

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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## Mission Statement of St. John's Parish

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the community of St. John's Parish works to spread the Gospel message through a ministry of compassion, education and stewardship. Our life as believers is centered in the Eucharist, which encourages and fosters a deep sense of identity in Christ Jesus and the mission the Lord Jesus calls us to embrace.

**WELCOME!** We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John is greatly appreciated and more than welcomed.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM  
11:00AM & 5:30PM  
Weekdays 8:00AM Mon.-Sat.  
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Robert J. Cullen**, Administrator  
**Rev. Kenneth B. Quinn**, Parochial Vicar  
**Rev. W. Chris Palladino**, J.C.L., in Residence  
**Dn. Paul A. Lewis**,  
**Dn. William R. Proulx**  
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## INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the rectory for registration and further information.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

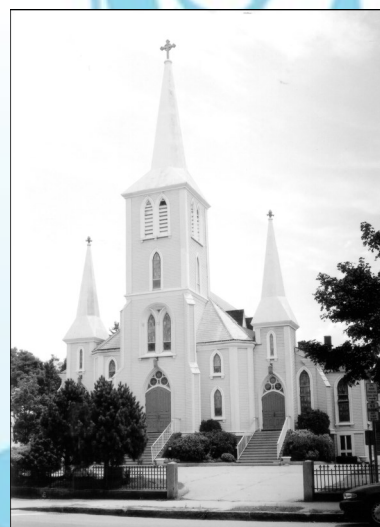
Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact the Rectory for an appointment. A marriage Preparation Program is required.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Lower Chapel, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00am;  
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30pm or by appointment at the rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Communion Calls** Before you enter the hospital for any major surgery or in case of an emergency, we encourage you to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. For this sacrament or for Communion at home, please notify the rectory.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE LOWER CHURCH CHAPEL

Friday: 8:30am - 3:45pm  
1st Saturdays: 8:30am-9:45am

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## **Saturday, May 20**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Margaret Guardiani  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Jose Merlo

## **Sunday, May 21**

7:30 a.m. Mass For The People  
9:00 a.m. Memorial Anna Risio & Guiseppe Sforza  
11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Margaret Jansky  
5:30 p.m. Memorial William Carras & Robert Wilson

## **Monday, May 22**

8:00 a.m.

## **Tuesday, May 23**

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Patricia Lynch

## **Wednesday, May 24**

8:00 a.m.

## **Thursday, May 25 , The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.

## **Friday, May 26**

8:00 a.m. 13th Anniversary Nicola Palmiero

## **Saturday, May 27**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Peppino Sceppa  
4:00 p.m. Memorial The Gioncardi Family

## **Sunday, May 28**

7:30 a.m. Mass For The People  
9:00 a.m. Memorial James & Margaret DeAngelo  
11:00 a.m. Memorial Kerri Ann Sutherland McCarthy  
5:30 p.m. 4th Anniversary Denise Hattenburg

### **The Spirituality of Stewardship**

*Receiving God's Gifts gratefully;  
Nurturing God's Gifts responsibly;  
Sharing God's Gifts in love and justice;  
Returning God's Gifts generously*

### **Parish Weekly Goal:**

**\$10,000.00**

### **Weekend of May 13/14**

Church Collections	\$7,056.30
On-Line Giving	<u>834.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,890.80</b>

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(2,109.20)**

This weekend May 20/21 there is one collection. Next weekend May 27/28 there will be two collections. For those of you who receive monthly envelopes there has been a change. May 27/28 second collection is the Catholic Relief Collection not for Communications as your envelope states. The collection for Communications has been moved to August 6, 2017.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **Donations:**



For the week of May 21st the Bread & Wine have been donated in Memory of Panfilo & Lena DiSalvio and all Deceased Members of the DiSalvio Family. If you would like to make a memorial donation for the altar bread and/or the altar wine in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the rectory at 617-773-1021. The donation for the altar bread or the altar wine is \$30 each for one week (\$60 for both).

### **May 21~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into every human situation. The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. This means that we need to take our discipleship seriously. We need to grow in our ability to speak to others about Jesus and how we have come to know and love him. St. Peter put it very simply in today's reading, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope - but do it with gentleness and reverence." Can you give an explanation for your hope?

