

Sacred Heart Parish
Manchester -by-the-Sea
St. John the Baptist Parish
Essex

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday - April 2

Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 3

Ecumenical Good Friday Service
12 Noon First Congregational Church

St. John the Baptist
7:00 pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - April 4

Sacred Heart Church
8:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday - April 5

Sacred Heart Church - 8:30 am
St. John the Baptist - 10:00 am

*He humbled himself, becoming
obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

*Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is
above every name. *Philippians 2:8-9**



Sacred Heart Church
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Established 1905



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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

St. John the Baptist 4:00 pm Sacred Heart 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses:

Sacred Heart 8:30 am St. John the Baptist 10:00 am

Weekday Masses: At Sacred Heart Manchester

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Service 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

First Friday Mass - 8:00 am First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Daily 7:30 am before Mass

Saturday 8:00am - Rosary for the Unborn

Adoration— Monday 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church

First Saturday of the month 12 noon to 12:45 pm

St. John the Baptist Church

Second Saturday of the month 12 noon to 12:45 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sacred Heart First Sunday of the month

St. John the Baptist Second Sunday of the month

Sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for more information.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | March 28, 2015 | |
| 4:00 pm | St. John | Dominic Giuffre |
| 5:30 pm | Sacred Heart | John J. Saputo |
| Sunday | March 29, 2015 | |
| 8:30 am | Sacred Heart | Palm Sunday |
| 10:00 am | St. John | Palm Sunday |
| Thursday | April 2, 2015 | |
| 7:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Mass of the Lords Supper |
| Friday | April 3, 2015 | |
| 7:00 pm | St. John | Passion of the Lord |
| Saturday | April 4, 2015 | |
| 8:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Great Easter Vigil |
| Sunday | April 5, 2015 | |
| 8:30 am | Sacred Heart | Easter Sunday |
| 10:00 am | St. John | Easter Sunday |

There will be a Birthday Memorial Mass for Fr. Jack Gentleman on Saturday, April 25th at 4:00 pm at St. Pious in Lynn. Fr. Jack's brother, Tim, wishes to extend the invitation to join him at the Mass.



Please join us for our Ultreya at St. John's on Saturday, April 11th. Mass will take place at 4:00, the Pot Luck will be at 5:00 and the Ultreya will begin at 6:00 pm. Please call Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 for more info.



Please remember in your prayers: All those who have died, especially Alexandra Paccone, Paul Brown; and those who mourn the loss of a loved one; the sick and the suffering of our community, and for their families and caregivers; those in the military and in service to their community, those who have asked to be remembered in prayer, those who have no one to pray for them, and those who are searching for a faith community. Please pray for those who are unemployed and underemployed. If you would like to have a name or intention added to our prayer circle, please contact the rectory or email the requests to SHSJPrayerCircle@comcast.net.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, is the day of fast and abstinence.

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

There will be no coffee hour at St. John's on Easter Sunday as well as no Café following Mass on Easter Sunday at Sacred Heart.

Change of this week's daily Mass Schedule
There will be no morning Mass on Monday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 7th this coming week.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of March 22, 2015

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| 4:00 pm | St. John | 70 |
| 5:30 pm | Sacred Heart | 87 |
| 8:30 am | Sacred Heart | 170 |
| 10:00 am | St. John | 109 |

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of March 22, 2015

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| OCP and MAIL | \$ 5,495.67 |
| NON-OCP and CASH | <u>607.00</u> |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY | \$ 6,102.67 |

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of March 22, 2015

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| OCP and MAIL | \$ 1,512.50 |
| NON-OCP and CASH | <u>586.00</u> |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY | \$ 2,098.50 |

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today as we celebrate Palm Sunday, we begin the most solemn time of the Church's year. During Holy Week, we gather to celebrate the central mystery of our faith: the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday marks the beginning of the **Sacred Triduum**. These three days are our holiest days. All other activities should give way to free us to spend these days in prayer and preparation for the Resurrection. We reflect on the final hours of Christ's life, mediate upon his passion and wait in anticipation of his resurrection. We also renew our Baptismal vows renewing our commitment to Christ.

