

First Communion 2015

St. John the Baptist Parish ~ Saturday, April 11th ~ 4:00 pm Mass

**Abigail Judith Amigo
Fiona Flynn**

**Jenelle Ford
Dylan R. Hatfield
Olivia May McNeilly**

**Margaret McMahon Mulry
Thomas Williams**



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Vincent Matthew Bilotti
Cian James Brennock
Brigid Rose Carovillano
Tess Amanda Carpenter
Cole Jackson Cote
Christopher Joseph Coughlin
Luke Thomas Donohoe
Brody Hart Duncan**

**Nicholas Haley
Samuel Lukancic Heanue
Sophia Violet Marletta
John Paul Spaulding Kadunc
Theo Vincent Masella
Elizabeth Davis McKinnon
Robert Eugene McLaughlin III
Olivia Muller
Caroline Margaret Willwerth**

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Sunday, April 12th ~ 12:00 noon Mass



Sacred Heart Church
62 School St.
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944-1342
Established 1905



St. John the Baptist Church
52 Main St.
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Established 1931

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Parish Information

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St. John the Baptist Rectory-978-768-6284
Parishes' Fax 978-526-4335

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

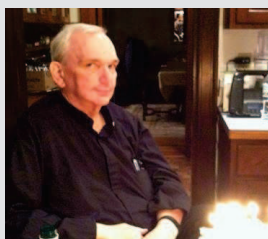
St. John the Baptist Second Sunday of the month

Sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 11, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	First Communion
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Ignazio and Frances Alongi
Sunday	April 12, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Laurie O'Leary
10:00 am	St. John	The People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Sacred Heart	First Communion
Saturday	April 18, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	Fr. Jack Gentleman
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Fr. Jack Gentleman
Sunday	April 19, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Harry & Louise Lattanzi
10:00 am	St. John	George B. Hickey, Jr. & George B. Hickey, Sr.



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



Please remember in your prayers: All those who have died, 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.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, Masconomo Council 1232 Scholarship application is available to those students graduating from Manchester Essex Regional High School who's Parent/Guardian is a registered Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church or St. John the Baptist Church. Please watch for your raffle tickets in the mail in the coming week and more information in the upcoming bulletins.



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.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of April 5, 2015

7:00 pm	Sacred Heart	76
7:00 pm	St. John	70
8:00 pm	Sacred Heart	132
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	300+
10:00 am	St. John	267

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of April 5, 2015

Clergy Trust Fund	<u>\$2,776.00</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$2,776.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of April 5, 2015

Clergy Trust Fund	<u>\$1,568.00</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$1,568.00



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The events of Holy Week are a mix of unspeakable sadness and incredible hope. The story does not end on the cross, nor does it begin at the empty tomb. It is all one piece. We know how the story ends which is a blessing as we walk the Stations of the Cross or experience the barren church while we await the Easter fire on Saturday night. The mystery of death and resurrection is seen at every Christian funeral. The familiar Preface prayer at funeral liturgies offers hope and consolation: "For your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended..." Two parishes are living this mystery this Lent and Easter. On Jan. 31, Father John Gentleman, beloved pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Manchester by the Sea, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Essex, died unexpectedly. Together with Father Paul Flammia, the temporary administrator, these parishes are mourning the death of their pastor and friend. Father Flammia was hospital chaplain at North Shore Medical Center. He loved his work. He is now temporary administrator of both parishes. His responsibilities have changed, but he says without any hesitation, that he loves his "work." After Father Jack's death, Father Flammia realized quickly what he needed to do, "The first few weeks were really telling -- I saw how important it was to be here for the people who were grieving the death of their pastor." He resigned his position at the hospital to be full-time at the parishes. He was grieving as well. Not only had he been in residence in the parishes during his time as hospital chaplain, but he and Father Jack had been in the same Emmaus Group (priests gathered in small groups for fellowship, support, and prayer) for 20 years. A degree of trust between Father Flammia and parishioners was already established.

