

*Then they opened  
their treasures and  
offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense,  
and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11 (NAB)

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Manchester -by-the-Sea  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
Essex**



**Sacred Heart Church**  
62 School St.  
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944-1342  
*Established 1905*



**St. John the Baptist Church**  
52 Main St.  
Essex, MA 01929-1343  
*Established 1931*

We are here to welcome and serve you.  
No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church.  
No matter what your current family or marital situation,  
No matter your personal history, age, background, race, etc.,  
No matter what your self image—  
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected in  
Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

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## Parish Information

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**St. John the Baptist Rectory-978-768-6284**  
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### Liturgy Schedule

#### Saturday Vigil:

St. John the Baptist 4:00 pm Sacred Heart 5:30 pm

#### Sunday Masses:

Sacred Heart 8:30 am St. John the Baptist 10:00 am

#### Weekday Masses: At Sacred Heart Manchester

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Service 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

First Friday Mass - 8:00 am First Friday of the Month

**Rosary: Daily 7:30 am before Mass**

**Adoration— Monday 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Sacred Heart Church

First Saturday of the month 12 noon to 12:45 pm

#### St. John the Baptist Church

Second Saturday of the month 12 noon to 12:45 pm

### Sacrament of Baptism

Sacred Heart First Sunday of the month

St. John the Baptist Second Sunday of the month

### Sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory for more information.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday		
January 4, 2015		
4:00 pm	St. John	The People of the Parish
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish
Sunday		
January 5, 2015		
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Those Memorialized in the Endowment Fund
10:00 am	St. John	The People of the Parish
Saturday		
January 10, 2015		
4:00 pm	St. John	The People of the Parish
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish
Sunday		
January 11, 2015		
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish
10:00 am	St. John	The People of the Parish

### Cursillo Ultreya

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be hosting the next Ultreya on Saturday, January 10th at St. Ann/Holy Family Parish in Gloucester. Pot Luck is at 5pm and the Ultreya starts at 6pm. For more info please call Al Mitchell at 978-879-3655



The wine and hosts that will be consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ this month at **Sacred Heart Church** were donated in memory of **Paul Enos**.



Please remember in your prayers: All those who have died, and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one; the sick and the suffering of our community, and for their families and caregivers; those in the military and in service to their community, those who have asked to be remembered in prayer, those who have no one to pray for them, and those who are searching for a faith community. Please pray for those who are unemployed and underemployed. If you would like to have a name or intention added to our prayer circle, please contact the rectory or email the requests to [SHSJPrayerCircle@comcast.net](mailto:SHSJPrayerCircle@comcast.net).



### Women at the Well

Saturday Mornings at 7:30 am to 9:00 am  
St. John the Baptist Rectory

All woman of the parishes are welcome to join the Women at the Well for scripture, discussion, meditation faith sharing and deepening your spiritual growth.

### Sacred Heart & St. John the Baptist On Line Giving Link

If you would like to contribute to the Offertory Commitment Program by giving your pledge through our automatic withdrawal program, the 2015 link is now active. Please go to our website: [shsjparishes.com](http://shsjparishes.com) and click on either parishes drop down box. Click the On-Line Giving link and you can fill out your information there. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

### Mass Attendance for the Weekend of December 21, 2014

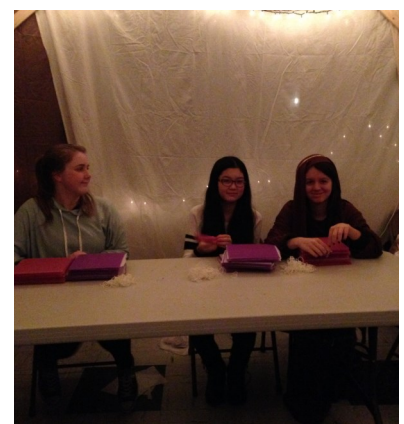
4:00 pm	St. John	75
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	64
8:30 am	Sacred Heart	172
10:00 am	St. John	106

### SACRED HEART PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of December 28, 2014	
OCP and MAIL	Not Available
NON-OCP and CASH	Due to
TOTAL OFFERTORY	Early Publication

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekend of December 28, 2014	
OCP and MAIL	Not Available
NON-OCP and CASH	Due to
TOTAL OFFERTORY	Early Publication



# Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes 2014 Lessons and Carols ~ Breakfast With Santa One Night in Bethlehem ~ St. John the Baptist Christmas Fair



**The new 'Cafe' and Social Hour** - Every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass, we will continue to have our social. Please stop by the 'Cafe' after Mass to enjoy some refreshments and socialize with friends, old and new. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. We will also be having regular conversations that will include religious upbringing tips for parents (of all ages) and other relevant suggestions during the social. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, and those wanting to become parents to share and bond.

