

# 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.

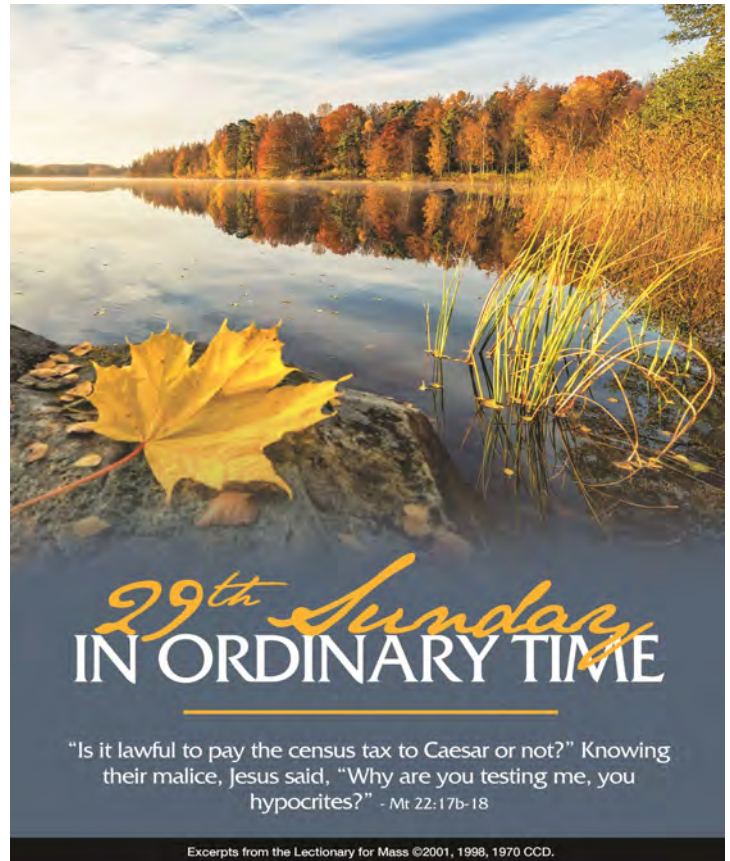
**WELCOME!** We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

## **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  
**Dn. Paul A. Lewis**  
**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*

**Parish Weekly Goal: \$9,000.00**

<b>Weekend of October 14/15</b>	
Church Collections	\$7,860.02
On-Line Giving	<u>813.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$8,673.52</b>

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(326.48)**

This weekend October 21/22 is World Mission Sunday. There are two collections. Next weekend October 28/29 there will be one collection.

Today is World Mission Sunday! We are invited today to reach out and help build local churches throughout the Missions, in Africa, Asia, remote places in Latin and South America and the Pacific Islands. Your prayers and generous gift to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today help the work of priests, religious and lay leaders throughout the Missions who offer the poor practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers and be as generous as you can to day's collection. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org).

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**October 22 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Paul writes of his gratitude for the community at Thessalonica in the second reading today. He offers a prayer of thanksgiving for them remembering their works of faith and labors of love. His words of encouragement kept the community engaged in the work of promoting the faith and strengthening their bond of love for one another. Take five minutes each day this week to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for your parish community, praying that it will continue to grow in faith.

**Donations:**



For the week of October 22 the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Richard MacKenzie. 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).

*Saturday, October 21*

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Dorothy T. and  
Richard G. Griffin, Sr.

*Sunday, October 22*

8:30 a.m. Month's Mind Benjamin James DiBona  
11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Paul Hastings  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

*Monday, October 23*

8:00 a.m.

*Tuesday, October 24*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Charles & Ruth Larsen

*Wednesday, October 25*

8:00 a.m.

*Thursday, October 26*

8:00 a.m.

*Friday, October 27*

8:00 a.m.

*Saturday, October 28*

8:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. 14th Anniversary Dorothy M. Callahan

*Sunday, October 29*

8:30 a.m. 10th Anniversary Maria Xuyen Nguyen  
11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Kevin Dalton and  
21st Anniversary Dr. John T. Dalton  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

**Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Theodore J. Fleming, Jr., Angela Galante, Frederick M. Walsh, Catherine M. Ledger 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.



October 22, 2017

## World Missions Prayer



Lord Jesus Christ  
you told your apostles to proclaim the good news  
and to make followers of all nations.  
They gave their lives to you, and for you,  
to spread the Gospel throughout the world.  
Today, the faithful still strive  
to bring your name to those who need it most.  
Give your strength to missionaries around the world  
who give their lives every day in lands far from home.  
Help those charged with bringing your word  
to be an example of you  
for those who cannot read your word for themselves.  
Help those who do their work in your name  
to inspire others to seek you as their Savior.  
We ask this through you, Christ, our Lord,  
Savior of the world.  
Amen.