Father Flammia has drawn on his experience as a hospital chaplain and the Lenten readings have provided Scripture-based opportunities to explore the Christian meaning of death and grief. His Sunday homilies have incorporated elements of grief ministry. The cycle A Gospel reading of the raising of Lazarus was a rich source of comfort.

When raising Lazarus Jesus said, "Untie him and let him go." Father Flammia points out that Father Jack, too, has been set free from the burden of the health issues he carried. The parallel continues; the Gospel relates that many friends came to comfort Martha and Mary on the death of their brother. Father Flammia noted that, "Many people came to Essex and Manchester by the Sea to weep with us." Parishioners and staff felt "support and the deep experience of friendship and family."

St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart parishes are not in a formal collaborative, but they have been working together for many years. There has been good integration. The two parishes move from space to space for Holy Week liturgies, and celebrate confirmation and first Communion together. Manchester by the Sea and Essex public schools have merged and now all middle and high school students go to school together, strengthening the bond between the parishes, especially among families with school age youngsters.

We know that death is not the end, we have our "sure and certain hope" of resurrection even as we stand at the cross on Good Friday. So, too, for the parishes of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart. These parishes can look ahead. Father Flammia says, "When we've moved through sadness, then we can talk about a future that's full of hope. Father Jack laid a great foundation for us to build on, and that will help us move forward toward new life, vision and hope." He also knows that Easter will be beautiful. They will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death, confident that Father Jack's new life in the Lord began on Jan. 31.

Father Flammia modestly claims no credit for helping the parishes find their way through their sadness, saying, "There are many people who could do this," but he feels blessed that he is able to be in this place at this time. "As much as it is a privilege to do hospital ministry, it is equally a privilege to walk with the people in these parishes now." But for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended. (This was taken from the Easter Sunday Pilot written by Susan Abbot)

SUSAN ABBOTT IS COORDINATOR OF PARISH OUTREACH FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON'S OFFICE OF PASTORAL PLANNING.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) APRIL 12, 2015**Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 118; I John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31****From today's Gospel reading:**

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Reflection:

Jesus appeared to his disciples bearing visible wounds from his ordeal. It is comforting to know that, like us, he is no stranger to pain and that his wounds are a constant reminder and bond between us and our risen.

So we ask ourselves:

What past or present wounds shall I present to the risen Lord for his healing touch?
What wounds of those around me shall I reach out to touch with care and compassion.

Little White Books

At the entrance of the churches are **Little White Books**. These books offer brief reflections for the Easter Season. We invite you to take one home and use it daily as we celebrate the Easter Season. The books have been donated through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, Masconomo Council No. 1232.

Rice Bowls

Thank you to all who assisted the work of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lenten season, by participating in CRS Rice Bowl Program. Your generosity will assist many who are in need and bring about the change you want to see in the world. Please return them next Sunday.

**A Night of Tasting**

Saturday, May 2nd 7-9 pm
Sacred Heart Church Hall
62 School St, Manchester

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**Italian Night**

Italian Night will be May 23rd at St John the Baptist Church. Do you have an Italian dish you love to make? We are looking for 4 guest chefs. If you would like to share your specialty, make the salad/appetizer station or purchase tickets contact Dawn at 978-768-7535 or email address: dawnburnham_pchef@comcast.net Join us for a great evening of food and fun!

Please watch the bulletin for more information.

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 meets Thursday's at 11:00 am in the Sacred Heart Rectory. 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 about 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. Join us for Coffee, Confections, and Conversation!

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.

Women of the Well

We invite all women of our parishes to join us at St. John's rectory on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am promptly for mediation, scripture, faith-sharing and reflection. All women of all ages are welcome!

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 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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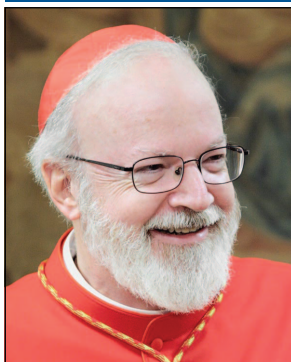
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