

# THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN *the* BAPTIST

June 24, 2018

*The Lord is glorious in his Saints;  
O come, let us worship!*

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 46:1-8:	page 388
The Gloria:	page 86
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## **9:45 a.m. – Time with Archdeacon Laskey**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	350 (Old Hundredth)
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The Epistle:	Acts 13:14b-26
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	208 (All Saints)
The Holy Gospel:	page 279
♪♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	185 verses, 1, 12, 19 & 20 (Ewing 627)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	226 (Rockingham)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	806 (Monkland 102)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation.*



## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

As many of you will know, June the 24<sup>th</sup> has long held an important place in the social life of the Province of Quebec. Although it has in recent decades been overwhelmed by nationalist forces, St. John the Baptist Day, or *Fete Nationale* as it is more often called now, has served for nearly a century as a cultural and political gathering point, the semi-official start to each new summer. For the residents of St. John's, Newfoundland, St. John the Baptist Day marks the beginning of their city's official history; the day when, in 1497, John Cabot landed on its shores. And for New Brunswick's own Saint

John, St. John the Baptist Day recalls the day in 1604 when Samuel de Champlain sailed into the harbour and named its river for St. John, just one part of a voyage which eventually saw the founding, at Port Royal, the oldest permanent European settlement in what is now Canada, and perhaps even in North America.

The image of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness was no doubt an image that connected strongly with those who came here from Europe to settle. No doubt it spoke to the tenuous nature of their common life; the harshness of the existence they tried to build in what was to them a new and at times unforgiving land; and, perhaps, it even spoke to the very newness of the foods they found to eat. They may not have had to eat insects, locusts, as John did in his wilderness experience, but at times they may have been tempted to.

But as much as the image of John crying in the wilderness, dressed in animal skins and eating wild honey and locusts may have stirred the imagination of the first European settlers of this land, it would seem to have little relevance to those of us who live in relative comfort four centuries later. What possible message does this oddball, seemingly half-crazed prophet have for us today?

First, perhaps we can take from this morning's Holy Gospel the message of God's faithfulness. John's father, the priest Zechariah, spoke precisely of how in sending this John, in giving to Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth, this miraculous son, God did exactly what He said He would do:

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies.* (St. Luke 1:68-71a)

For Zechariah, the birth of John was a reminder that the God who had made a covenant with Abraham, who had made a covenant with Moses, and who had raised up David to be King of Israel, was the very same God who would never abandon what He said He would do. After what had seemed a long and unbearable silence, a silence centuries long, God had finally spoken; and the amazing birth of this son was a clear and certain sign to Zechariah that God was about to accomplish the very thing He said He would: that he would raise up His Messiah to bring deliverance to His People.

I hope that all that says something to us, especially at those times and in those situations when we feel that God has abandoned us to fight our battles on our own, especially at those times when we feel God's silence to be unbearable. He is a faithful God and He never ever abandons us. Somehow, some way, God does bring deliverance, and when He does, it is good.



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Zechariah was mute because he did not believe the angel. We all are just like Zechariah in the sanctuary. Every one of us has a hidden side of our being that is, as it were, in touch with God. We are secretly in a close connection with the eternal truth and love, even if we ourselves are not aware of it. And from this other hidden side of our being resounds a voice that is actually speaking to us constantly. "Gabriel, who stands before God," spoke to Zechariah. We could think of the words of Jesus, that even the least have an angel who always beholds the face of the Father in heaven (Matt. 18:10). This angel stands before God, but sometimes, in the sanctuary, he also stands right before us. He speaks with God, but he also speaks with us.

Karl Barth

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## Parish Notices and Updates

A NEW EDITION OF OUR PARISH READERS' SCHEDULE is due to be released later this month. If you're looking for a new way to be involved in the ministry that we carry out here at St. Mary's you might want to think about joining our list of Saturday evening or Sunday morning Scripture Readers. Please speak to the Rector if you believe that God may be calling you to this important ministry.

THE LATEST COPY OF THE PARISH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SCHEDULE is now available. If you haven't yet received your copy, please pick one up on the table in the Narthex. If you're not currently on the schedule and would like to be added, please speak to Janice Stockall.

SINCERE THANKS TO SHIRLEY HOVEY and her team of volunteers who organised and ran our recent Yard Sale, as well as to the members of the Parish who donated items to the sale and those who made purchases. Just under \$1100 was raised for the Parish's mission and ministry. Thanks so much for your support!

THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF MARYSVILLE invite to All Saints Church this coming Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. for a service with Bishop David Edwards as they celebrate of the work done at the recent Bowling Tournament to *Strike out Child Hunger* in New Brunswick. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with a cheque presentation to the Executives of the Fredericton Community Kitchens Student Hunger Program, will be followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome.

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The cross is bigger than your mistakes, bigger than your regrets, bigger than the secrets you hold. The cross stands above it all.

Nicky Gumbel  
@nickygumbel; March 30, 2018

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF STANLEY is sponsoring a **Roast Pork Supper** at St. Thomas' Church, 71 Main St., in Stanley on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The menu will include roast pork tenderloin and newly harvested vegetables with delicious raspberry desserts. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information call Maxine at 367- 2099.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Wildwood near Bouctouche, and application forms are now available. This is an excellent programme for young people between ages of 13 and 19, combining solid and helpful Christian Education, worship,

recreation and fellowship. If you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme, please to Janice Stockall or the Rector.

THE RECTOR PLANS TO BE AWAY until Tuesday. If you require the ministry of a priest during this time please contact Canon Ross Hebb at St. Peter's: 454-8752 (office); 450-9687 (home); or ross.n.hebb@gmail.com. Other parish matters should be directed to the Parish Wardens: James McElman (472-2649 or jamesdmelman@gmail.com) Thomas Geburt (357-5894 or geburtster@gmail.com). It should also be possible to reach the Rector using his cell phone number: 506-461-7685.

THE RECTOR IS VERY GRATEFUL that, during his absence from the Parish, Canon Tom Smith has been available to preside at our Wednesday and Saturday Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and that Archdeacon Cathy Laskey is available to preside at both Celebrations this Sunday. The gracious sharing of their time and talents is very much appreciated.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**JUNE 27: IN THE OCTAVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JUNE 28: ST. IRENAEUS, DOCTOR, Bishop of Lyon, c. 200**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**JUNE 30: SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JULY 1: SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall*

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