On **Holy Thursday** night, April 2nd, at 7:00, we celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, at Sacred Heart Church. During this Mass, we receive the Sacred Oils for Anointing the Catechumens and the Sick and the Sacred Chrism. These oils were blessed by Cardinal Sean at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week and are used during the coming year. We are reminded of our call to service and humility in the Washing of the Feet and celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist. There will be no procession of the Eucharist at the conclusion to the Altar of Reserve as was previously done. In the retranslated Missal, it is eliminated if the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday is being held in a different church. After Communion the Eucharist will be returned to the Tabernacle, Sacred Heart Church will remain open until 10:00 for those who wish to remain in prayer.

On **Good Friday**, April 3rd, we will gather at St. John's Church at 7:00, and hear the **Passion of Our Lord** according to John and for the **Adoration of the Cross**, the wood of our salvation. The service concludes with **Distribution of the Eucharist**. During this service, a collection will be taken up for the sacred places in the Holy Land.

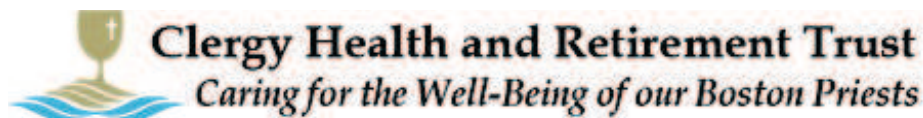
On **Holy Saturday** evening, April 4th, we gather again in Sacred Heart Church as we celebrate the **Great Easter Vigil** at 8:00. In this celebration we proclaim Christ triumph over death. We begin with the lighting of the Easter Fire, and the blessing of the Easter Candle. It will be lit and brought into the dark church, reminding us that the light of Christ scatters all darkness and we live in the light of his Resurrection. We will hear again the great events of salvation history, we will renew our baptismal promises and hear the good news that Christ is Risen!

Mass on Easter Sunday morning will follow the regular Sunday morning schedule. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart and at 10:00 at St. John's. As a reminder, there is no Saturday evening Masses at 4:00 or at 5:30. The only Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The collection taken up at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Morning is for the health needs of the active and retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Paul

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower envelopes are available in the rear of the churches for donations which will provide both churches with Easter Flowers for the altars. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please put their name on the envelope and it will be listed in the upcoming weeks bulletin.

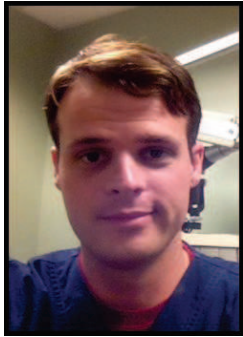


This Easter, we join together among family and friends to honor and celebrate our priests. The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps to ensure an appropriate level of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to our Archdiocese of Boston. Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by making a commitment to care for our priests in the same way you would care for your own family. Thank you for your generous support of our priests.

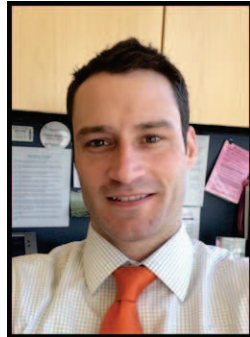
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The Rite of Christian Initiation

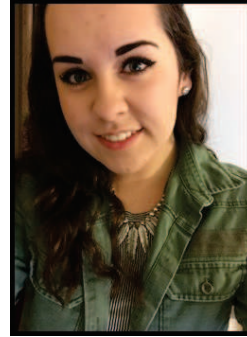
What an exciting time for our Church when we welcome into the Faith these new Christians. Each one has had a special journey as they prepare to be received into our Church on the Easter Vigil. This is just a short Bio of who are candidates are.



Joshua Boatner



Joshua Gould



Caitlin Malloy



Ken Leonard

Aiden Brown (not pictured) is 8 years old and he lives locally with his Mom and Dad, Lisa and Dan. After some personal instruction in the Catholic Faith, Aiden will be baptized and receive First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil. He will continue his religious formation with his 3rd grade peers.

Joshua Boatner, originally from Ohio, is a student of optometry as well as our Catholic faith. Joshua has a deep faith commitment and is looking forward to becoming part of the Catholic faith community. Joshua is looking forward to receiving his Sacraments of Initiation. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Joshua Gould is married to his wife Krissie and they just became proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, Hudon Mark. Joshua is very committed to putting his faith into practice as a new father and devoted husband. His journey towards our Catholic faith has been exciting and he is looking forward to receiving his Sacraments at Easter Vigil.

Caitlin Malloy is a high school senior looking forward to college. She is excited about becoming a Catholic and following in her brother Tim's footsteps as he did two years ago. Caitlin has been an integral part of the RCIA community.

