

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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## *M*ission 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's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

## Mass Schedule

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

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Robert J. Cullen**, Administrator  
**Rev. W. Chris Palladino**, J.C.L., in Residence  
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**Dn. William R. Proulx**  
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Education Secretary  
**Paul Kelly**, Music Director  
**St. John's Food Pantry** 617-472-4908



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Lower Chapel, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00am;  
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30pm or call the rectory to make  
an appointment with a priest.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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, please contact the Rectory.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE LOWER CHURCH CHAPEL

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



**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*

**Saturday, September 9**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Paul, Madeline Agnes,  
Mary & Bertha Curry  
4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Clara Sisti

**Sunday, September 10**

8:30 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Leon R. Shiner  
11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Marcelo, Elisa  
and Virgilio Pe  
5:00 p.m. 40th Anniversary Dennis Corkery,  
16th Anniversary Margaret Corkery, 47th Anniversary  
Gerard Corkery and 3rd Anniversary Mary J. Corkery

**Monday, September 11**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Dick & Dot Curnane

**Tuesday, September 12**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions Hyan Melicio

**Wednesday, September 13**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Cory Kilvert

**Thursday, September 14**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Thomas & Janice Murray

**Friday, September 15**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Gioacchino & Sarah Russo

**Saturday, September 16**

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Russell G. Moscone  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Edward F. & Mary E. Regan  
Daniel, Catherine and John J. Minihane, Helen E.  
Regan, Catherine "Kay" Maloney, & Donald R. Pitts

**Sunday, September 17**

8:30 a.m. Memorial Quinto Giacomozzi  
11:00 a.m. 8th Anniversary Louisa Cunio and  
1st Anniversary James Cunio  
5:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Steven Byrne and  
3rd Anniversary Kathie Webb

<b>Parish Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>Weekend of September 2/3</b>	
Church Collections	\$7,018.55
On-Line Giving	<u>813.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,832.05</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(1,167.95)</b>

<b>Second Collection - Catholic University of America</b>	
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$1,747.19</b>

This weekend September 9/10 there are two causes of support. **Special Collection!** The second cause was authorized by Cardinal Sean as a special collection in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

Next weekend September 16/17 there will also be two collections. Next week, the diocese-wide collection will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Please be as generous as your means allow to this collection. You are also invited to make your gift online at: Clergytrust.org or text the word PRIEST to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply).

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Donations:**

For the week of September 10 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Dorothy T. & Richard G. Griffin, Sr. 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).



**Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Paul J. Canavan, Jean Gambino 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.



September 10, 2017

**Save the Date Sunday,  
September 17, 2017**

It's almost that time of year again! Our Parish Picnic takes place next week after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 17th on the parish grounds. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ron Stec at 617-471-4064.



There will be one change to the Picnic this year. We **Will Not** be having a **White Elephant Table**.

Desserts are most welcome, however not until the day of the picnic and must be of the finger food variety such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc.

We hope to see you there!!!

**Adult Confirmation**

Do you know of anyone who has postponed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Mary Ellen Cassani at [maryellen.cassani@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.cassani@gmail.com) to receive up-to-date information on when classes begin or just to have your questions answered.

The Fall Adult Confirmation program begins Sunday, October 29, 2017 with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Jerome Church. Class follows in the Church Hall. Please email [maryellen.cassani@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.cassani@gmail.com) for further details or to register. This class is intended for Adults who have already been Baptized and received First Holy Communion.



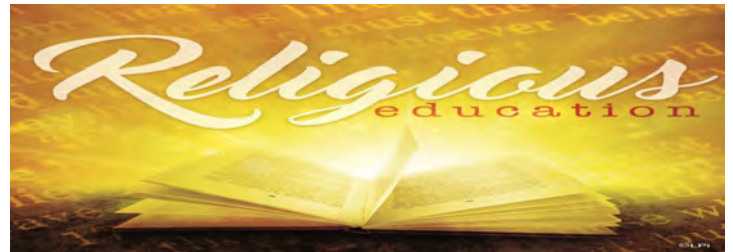
Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following child who was baptized in August:

Jonathan Patrick Alexis

**Prayer Group Resumes** - Our Prayer Group will be starting back up for the Fall. The group meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Chapel. The first meeting will be on September 16th. The following dates for September and October are:

September 30, October 14 and October 28

**Rosary Meditation Benediction Fellowship**



St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education  
Call 617-877-5014 or  
Email [restjohnquincy@gmail.com](mailto:restjohnquincy@gmail.com)

Registration materials are available on the St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph websites and at the door of each Church. Please contact us with any questions about the program for the upcoming year!

**Calling All Grade 1 Students**

Preparation for First Holy Communion is a two year program. Grades 1 and 2 are very busy and exciting years for our students and their families. If you have a first grade student in your family we invite you to contact us about registration in the St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Family Religious Education Program. Please share this information with other families.

**Welcome: Never Too Late!**

Is there a child in your family or a friend's family who has missed one or several years of Religious Education? It is never too late to join the St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Family Religious Education Program. We will work with you to develop a plan that will place your child in their current grade level. Please contact us with any questions!

**Infant Baptisms:** The Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the rectory for registration and further information call 617-773-1021.

**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.

**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.



**Cycle A September 10, 2017  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with “fully conscious, and active participation” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting “Amen” or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today’s Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to “gather together” with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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

**Saturday, September 9**

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Baptism Instruction  
Upper Church

**Sunday, September 10**

12:30 p.m. Baptisms  
Upper Church

**Wednesday, September 13**

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

**Friday, September 15**

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

**Saturday, September 16**

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

**Sunday, September 17**

**PARISH PICNIC AFTER 11:00am MASS**

**Thinking About Becoming Catholic?**

If you're curious about the Catholic faith or have thought about becoming a Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is just for you. Adults from all faith traditions, no religious background at all, and baptized Catholics who were not raised in the Catholic faith are invited to participate. The RCIA journey incorporates faith, instruction, conversion, liturgy, and community. We welcome you to join others while learning about the beauty of our Catholic faith. For more information, contact Deacon Leo at St. Joseph’s Rectory at 617-472-6321.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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