

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.

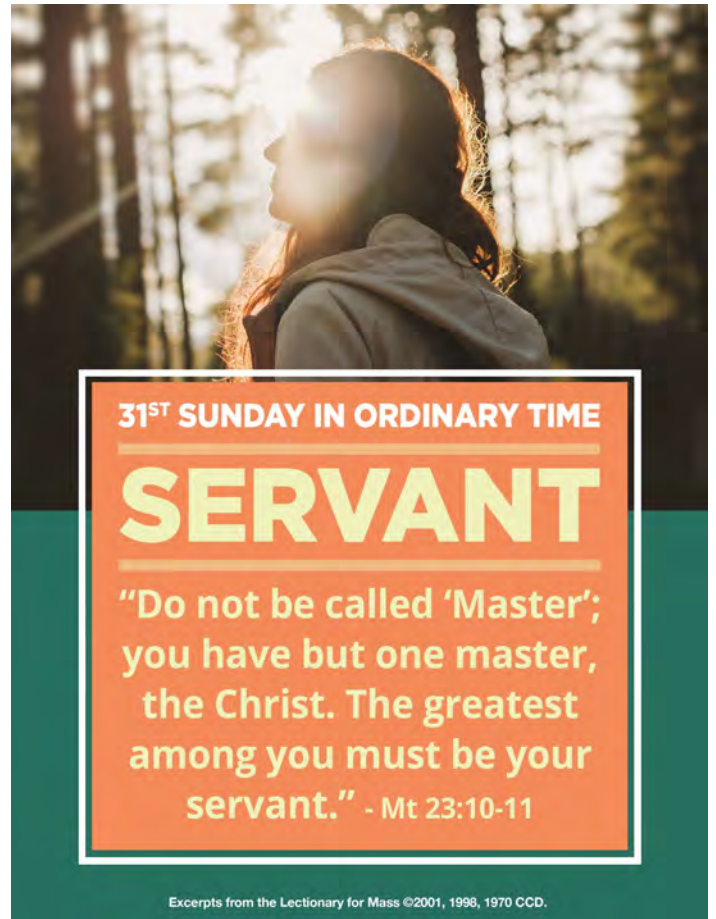
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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
Joe Stevens, Pastoral Associate
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Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant/Religious
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, November 4

8:00 a.m. 16th Anniversary Eleanor Downey
4:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Bridget T. Burke

Sunday, November 5

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Ann Deveau
11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Karen L. Bowes
5:00 p.m. 30th Anniversary Anthony Pusateri, Sr.
and 5th Anniversary Mary Pusateri

Monday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mr. & Mrs. Henry Coogan

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Family of Frank Calabraro

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Memorial for the Stebbins Family

Thursday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
John & Ethel Kennedy and Margaret & William
Dougherty Families

Friday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Memorial Johnny Chisholm, Tommy Swain
and Billy Gibbons

Saturday, November 11

8:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Carole & Peter Rossi
4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Marion Marani

Sunday, November 12

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Grace Nassif
11:00 a.m. Memorial Thomas J. &
James B. McDonough
5:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary Nora "Theresa" Forbes

Parish Weekly Goal:

\$9,000.00

Weekend of October 28/29

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| Church Collections | \$7,643.14 |
| On-Line Giving | <u>806.00</u> |
| Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners | \$8,449.14 |

Weekly Goal overage/shortage

(550.86)

This weekend November 4/5 there are two collections. The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Next weekend November 11/12 there will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

November 5 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scribes and Pharisees made religion all about observing thousands upon thousands of rules and regulations. Jesus scolds the Scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel for making religion an intolerable burden and warns against following their example. He wants our faith to lift us up not weigh us down. He wants it to give us joy, not be a burden. The commandments that Jesus challenges us to live by are love of God with our whole being and love of neighbor. These commandments may not always be easy, yet if we follow the example of Jesus we will not be led astray.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Mary D. Spillane, Edward W. Calkins, III, Jennifer L. Doren, Phyllis M. Buttomer, Frank J. Calabro 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.



