



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers's Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

The New Orleans Saints played poorly in the first half of their playoff game against the Vikings last Sunday, then fought their way back from a 17 point deficit in the second half, only to suffer a heart-wrenching loss on the final play of the game. Still, there is a lot to be thankful for given their impressive 11-5 regular season record and the NFC South title.

A lot of blame for the last second loss was placed on the shoulders of safety Marcus Williams who missed a game-saving tackle. My shock and disappointment eventually turned to sympathy for this 21 year old rookie who earned a spot in the starting line-up. He was third on the team in tackles this season, and collected five interceptions including one in Sunday's loss.

I was proud of his teammates for standing by Williams in his darkest moment. Linebacker Manti Te'o said "He's going to have many opportunities, and he's going to make so many great plays in the future. Everybody makes mistakes, and it wasn't even him, you know what I mean? It wasn't just him. He didn't lose that game. I could've done a whole lot of things better. I could've made more tackles, I could've run through gaps and made some tackles for losses, I could've done a lot of stuff. It wasn't Marcus...I'm glad that he's my safety."

Former Saint Steve Gleason, now battling ALS, tweeted "Marcus Williams had a spectacular rookie season, and could have a stellar career. He was trying to make the right decision and not interfere. As a competitor, I'm sure he's crushed. I invite NOLA to be encouraging and supportive as well as we move on." It was a thoughtful message from someone who carries a very heavy cross daily.

Our Mother's Day Out program is now preparing for the fall 2018 session. Mother's Day Out is part time child care that encourages learning and social skills in children. It will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and is available for 1, 2, and 3 year olds. Registration for parishioners will take place next Sunday, January 28, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. For more information, please

contact Katie Roettger at MDOSTJohn@gmail.com.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is once again sponsoring a raffle for Valentine's Day. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a fine restaurant. Second and third prizes include a dozen roses and a bottle or two of wine. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase at all Masses starting next weekend, January 27 & 28. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 11, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The men of our parish are invited to attend the second annual Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at St. George Church in Baton Rouge, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Our parishioners who attended last year spoke very positively about the conference and I have no doubt that this year's gathering will also be profitable. Speakers include bestselling authors and biblical scholars Dr. Scott Hahn and Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, along with Catholic speaker and apologist Mr. Matt Fradd. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.catholicmenbr.com/>.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATE

THERE WILL BE A SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd OR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS. FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH FROM 9 A.M. — 12 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER. PLEASE COMPLETE CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 IN THEIR RECONCILIATION BOOKS AND BRING THEM TO THE RETREAT. FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st 6:00 P.M. IN CHURCH



Attention Volunteers

CATECHISTS NEEDED

4th Grade Catechist to complete this school year!
11:00 am Children's church beginning March 2018
Call Karen or June at 749-3387.

9th Grade Retreat Date Change!!

The 9th grade retreat will be on Sunday, February 25th
starting with Mass at 11:00. After Mass we will
proceed to the Activity Center for lunch and retreat.

PLEASE CHANGE THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS

ALSO NOTE THAT 9TH GRADE WILL RESUME CLASS ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.



**Catholic
Schools
Week**

January 28, 2018
Thru
February 3, 2018

WHAT IS NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. The theme this year is *"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."* Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN
MEMORY OF CAROLYN MILAZZO**

Call Carolyn at the Parish
Office (749-2189) for a
report on your 2017
contributions for tax purposes.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Week—Church in Latin America
Please place your special envelope in the regular
collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 14, 2018

REGULAR:

169 Identified- - - - -	\$8,126.00
Loose Collection- - - - -	1,495.00
TOTAL- - - - -	\$ 9,621.00



A VOCATION VIEW

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete, they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Please read message from Joy Jason on last page of this bulletin!



2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Parishioner Registration—January 28, 2018
Immediately following 9:00 & 11:00 Masses
Program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays (9:00 am—1:00 pm)
Registration Forms are available on our
Facebook Page and through email
(mdo.stjohn@gmail.com)

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 25, 2018 (2:00 pm)
2018—25th, 50th, 65th and Over
St. Aloysius Catholic Church
2025 Stuart Ave., Baton Rouge, LA
Reception to follow in St. Aloysius Gym
Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to register before
Friday, February 9, 2018

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/ Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7- 8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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*“Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
When the disciples of Christ were summoned to follow Jesus, it was not clear where they were going or why they were chosen. But they knew the One who had called them, so they trusted with their lives and dropped their nets. On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd, I will be entering a Carmelite community in New Jersey. Just as when He called those first disciples at the Sea of Galilee, Christ has not revealed His entire plan for my life. But, it is with trust that I take this next step to serve the Church in the way that the Lord has requested.*

You have been my parish family for the past 17 years, and it is through each of you that I have encountered Christ. It was in this parish that I received my First Communion and was Confirmed in the Faith. Each of you has a special place in my heart, and you will always be in my prayers. I believe that it was through all of your prayers that I discovered the Lord’s will for my life, and I thank you for your love and support. Please continue to pray for me and my family in these years of formation as I discern if this is the vocation the Lord has prepared for me!

After my entrance, if you would like to stay in touch, you can write to me at the convent address below. May God continue to bless this parish community and may we all strive together to become the saints we are called to be!”

With love in Christ,
Joy Jason
189 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960