**Sacred Heart Parish Outreach Mission** - The Sacred Heart Parish community has begun the parish-wide outreach mission. Our mission is to reach new people, those that are no longer attending Mass here, and those that attend Mass but have not participated in any type of ministry and help them feel an integral part of this community. If you know someone who may be a potential guest, please extend a personal invitation to join us; for Mass, coffee, or come to one of our functions. If you have any questions, please contact Joey Gustafson at 978-526-1106, Karen Cunningham at 978-526-1064, or Chris at the Parish office. The coffee hour after the 8:30 AM Mass has been a great source of meeting and welcoming all.

**RCIA** - The RCIA Team and the new candidates participated in the 'Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance' on November 23. We welcomed Joshua Boatner, Joshua Gould, and Ken Leonard to begin the process of being fully initiated into our faith family. If you see them, please extend a warm welcome and please pray for them on this journey of faith. If you have any questions regarding your faith, are looking to receive your Sacraments, or know someone who might be interested in learning more about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, please contact Chris at the parish office. Some thought provoking questions that may come to mind are 'why be a Catholic today? And what does it mean to be a Catholic today? Or, what can I do to receive all of my Sacraments? If you or someone you know is interested, please join us after the 8:30AM Mass on Sundays in the rectory.

**Mary's Circle** - Mary's Circle has begun. We have an interesting 'lineup' with discussions focused on the Mass, the Gospel readings and its relevance to our daily lives, the Saints, and other varied discussion topics. This year we will have a couple of morning retreats, open to all women. Details will follow. Please extend an invitation to someone you know who might be interested in a women centered, faith-sharing group. Please consider this a personal invitation to consider joining this group of faith-filled women as we explore the different aspects of our faith and how it connects to us in relevant and familiar ways. Coffee, Confections, and Conversation are the orders of the day. Call Chris at the parish office for more information.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Our ministry continues to knit and crochet beautiful shawls we would love to give away. Whether it is a physical illness, a psychological situation, or you know someone who is suffering from a loss of any kind, why not bring him or her Prayer Shawl? Prayers and blessings for their needs will surround and comfort them. We are continuing to knit and crochet prayer shawls to give to those in need. If you know anyone who would like a prayer shawl and having a lot of prayers wrapped around them, please let us know. You may contact Chris at the parish office or Gloria Landy, Jane Shaw, Eleanor Hatcher, Sally O'Malley, Ann Nadeau, Eileen Hardy, Kathy Anderson, Paige Donohoe, Dorothy Jodice, Ann Henrickson, or Barbara Stasium. The Prayer Shawl ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4PM in the Sacred Heart Rectory... ..If you cannot join our ministry, please consider donating money, yarn (preferably soft yarn), or gift bags (to distribute them in). All donations are graciously accepted. We are always looking for more knitters and crochet'ers! Experience is not required. Please consider being a part of this ministry. Consider joining us, or making one in the privacy of your home. We have easy to follow patterns.

**Ministry to the Homebound and Sick** - Ministry to the Homebound and Sick is growing and it is thanks to your personal connections with those who may be ill and unable to attend Mass. We have an awesome, faith-filled team dedicated to bringing Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Please continue to let us know if you are aware of someone ill, homebound, or alone that would like to receive Eucharist, or a short visit from a fellow parishioner, please contact Chris at the Parish Office and we will make arrangements.

**Baptism Prep Classes** - Baptism preparation classes are being held in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Church and is currently offered the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM; however, the baptism prep class for December will be on December 11th, at 7PM in the Chapel at Sacred Heart. Please contact the office for your reservation. These classes are designed for parents and godparents of children about to be baptized. The goal of the class is to help parents become aware of the theological and historical reasons for baptizing your child and the significance of Baptism as a beginning, not an end, to a lifelong commitment. The one hour class explores the purpose of Baptism from both a spiritual and practical standpoint.

**Ministry of Consolation** - Our parish has a group of volunteers willing to sit and talk with someone after a loss. Please contact Chris at the parish office to schedule a time to meet. We have met with several people in the past year and their response has been very positive. Please consider calling Chris at the rectory to schedule a meeting.