

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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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SAINT GABRIEL

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Mon-Thurs. 9:00AM-1:30PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. (No Daily Mass on Friday except on Holy Days)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:00 P.M., The Day 8:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

BAPTISM: Sundays following 11AM Mass— Please call the Rectory to make arrangements

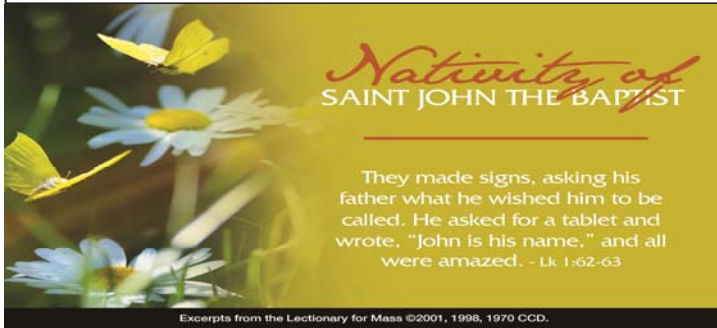
WEDDINGS: Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to the wedding

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Every Monday following 8:00 A.M. Mass

HOLY ROSARY: Sunday at 10:40 AM, before the 11A.M. Mass

PASTORAL STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONS

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SATURDAY 4:00PM	June 23, 2018 Mary & George Devoto (The Pesce Family)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	June 24, 2018 William & Mary Hickey (Liam & Maura Hickey.)
11:00AM	Ann Scutti (Her Family)
MONDAY 8:00AM	June 25, 2018 Richard Lockwood (Joseph Rainone, Jr)
TUESDAY 8:00AM	June 26, 2018 Our Parish
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	June 27, 2018 Peter Mullins (Bea Cooke & Mike Garvey)
THURSDAY 8:00AM	June 28, 2018 Bert Pierce (20th Anniversary) (Estelle & Family)
FRIDAY 8:00AM	June 29, 2018 (Sts Peter & Paul) No Mass
SATURDAY 4:00PM	June 30, 2018 Walter Johnson (Fred Marini)
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	July 1, 2018 Marcucci Family (Joseph Rainone Jr)
11:00AM	Joe Marrucco (Bea Cooke & Family)

Our Prayer Is Communal

The great Church Father, Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr, explains to us, using the Lord’s Prayer as illustration, why we Christians gather together to pray together to the Father.

Above all, Jesus who preaches peace and unity did not want us to pray by ourselves in private or for ourselves alone. We do not say “My Father, who art in heaven”, nor “Give me this day my daily bread”. It is not for himself alone that each person asks to be forgiven, not to be led into temptation or to be delivered from evil. Rather, we pray in public as a community, and not for one individual but for all. For the people of God are all one.

God is then the teacher of harmony, peace and unity, and desires each of us to pray for all men, even as he bore all men in himself alone. The three young men shut up in the furnace of fire observed this rule of prayer. United in the bond of the Spirit they uttered together the same prayer. The witness of holy Scripture describes this incident for us, so that we might imitate them in our prayer. Then all three began to sing in unison, blessing God. Even though Christ had not yet taught them to pray, nevertheless, they spoke as with one voice.

It is for this reason that their prayer was persuasive and efficacious. For their simple and spiritual prayer of peace merited the presence of the Lord. So too, after the ascension we find the apostles and the disciples praying together in this way. Scripture relates: They all joined together in continuous prayer, with the women including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. They all joined together in continuous prayer. The urgency and the unity of their prayer declares that God, who fashions a bond of unity among those who live in his home, will admit into his divine home for all eternity only those who pray in unity.


We are new men; we have been reborn and restored to God by his grace. We have already begun to be his sons and we can say “Father”. John reminds us of this: He came to his own home, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who received him, who believe in his name, he gave the power to become children of God. Profess your belief that you are sons of God by giving thanks. Call upon God who is your Father in heaven

My dear friends, the Lord’s Prayer contains many great mysteries of our faith. In these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of divine teaching contains all of our prayers and petitions. And so, the Lord commands us: Pray then like this: Our Father, who art in heaven.

Love and peace,
Fr Liam Quinlan



Mary Somers, Michael Pratt, Phil Totilo, Tamika Anderson, Mary Brundage, Nick Pensiero, Hunter Alderman, Joe Somma, Brian Dubbink, Douglas Katz, Alice Carella, Joe Butler, Marcello Fiorenza, Christopher Hoepfner, Amanda Lamb, Kaitlyn Piombino, Madeline Arnold, Kevin Thomes, Barbara Russo, Lucy Scofield, Butch D’Agostino, Lori Ciccarelli, little Tristan Evans, Betsy McKenny and Delores Vitanza.



*We remember in our prayers,
Joan Somma
who recently died.
May she rest in the peace of Heaven.*

LIVE THE LITURGY As we celebrate today's feast, we are reminded that God creates and fashions each one of us with intent and purpose. We are not random accidents. We are special creations and wonderfully made. Each of us brings a unique twist to the one shot at life that we are given. As people of faith and children of God, we are asked to use our specialness to announce God's kingdom. Each of us reveals a unique part of God's face. Each day presents opportunities to communicate our faith to others and to reveal God's mercy. We have the means to point the way to Christ. How can we show Jesus to others today?

Religious Education Registration
2018/2019

Forms have been mailed.
New families please call/email
Children attending Catholic school must register for *First Communion & Confirmation prep*
Register Promptly to take advantage of the
**** Early Bird Discount ****
Questions? Maryanne Didelot
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Our Lady of the Assumption Church

545 Stratfield Rd Fairfield, CT \$25.00 Per Ticket

\$25,000 Tuition Raffle

Prize can be used for any student of winner's choice to any K-12 school, college or university, located and accredited in the U.S. Additionally, it can be used to pay back college loans!

To purchase tickets, please contact the parish office
Monday– Thursday 9-3p.m. **203-333-9065**

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: **\$ 57,000** To date: **\$ 56,441**

Number of Participating Families: 168

The Annual Catholic Appeal closes next weekend. If you have not yet made a gift, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Donations to the 2018 Appeal helps sustain many who are unable to provide for their families or themselves. From counseling sessions, food and shelter programs, to our clergy and religious, your support is vital in continuing to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Please complete a pledge card today or go directly to www.2018ACAbriageport.com. Together, we are Christ's guiding light for the lives of thousands in our diocesan communities.

Thank you for your generosity!

Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Peanut Butter —Grape Jelly
- Canned Tuna —Canned Chicken
- Progresso Soups —Breakfast Cereals
- Canned Black Beans—Pork & Beans— Dried Beans — Pasta—Jarred Spaghetti Sauce

GENERAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Powdered Milk—Parmalat Milk
- Macaroni & Cheese—Applesauce
- Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meat Balls)
- Canned Fruit —Juices
- Flour –Sugar--Ground Coffee—Tea Bags

Kindly place bagged food items in the box in the Church Lobby. *Thank you!*

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 himself. 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.



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St. Gabriel Offering Weekly Goal: \$5,000

6/17/18

Weekly Envelope Offering: \$ 3,174

Weekly Online Giving: \$ 896

Online Giving - helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during vacation times. To register for Online Giving please go to www.saintgabrielchurch.org or <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1850>

Thank you for your generosity!