### **Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Margaret Coughlin and all our parishioners who have died recently, and for all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember all those who are ill and pray for the intentions of all our parishioners.





**This coming Thursday, May 25 is the Holy Day Masses for the Holy Day will be Thursday @ : 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.**

**There is NO Vigil Mass on Wednesday Evening**

### **No Filipino Mass**

There **WILL NOT** be a Filipino Mass here at St. John's on the fourth Sunday of the month for **May, 2017.**

### **Votive Candle Renewals**

A Reminder: For those who have a St. Theresa or St. Joseph Votive Candle and have not returned their renewal forms yet the due date is May 22nd. Please try to return them as soon as possible even if you do not plan on returning the candle. This helps us to see if we have any open candles to offer to parishioners who may be interested in a candle. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville, MA is seeking a Part-time Driver/Gardener**

Position requires experience transporting large groups, though CDL license not required. Mainly days, though some evening or weekend work occasionally needed. Must have excellent driving record. This position also includes gardening work during the spring through fall seasons. General knowledge of seasonal plant care necessary. Please contact Kathy Rice at 617-776-4420 x318 or [smjobs@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:smjobs@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

**Upcoming Retreats with Edwina Gately** at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA: "Mothers, Sisters, Daughters," June 26-30 and "I Hear God Laughing" on Wednesday, June 28. For more information contact Charlotte by emailing [office@lasalettecenter.com](mailto:office@lasalettecenter.com) or by calling 508-222-8530 or Peggy @ 508-548-9149.



St. John the Baptist now has an Official Facebook Page! To help personalize our site please feel free to send us parish event photos (and descriptions) for possible posting to our page. Email photos to [stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him." Expand your married love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA and September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or email [wwmema.org](http://wwmema.org).

### **Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed!**

**Volunteer Opportunities  
Do you enjoy helping those in need?**

You can help seniors in your own community and feel great doing it. At South Shore Elder Services, we want to make sure no one goes without a meal. We need your help to make this happen. Give us a call and find out what volunteering for Meals on Wheels is all about.

#### **What does being a Meals on Wheels volunteer mean?**

- 1) Valid MA license and a reliable vehicle/CORI check
- 2) Availability of 1-5 days a week/Monday-Friday/late morning
- 3) Driving to each consumer's home on your route and delivering a meal to their door
- 4) **\*Initial training is required, additional enrichment opportunities offered\***

For More Information Call Jody at **781-848-3910 ext. 430**

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Hull \* Milton \* Norwell \* Quincy \*  
Randolph \* Scituate \* Weymouth \***

### **Prayer Group Meeting**

The schedule for May & June

May 20th - Prayer Group Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.  
June 3rd First Saturday Devotion with Dn. Bill @ 5:00 pm  
June 17th - Prayer Group Meeting @ 5:00 pm

All the meetings are held in the Lower Chapel.

**Adoration, Rosary, Benediction**

### **BULLETIN NOTICES**

Bulletin notices must be received by the rectory no later than 4:00 p.m. on every Monday, and by 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before a holiday.

May 21, 2017  
6th Sunday of Easter

“If you love me you will keep my commandments.” It’s really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don’t follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts-- or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them --are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today’s Gospel, “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.”

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it’s helpful to remember Jesus’ response when he was questioned on the subject. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the First Commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won’t feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.



### Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

**Saturday, May 20**

- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Group Meeting  
Lower Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Baptismal Instructions  
Upper Church

**Sunday, May 21**

- 12:30 p.m. Baptisms  
Upper Church

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John’s Food Pantry Open

**Thursday, May 25 - Holy Day**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Masses 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, May 26**

- 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Lower Chapel

**Saturday, May 27**

- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel

### Saint John’s Food Pantry

The St. John’s Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located next to the back door of the rectory.

For those who are so generous to the important work of St. John’s please send donations directly to the rectory or use the blue envelopes marked SJFP and drop them into the regular parish collection. Our pantry is sustained through the generous donations of our parishioners.

**Thanks for all your support!**

Welcome to St. John’s! We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Please call the rectory, 617-773-1021, or return this form to the rectory by the collection basket, mail, or in person.

Would you like to have the bulletin emailed to you? If you would, please give us your email: \_\_\_\_\_

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