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Good News!

June 24, 2012

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66. 80

Expectant parents the world over have one task in common—naming their newborns. Some mothers-to-be have kept a list of favorite baby names since adolescence; other parents can't imagine naming their child until they lay eyes on their little one after birth. Some survey friends and family-my four-year-old nephew Alexander proclaimed that if his cousin-to-be was a girl, she should obviously be named Pizzahead. We thanked him and noted we'd take his suggestion under, uh, consideration.

People often have much to say, sometimes quite vehemently, about the choice of a baby's name. It was no different for John the Baptist's mother. When Elizabeth announced that his name would be John (the name given him by the angel Gabriel), neighbors protested that this wasn't a family name, and it couldn't possibly be appropriate. But his father, Zechariah, confirmed this heavenly chosen name. Word spread guickly of something quite special, even divine, about this child. Everyone wondered what this child would become.

With the benefit of history, we know indeed what John became—the herald of Jesus' coming. Particularly special about John was his willingness to embrace his calling while recognizing that his mission was not about himself. Rather, it was to direct others toward Jesus. He confidently claimed his vocation, but he was humble enough to know his life wasn't about himself.

Whether our name is John, Mary, or even Pizzahead, God has a calling for each of us—but it isn't about promoting ourselves or our needs. It's ultimately for the service of the Lord.

Are we strong enough to claim our calling-and humble enough to serve?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

<u>June 23 – 24, 2012</u>

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Raymond Lemaire

request of John and Barbara Sposito

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Steven Gaumond

request of Elaine Gaumond

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Edgar LaVoie request of his Daughters

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JUNE 25 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Alexander

Palakewitz request of Jennifer & Phil

Daly

5:00 P.M. Parish **BINGO** – Food available from

5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 -

9:00 A.M.

Mass offered for the Special Intentions Placed with the Prayer Line request of the Members of the Prayer Line

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 –

9:00 A.M.

Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of the Armstrong & Zabielski **Families**

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - No Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 30 – July 1, 2012 USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Raymond Lemaire

request of The Knights of Columbus

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Kaila Toce

Lector: Charlie Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, JULY 1

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Agnes & +George

Murphy request of Mary Anne Murphy

Altar Servers: ShirlevWarbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan

request of the Armstrong & Zabielski

Families

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Evelvn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, July 2 -

9:00 A.M.

Mass offered for +Martha Marshall request of Ernest & Louise Stokes &

Helena Skaggs

5:00 P.M.

Parish **BINGO** – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, July 3 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, July 4 –

9:00 A.M.

Mass offered for +James Marvin request of Kurt O'Brien

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JULY 5 - No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 6 - No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 7

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory June 17, \$2,831 Last year's Offertory June 19 \$2,681

"...but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie." – ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Do you take time to thank God for the gifts you have received? Do you show gratitude to God every day? Are you generous without expecting anything in return?

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2012

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt

7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt

16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-

15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 6, 2012.

Cost of Tour:

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- \$ 539.00 deposit required (\$239.00 optional insurance)
- \$ 500.00 single supplement (*limited number*)
- \$ 239.00 Travel Insurance

26TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church in Baltic is seeking donations for its annual rummage sale. Donations of furniture, household items, clothing etc. will be gratefully accepted through July 22nd. Please call St. Mary Rectory at (860) 822-6378 to arrange for pick-up of larger items. Thank you very much for your support.

HARTFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This summer, between July 10-14, Hartford Habitat is holding a 'Building on Faith' week. During this time, we would like to get 30-45 volunteers per day from area faith groups to come to our South Marshall Street construction site in Hartford and build together. All faith communities are welcome to take part in the event as we build houses, fellowship and partnerships with families in need. Please RSVP by June 28. Register your faith group by emailing <u>Turquoise</u> or call 860-541-2208 x108.

Can't build?

There are many other ways your faith organization can participate:

- Organize a small group (2-4 individuals) to help with logistics at the worksite (set up, registration, handing out t-shirts, cleaning up)
- Deliver our morning or mid-morning devotions
- Provide morning snacks and/or lunch for about 15-20 people during one of our build days
- <u>Donate</u>. We are only 1/3 of the way to our \$100,000 fundraising goal for the *House of Faith*.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the Faith Formation Program that will begin on September 23rd of this year is due by June 30, 2012. Please register your children by the due date. There is a late fee of \$20 per family for registrations received after June 30th. If you need a form you can find them in the Church vestibule in the Faith Formation area of the bulletin board. THANK YOU.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In observance of **Fortnight for Freedom**, a special Mass will be offered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on July 4, and will be televised on EWTN cable network at 12:10 p.m. (Check your local listings).

If you haven't already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: www.rorwichdiocese.org.



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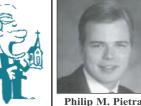
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