*With sentiments of praise and gratitude to the Lord  
for the gift of Consecrated Life*

### **Daughters of Mary of Nazareth**

*Warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate with great joy*

### **The First Profession of Vows of**

**Sister Elizabeth Francis & Sister Fatima Raphael**

**Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.**

*Will celebrate the Mass and preside over the Ceremony.*

**On Sunday, November 5th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**

*At Saint John the Baptist Church*

*44 School Street, Quincy,*

*Light refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass*

*As Religious Sisters we don't receive personal gifts.*

*Your donations in support of our ministries  
are greatly appreciated.*

Come and join us for our exciting parish day retreat at  
Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury on  
Sunday, November 5, 2017, from 1:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Our theme is:**

**Transitions in Our Life: Grieving, Loss, Letting Go,  
A Next Step with God**

We've all been there before, maybe even now...life has turned us  
on our heads! This is not what we expected! Explore your losses  
through short uplifting presentations, inspirational sharing with  
others and quiet down time and prayer with nature. Facilitators  
are Sr. Maureen Casey SND and Fr. Tom Umbras SVD. A small  
fee of \$25 includes dinner! If payment received by October 29th,  
you pay only \$20!

To register, please call: 781-585-2460 or email us at  
miramarma@aol.com or visit our website at:  
miramarretreat.org.

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education  
Call 617-877-5014 or  
Email: restjohnquincy@gmail.com

The St. John and St. Joseph  
Religious Education Program  
is off to a great start.  
Upcoming Classes:



**Sunday, Oct. 22nd 10:00-10:50 a.m. Grades 2-5**

**Monday, Oct. 23rd 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-7**

**(No 8th Grade Class Due to QHS Open House)**

**Sunday, Oct. 29th 10:00-10:50 a.m. Grades 2-5**

**Sunday, Oct. 29th 12:00-1:30 p.m. Grades CI & CII**

**Monday, Oct. 30th 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-8**

## Advent Bible Study

CHRISM Bible Study will conduct a 4-week course on  
The Birth Narratives of Jesus beginning Thursday, No-  
vember 9th in the Lower Church Hall from 10:30 a.m.—  
12:00 noon. The course will examine how the Gospels of  
Luke and Matthew present the birth narratives of Jesus in  
entirely different ways and will also take a look at the Pro-  
logue of John's Gospel as we prepare for the Advent and  
Christmas seasons. The course, taught by Barbara Sullivan  
(MTS-Weston School of Theology), will be held Novem-  
ber 9, 16, 30 & December 7th. Suggested offering is \$5/  
session. No registration required - just bring your Bible!  
Any questions, please call the rectory at 617-773-1021 and  
ask for Joe Stevens.

## 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.

## 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.

## 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish -  
1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Register at:  
bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass/ by Oct. 31 to  
be included in the program. From the Office of Family  
Life and Ecclesial Movements



October 22, 2017  
29th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time



“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” The Pharisees, full of malice, were trying to “entrap Jesus in speech.” They concocted a question that flattered him, saying, “You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth,” but which also put him in a position to be in big trouble if he challenged the Roman laws. Jesus, of course, escaped the trap with his brilliant reply. We can appreciate the wisdom of his response, but more importantly, we can appreciate what it means for us.

To repay to Caesar, in this case, meant to give appropriate allegiance to the secular authorities. We too are under such authority, and although Uncle Sam is different than Caesar in countless ways, the fact remains that as constituents of this country who enjoy its many benefits, we are also called to extend a certain kind of tribute to our government. Taxes, yes, but more than that too. The loyalty and patriotism that offers our gifts in service to the good of our nation is also a tribute we Christians should make in good faith. Only when a law of our land contradicts the moral principles of God do we have to follow our primary allegiance instead, namely, our allegiance to Christ. Unfortunately, in our day we live under certain national laws that do conflict with the truth about human dignity, and thus a tension exists for us. But the course is clear. We must repay “to God what belongs to God” by defending the truth even when it may be unpopular. This kind of courage is what built the Church in those early centuries of persecution when practicing our faith was against the law. Heaven forbid this should ever happen to us. But if it does, we know what must be done.

# Weekly Schedule

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

### Saturday, October 21

3:00-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Today Only) Lower Chapel

### Sunday, October 22

10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed (Grades 2-5)  
Church Hall

### Monday, October 23

6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Grades 6-7 (NO 8th)  
Church Hall

### Wednesday, October 25

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

### Friday, October 27

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

### Saturday, October 28

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Prayer Group  
Lower Chapel

### Sunday, October 29

10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5  
Church Hall  
12:00-1:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class CI & CII  
Church Hall

**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.

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Bulletin notices must be received by the Rectory no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons, to appear in the following Sunday bulletin and by 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday afternoons before a holiday.

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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