

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

*But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee  
to the mountain which Jesus had designated.*

*When they saw Him, they worshiped Him  
but some were doubtful.*

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying*

*"All authority has been given to Me  
in heaven and on earth.*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations*

*baptizing them in the name of*

*the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

*teaching them to observe all that I commanded you*

*and lo I am with you always even to the end of the age. "*



**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*

We are here to welcome and serve you.  
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Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

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Parish Information

**Sacred Heart Rectory-978-526-1263**  
**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  
**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 30, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	Claire Reilly	
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish	
Sunday		May 31, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	George Girard	
10:00 am	St. John	The People of the Parish	
Saturday		June 6, 2015	
4:00 pm	St. John	The People of the Parish	
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish	
Sunday		June 7, 2015	
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish	
10:00 am	St. John	The People of the Parish	



## New England Flute Orchestra

Spring into Summer!  
Pops Concert

June 7, 3pm  
Sacred Heart Church  
62 School Street, Manchester MA

Dr. Eileen Yarrison  
Music Director

Celebrate the return of good weather with beautiful & cheerful music from the New England Flute Orchestra. Come see the entire family of flutes, from the tiny piccolo to the 8-foot contrabass flute. A family-friendly



Please remember in your prayers: All those who have died, especially Barbara Bishop 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 [SJSJPrayerCircle@comcast.net](mailto:SJSJPrayerCircle@comcast.net).



### Hospitality-Welcoming Committee Needs You

Our Hospitality-Welcoming Committee sponsors the weekly social and supports church-wide events. Each week, this committee needs volunteers to help set up, clean up, bake/bring food items. We are also interested in enhancing our activities in the area of welcoming new parishioners and new babies into the parish, but we need more volunteers. Please contact Joey Gustafson at 978-526-1106 or at [joey@jmconsultinginc.net](mailto:joey@jmconsultinginc.net) if you are interested. Even if you can only help occasionally, we have a role for you!

### Mass Attendance for the Weekend of May 24, 2015

4:00 pm	St. John	80
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	72
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	118
10:00 am	St. John	132

### SACRED HEART PARISH OFFERTORY

#### Weekend of May 24, 2015

OCP	\$1,015.00
Cash	<u>668.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$1,683.00</b>

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OFFERTORY

#### Weekend of May 24, 2015

OCP	\$ 765.67
Cash	<u>867.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$ 1,632.67</b>

### **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.

### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VENERATION SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR NORTH SHORE CHURCHES Life Size Miraculous Tilma Image to Visit Beverly, Manchester-by the Sea, Topsfield, Gloucester**

In June, Knights of Columbus Masconomo Council 1232 Manchester-by the Sea and Monsignor Degan Council 175 Beverly will sponsor a series of North Shore prayer services in veneration to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe), patroness of the Americas and her miraculous tilma image.



**In addition to a visit to Saint Mary, Star of the Sea (upper church), Cabot Street, Beverly, on June 8th at 6:30pm, a life-size precision digitally reproduced photographic image of the revered tilma will be displayed for veneration at select churches on the North Shore.**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm St. Mary Star of the Sea, Cabot Street, Beverly**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm St. Rose of Lima, Topsfield**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Sacred Heart, School Street, Manchester-by the Sea**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm St Ann, Gloucester, Holy Family Catholic Collaborative will hold its veneration prayer service**

Further details regarding June veneration services for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be available from Masconomo Council 1232 Grand Knight Tom Finn. Catholic tradition and Mexican legend hold that on December 12, 1531 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a humble shepherd, Juan Diego, outside Mexico City on Tepayac Hill where she directed a shrine for prayer be built in her honor.

As proof of her miraculous apparition, the robed image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her likeness as a native-American maiden was imprinted on Juan Diego's rough cactus fabric tilma, or cloak, to emphasize the supernatural character of the visit. The image on the tilma, proven not to have been painted, has survived nearly five hundred years and the assaults of bombs, fires and skeptics. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe where the tilma is displayed near Mexico City is now one of the world's most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites.

### **Cursillo Ultreya and Pot Luck**



Cursillo Ultreya/Pot Luck – The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be hosting their next Ultreya/Pot Luck on Saturday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist. The Pot Luck starts at 5 pm with the Ultreya to follow at 6 pm. Please join us for a great evening of fellowship and fun! Please call Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 for more info.

A note from Joe Stella;

I would like to extend my most heartfelt thanks to the Music Ministries of Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes. I would say, that we had a truly "banner" year this past 2014-15 season, what with preparing and presenting to both congregations, not only one, but two, major concert events in "Advent EveningSong", and, following on its heels, the remarkable Palm Sunday presentation of "Shadows"; and, at the most unexpected time, ...the funeral mass of our beloved Pastor, Fr. Jack Gentlemen. It was Fr. Jack's and my objective, to re-vitalize the Music programs here,...and with the presentation of "Shadows", it was abundantly clear that we had reached that goal.

My dear friends, this could not have happened, without your incredible dedication and commitment to the Good Lord, and to the wonderful communities of both parishes. This does not even take into account, the effort you expended to musically celebrate in the best possible way, the two major feasts of Christmas and Easter, ( including the exhausting Holy Week); plus, the bi-monthly "choir masses". In addition, with God's grace, a "schola", (the newly formed choir at St. John's), was conceived, and brought to birth...!!

I have been here now, for two years, and I must say, that they have been extraordinarily rewarding. I thought when I left Ste. Anne Church in Salem,...that I would never again, find the likes of people, and community, that made me feel like such an integral part of their lives.....but,..... " ***you have done that for me, here...!!***"

Every moment we spend together is sheer pleasure for me; and my work here, I feel, has been through the good Lord's inspiration. I firmly believe, "there is a purpose unto heaven"

***Thank you , thank you, thank you, ...with much, much love.....God Bless you all...!!!!***

Sincerely.....Joe

### Italian Night Was A Great Success!

What a great night everyone had at St. John the Baptist this past Saturday night! The food was outstanding as well as the crowd as everyone enjoyed food, fun and fellowship. Thank you Dawn Burnham, Jane Shaw and Mary Brown for your efforts with your remarkable chefs and crew which helped to raise \$1,687.00 for St. John the Baptist!



**Women of the Well**

We're gentle. We're informal. We're seekers. We're women sharing our spiritual journeys...and we're eager to have you join us! Saturdays, 7:30-9:00 AM in St. John's rectory. No requirement other than being interested women on the journey.

**Weekly After-Mass Social**

Visitors and Parishioners, please join us for the weekly social each week after the 8:30 am mass. We have great food and great conversation. This is a great way to become part of the community and for the community to flourish. Beginning in May, we will begin to have social on the church lawn for the summer months. (In inclement weather, we will still have social inside the Parish Hall). Join us each week — even if only for a few minutes. You are part of the community, so your presence is very important to us!

**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.

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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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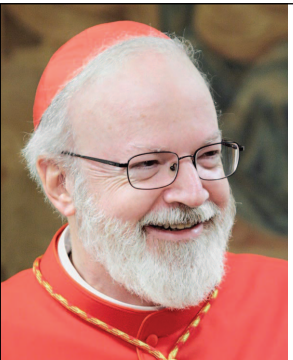
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