

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63



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Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am—1pm

Prayer Shawls Ministry call the rectory

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Wednesday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF June 23 & 24, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. June 23—Vigil: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM - Mae Casey (35th Ann.) - Rosemary Belsito

Sun. June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 AM — Thomas Anctil—The Lorusso family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

Monday, June 25

9:00 AM Josephine Skowronki

Tuesday, June 26

9:00AM Febronia & John Orzechewicz

Thursday, June 28

9:00 AM Ethel Elliott (5th Ann.) - Jo Luikey

Friday, June 29

9:00 AM Betty Sadowski—Richard & Cathy Flynn

Sat. June 30 - Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Special Intentions for Fr. George, Fr. Asante & our parishioners

Sun. July 1~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Charles Hannon & the Personis Family—Ann & Kathy Hannon

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips.

"What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be? Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control?

John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Avon Wilcox, Agapito Berrios, Ann Violette & Michael Manseau.

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have an system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, June 30

Lector: Tony Halpin

Commentator: Deb Durnin

Minister of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon, John Harrington, Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, July 1

Lector: Lisa Villa

Commentator: Rose Kempton

Altar Servers: Jacob Lorusso & Noah Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Michael Buffone, Patti Taylor, Jean Dawson, Jo Luikey, Jean Doiron, Patricia Rear-don

O GOD OUR CREATOR, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

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BINGO

June 29, 2018

Team # 3—Alma Sheehan, Dave Dubey, Donald Ducharme, Tony & Elaine Halpin

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:
Jo Luikey & Lynn Lorusso**

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

All are invited to join us as we welcome Fr. Asante to the



parish. We will have a greeting and welcome on July 1st after the 10am Mass in the parish hall.

Peter’s Pence Collection

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pop Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanksgiving to the com-



mittee who planned the celebration for my retirement/ anniversary, those who helped in any way, all those who came to the celebration Mass and dinner and made it such a joyful day.

~Fr. George~

Religious Freedom Week

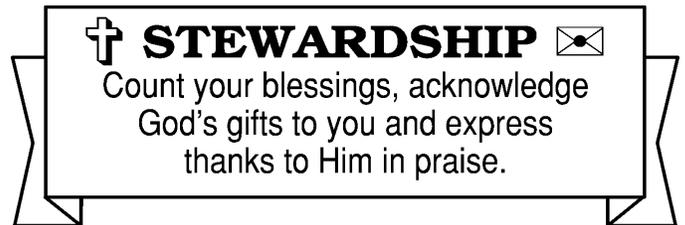
Religious Freedom Week (the successor to the Fortnight for Freedom which was held from 2012 - 2017) will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from **June 22 to June 29**. Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith.

This year’s theme is “**Serving Others in God’s Love**” reminding us that religious liberty allows people of faith to serve God and others freely in ministries like healthcare, adoption and foster care, education, and migration and refugee services to name a few.

The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity.

Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the “**Pray-Reflect-Act**” one-pagers for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn. Additional information can be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING



June 17, 2018
Sunday Offering \$2214.00

Partners in Charity

Goal \$28,700
Raised \$26,120
Balance to Raise \$2,580