Ken Leonard lives in Manchester with his wife, KerriAnn and their two daughters. Ken will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the regional Confirmation ceremony on April 15th at St. Maria Gorretti parish in Lynnfield. All of our community is invited to join the RCIA team and his family as we celebrate with him. He has been a vital part of our RCIA community as he fully began to discover his faith.

Learn more about our New Catholics by introducing yourselves to them as we make our Journey of Life and Faith together.

The new 'Cafe' and Social Hour

Please stop by the 'Cafe' after Mass to enjoy some refreshments and socialize with friends, old and new. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. We host regular conversations that include religious upbringing tips for parents (of all ages) and other relevant suggestions during the social. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, and those wanting to become parents to share and bond.

Sacred Heart Parish Outreach Mission

The Sacred Heart Parish community continues its parish-wide outreach mission. New people are continuing to join us at the 'Cafe' in a relaxing and social atmosphere.

Our mission continues to be reaching out to new people, to those that are no longer attending Mass here, and to those that attend Mass but have not participated in any type of ministry. We would like all who come to this holy place to feel an integral part of this community. If you know someone who may be a potential guest, please extend a personal invitation to join us; for Mass, coffee, or come to one of our functions. If you have any questions, please contact Joey Gustafson at 978-526-1106, Karen Cunningham at 978-526-1064, or Chris at the Parish office. The coffee hour after the 8:30 AM Mass continues to be a great source of fellowship and camaraderie for all who attend.

Mary's Circle

Mary's Circle continues. Our thought provoking conversations revolve around matters of our faith. These seemingly simple matters connect to our lives on a person level, and our conversations revolve around the personal aspects of our faith. Please extend an invitation to someone you know who might be interested in a women centered, faith-sharing group. We have read books, had guest speakers, and enjoyed a couple of social gatherings.....Please consider this a personal invitation to joining this group of faith-filled women as we explore the different aspects of our faith and how it connects to us in relevant and familiar ways. Coffee, Confections, and Conversation are the orders of the day. Call Chris at the parish office for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our ministry continues to knit and crochet beautiful shawls and we have given away over 60 shawls. Shawls have been shared with loved ones overseas, across the country, and across town. We love being able to give them away to those who seek comfort. Whether it is a physical illness, a psychological situation, or you know someone who is suffering from a loss of any kind, why not bring him or her a Prayer Shawl? Prayers and blessings for their needs will surround and comfort them. We are continue to knit and crochet these shawls in our homes and together, once a month at the Sacred Heart Rectory. If you know anyone who would like a prayer shawl please let us know. You may contact Chris at the parish office or Gloria Landy, Jane Shaw, Eleanor Hatcher, Sally O'Malley, Ann Nadeau, Eileen Hardy, Kathy Anderson, Paige Donohoe, Dorothy Jodice, Ann Henrickson, or Barbara Stasium. The Prayer Shawl ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4PM in the Sacred Heart Rectory... ..If you cannot join our ministry, please consider donating money, yarn (preferably soft yarn), or gift bags (to distribute them in). All donations are graciously accepted. We are always looking for more knitters and crochet'ers! Experience is not required. Please consider being a part of this ministry. Consider joining us, or making one in the privacy of your home. We have easy to follow patterns.

Ministry to the Homebound and Sick

Ministry to the Homebound and Sick continues to bring Eucharist to those who cannot make it to Mass. We have an awesome, faith-filled team dedicated to this ministry. Please let us know if you are aware of someone ill, homebound, or alone that would like to receive Eucharist, or a short visit from a fellow parishioner, please contact Chris at the Parish Office and we will make arrangements.

Baptism Prep Classes

Baptism preparation classes are being held in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Church and is currently offered the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. Please contact the office to make your reservation. These classes are designed for parents and godparents of children about to be baptized. The goal of the class is to help parents become aware of the theological and historical reasons for baptizing your child and the significance of Baptism as a beginning, not an end, to a lifelong commitment. The one hour class explores the purpose of Baptism from both a spiritual and practical standpoint.

Ministry of Consolation

Our parish has a group of volunteers willing to sit and talk with someone after a loss. Please contact Chris at the parish office to schedule a time to meet. We have met with several people in the past year and their response has been very positive. Please consider calling Chris at the rectory to schedule a meeting.

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