Donations:

For the week of November 5 the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Paul & Joanne Johnson. 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).



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 to set up an appointment (617-773-1021) A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

November 5, 2017

A Note From Father Bob

This weekend we welcome Cardinal Sean O'Malley who will celebrate the Profession of Vows Mass for Sisters Elizabeth Francis and Sister Fatima Raphael of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. A warm welcome to all their relatives and friends who have joined us for this Most Sacred Occasion in their lives. May God who has begun this good work in them bring it to fulfillment.

Congratulations from all of us at St. John the Baptist Parish.

God's Blessings
Father Bob

*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.*

St. John's Food Pantry Thanksgiving & Christmas Help

The holidays are fast approaching. If you or someone you know from St. John's Parish is in need of assistance with Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas Gifts for families with young children, please contact St. John's Food Pantry at 617-472-4908. Volunteers will be filling out information forms on Wednesday evenings between 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cut off time for Thanksgiving help will be on Wednesday, November 15th. The last day to sign up for Christmas help will be on Sunday, December 3rd. A picture ID and proof of address must be shown.

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

For those who are so generous to the pantry please send donations directly to the rectory or use the blue envelopes in the pews.

Thank you for all your support!!

Veteran's Day Prayer

Dear God,
you have called your
people to many walks of



life. Some like St. Francis were called to a life of peace and others to the life of a soldier and warrior. David, the Maccabees, Sts. Joan, George and Martin all were called by you to take up arms in the service and protection of their citizens. On this day, bless those who have given their time, talents, and in some cases their lives, to protect our freedoms. Guide them in their tours of duty. Comfort the wounded and their families. Remind us to appreciate their sacrifices.

Amen.

Reminder the Parish offices will be closed on Friday, November 10th in honor of Veteran's Day.



Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following children who were baptized in October:

***Peyton Mae Kelley
Abigail Faith Oliveira
Kalina Marie Schlager
Valencia Skylar Stoeckel***

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 4th

10:00-10:45 a.m. **Grade 1**

Sunday, Nov. 5th 10:00-10:45 a.m. **Grades 2-5**

Sunday, Nov. 5th 1:00 p.m. **Bus Leaves for CII Retreat**

Monday, November 6 **No Classes for Grades 6-8**

(Hall Set up for Election Day)



Advent Bible Study Begins This Thursday!

Prepare for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons by learning more about the birth narratives of Jesus! CHRISM Bible Study will conduct a 4-week course on The Birth Narratives of Jesus beginning this Thursday in the Lower Church from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. The course will examine how the Gospels of Luke and Matthew present the birth narratives in entirely different ways and will also take a look at the Prologue of John's Gospel. The course, taught by Barbara Sullivan, MTS, will be held November 9, 16, 30 & December 7th. Suggested offering is \$5/session. No registration required - just bring your Bible! For more information call Joe Stevens at 617-773-1021.

November 5, 2017
31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time



“For they preach but they do not practice.” The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today’s Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, “The greatest among you must be your servant.” This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! “Practice what your preach,” as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It’s important to be sure we don’t issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may at any given moment, instead of creating “heavy burdens hard to carry and lay(ing) them on people’s shoulders,” we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for “whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Little Sisters of the Poor
Annual Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 11, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Great shopping, great food and a lot of fun.
186 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

Weekly Schedule

Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, November 4

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grade 1
Church Hall
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Sunday, November 5

- 10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Grades 2-5
Church Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Bus leaves for Retreat to LaSalette CII
- 1:00 p.m. First Vows Mass with Cardinal Sean

Monday, November 6

- No Classes Due to Hall Set-up for Election

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

- 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Chrism Bible Study
Church Hall
- 4:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Baptism Instruction
Upper Church

Sunday, November 12

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Baptisms
Upper Church

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 _____

Check if address change

Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO