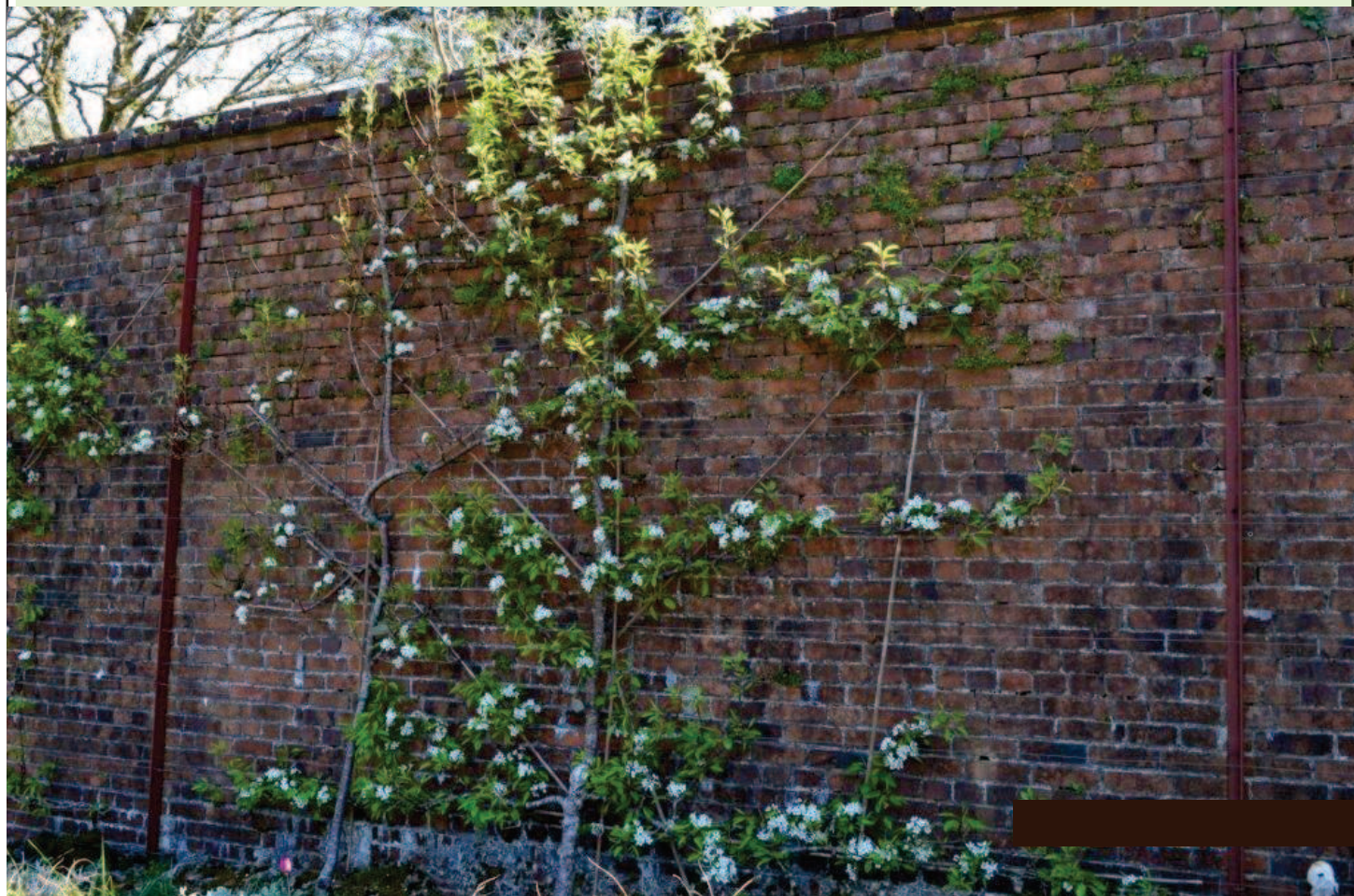


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St. John the Baptist Parish
Essex



I am the vine, you are the branches.
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Because without me you can do nothing.



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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

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

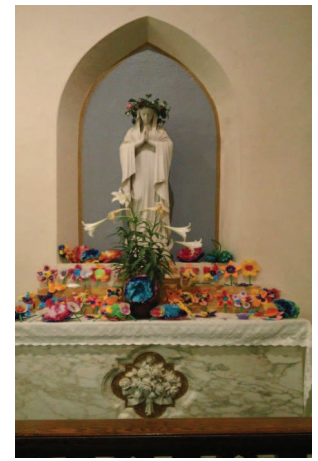
Saturday		May 2, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	The People of the Parish	
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Michael & Ginny Antell 1st Wedding Anniversary	
Sunday		May 3, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Class Mass Grades K-2	
10:00 am	St. John	Class Mass Grade K-2	
Saturday		May 9, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	The People of the Parish	
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Lee Thomas	
Sunday		May 10, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish	
10:00 am	St. John	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish	

**Thankful Tuesday at 7-Central in support of
The Fr. Jack Gentleman Scholarship Fund**

All Parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish are invited by the Knights of Columbus to join them on Tuesday, May 12th at 7-Central in Manchester for their Scholarship Tribute Night and a portion of the patron's receipts this evening will benefit the Fr. Jack Gentleman Scholarship Fund. If you would like to join us, please call 7-Central for a reservation so they can plan ahead for the event.



Please remember in your prayers: All those who have died, especially, Norm Hersey, John Donovan 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.



Crowning of our Blessed Mother

Please join us on Sunday, May 10th ~ Mother's Day for our May Crowning's. At Sacred Heart Parish, the Blessed Mother will be crowned during the 8:30 am Mass and at St. John the Baptist Parish we will be crowning the Blessed Mother during the 10:00 am Mass. All of our Religious Education students are asked to attend these Masses.

Religious Education K-5 Pin Awards

This years Pin Award Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 17. Also, this ceremony will be a combined ceremony for both parishes. All are welcome to attend the 8:30 am Mass.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of April 26, 2015

4:00 pm	St. John	98
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	45
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	120
10:00 am	St. John	105

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of April 26, 2015

OCP	\$ 1,589.89
Cash	<u>896.00</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 2,494.89

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of April 26, 2015

OCP	\$ 909.00
Cash	<u>879.00</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 1,788.00

Special Collection for Nepal

Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection, to be taken the weekend of May 2 and 3 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of relief efforts to those area devastated by the powerful earthquake that struck Nepal this past Saturday. All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent relief efforts in that area. CRS emergency personnel have landed in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital to begin helping the tens of thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings. Please write your check to your parish with "Nepal Collection 2015" in the memo. On behalf of Cardinal Sean, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

The Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship Fund

For the past 10 years, The Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus has awarded scholarships to two deserving seniors graduating from Manchester-Essex Regional High School. This year, it the scholarship doubled the amount granted and renamed the program in honor of our much loved pastor - The Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship Fund. A solicitation to purchase raffle tickets to support the Fund was mailed this month to both the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist for a prize drawing date of May 31st. For scholarship information on how to apply, please contact the guidance office at the High School.

Recruiting Drive for the Knights of Columbus Council 1232

After Masses on May 9th and 10th Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership recruiting drive. All men of the parishes are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus and strengthen its capacity to sustain charitable outreach for the good of the Church.

Cursillo Ultreya and Pot Luck

CURSILLO ULTREYA/ POT LUCK- The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosted their next ULTREYA/ POT LUCK on Saturday May 2nd at ST ANN/ HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL 74 PLEASANT ST. GLOUCESTER, MA. The Pot Luck begins at 5pm with the Ultreya to follow at 6pm. Please join us for a great night of food, fun and fellowship!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Early in June, Masconomo Council 1232 will sponsor a series of prayer services in veneration to the miraculous tilma image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. In addition to Sacred Heart and St. John, a life-size replica of the revered tilma will be displayed for veneration at select churches in the Gloucester and Beverly Catholic Collaboratives. Details regarding specific June dates and Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service times will be available next month.



A Night of Tasting

Saturday, May 2nd 7-9 pm

Sacred Heart Church Hall

62 School St, Manchester

Join us for Light Fare, Wine, & Ipswich Ale.

This is a fundraiser for St. John the Baptist Church. Tickets may be purchased after Mass or contact Dawn Burnham, email address: dawnburnham_pchef@comcast.net 978-768-7535.

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Italian Night

Italian Night will be May 23rd at St John the Baptist Church. We have our Chefs - Sally O'Maley, Michael Antell, Janice Magno, Vita Lafavour & Pauline Pelosi. Kathy Anderson will again provide appetizers and Willa Veno is bringing the bread. We still need someone to do the salad & fixings. Desert will be assorted Italian cookies. Tickets will be on sale after Mass or you can 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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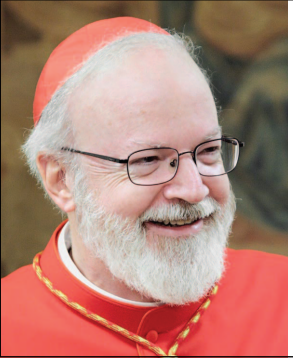
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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17


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