbol of unity and the centre of community life."

(Pope Paul VI)

June 24th, A.D. 2012

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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