

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.

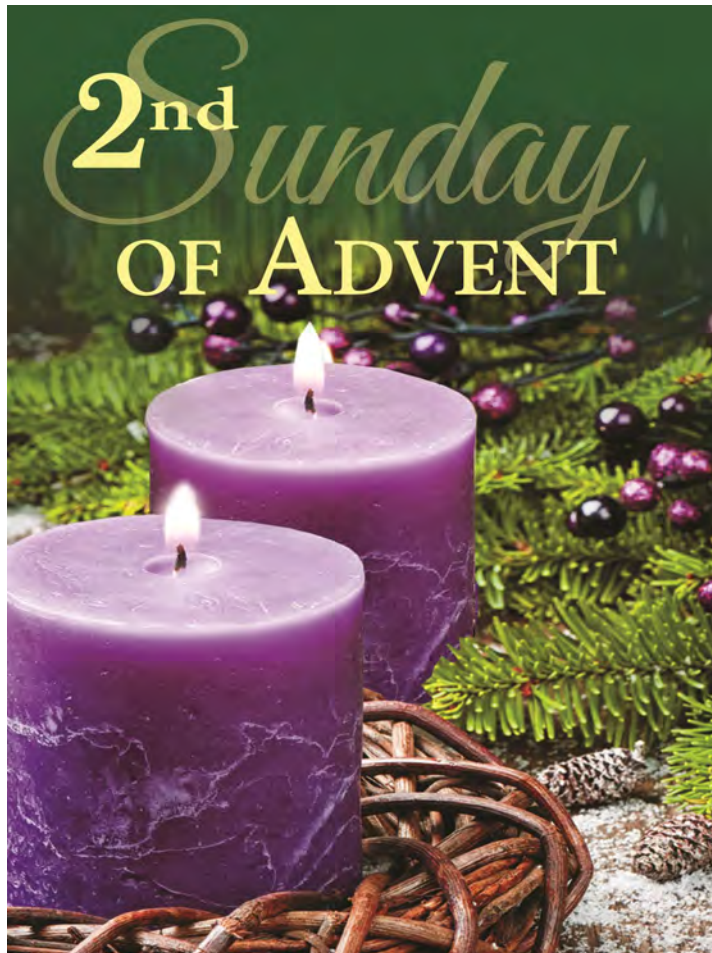
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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
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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

Second Sunday of Advent



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

Table with financial data: Parish Weekly Goal (\$9,000.00), Weekend of December 2/3 (Church Collections \$12,425.80, On-Line Giving \$863.50, Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$13,289.30), Weekly Goal overage/shortage (\$4,289.30)

This weekend December 9/10 there is one collection. Next weekend December 16/17 there will also be one collection.

December 10 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

The prophet Isaiah instructs us: "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is about and yet, it can be difficult to keep this focus when we are pulled in too many directions by the shopping and cooking and card writing that go with the season.



Donations:



For the week of December 10th the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Donato & Cesidia. 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.

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.

Saturday, December 9
8:00 a.m. Memorial Jean Murphy
4:00 p.m. 12th Anniversary Angelita Gomez
Sunday, December 10
8:30 a.m. Memorial Diane & Owen Hennessey
11:00 a.m. 15th Anniversary Giuse Tuong Pham, Memorial Rev. Father Etienne Chan Tin, and For all His Brothers, Friends & Nephew Hieu Pham
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People
Monday, December 11
8:00 a.m. 21st Anniversary Marion Horne and 15th Anniversary Gertrude Harkins
Tuesday, December 12
8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Mary Flaherty
Wednesday, December 13
8:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 14
8:00 a.m. 12th Anniversary Helen Milne
Friday, December 15
8:00 a.m. 11th Anniversary Neil Keough and Birthday Blessings for Diane Keough
Saturday, December 16
8:00 a.m. Memorial Baptista Gama
4:00 p.m. Memorial Innocent Marie Claire and Marie Blanche Demesier
Sunday, December 17
8:30 a.m. Memorial Domenico & Italia Giannandrea
11:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Eugene Creedon
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Your Prayers are Requested for: Pray For... Paul A. Colarusso, Julia M. Puglisi 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.

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.

December 10, 2017

A Note from Father Cullen:

Happy second week of advent everyone. This year our fourth week in advent will last only about 19 hours. The Masses for the fourth week in advent will be at 4pm on December 23rd, 8:30am and 11am on December 24th. Then it's on to the Christmas Season. The above masses will not count for your Christmas obligation nor will the Christmas masses count for your 4th Sunday in advent obligation. It is an opportunity though to concentrate on the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ. Give yourselves that gift this year, and join us for each of those Eucharists!

As the holiday season approaches I would like to remind everyone that we are blessed with an abundance of parking in the upper lot and the lower lot where the School used to be. I would ask that those who are more ambulatory consider parking in the lower lot, especially for the Christmas masses, as an act of Charity for those who may have a need to park closer. It's only a short walk from the lower lot up the stairs to the Church. We will need all of that parking for the Christmas masses, a blessing!

Wishing you the peace of the season,

Father Bob

Sunday Masses for the weekend of Dec. 23/24
Saturday, December 23 (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (**ONLY**)



Christmas Eve Masses
Sun. Dec. 24th @ 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
(Caroling for the 10:30 p.m. Mass starts at 10:00 p.m.)



Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
(There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 10 10:00-10:50 a.m. Grades 2-5
Sunday, December 10 12:00-1:30 p.m. CII (ONLY)
Monday, December 11 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-8
Saturday, December 16 11:00 a.m. Penance Grade 2

**St. John's Food Pantry
Christmas Giving Tree
Mass TODAY at 11:00 a.m.**



A reminder, if you took a card from the Giving Tree, all gifts are due back **this weekend** (December 9/10.) The Giving Tree Mass will be celebrated **today** at 11:00 a.m.

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!!

New Senior Social Group



To kickoff the group, you are invited to join us for a light lunch, provided by St. John the Baptist Parish, on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon. This meeting, as well as future meetings will take place in the lower church hall of St John the Baptist, 44 School Street, Quincy. There is ample parking adjacent to the church.

For this kickoff meeting, we are inviting all former members of St. John's Senior Group roster and all Ward-4 Community members who used to meet at the Della Chiesa Center. We'd also like to welcome others from nearby parishes or community groups who would like to attend.

We will begin the meeting with registration and a proposed schedule of future meetings for the new group, followed by the luncheon social where old and new friends can catch-up.

Witness to Life Pilgrimage: Jan. 18-20. The Archdiocese of Boston Witness to Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. begins with a Witness to Life Rally on Thursday, Jan. 18, 7pm at St. Stephen parish in Framingham. The Rally is open to all-even if you're not going on the March for Life in D.C. Pilgrims will board the bus after the Rally and travel overnight to D.C. Join Cardinal Sean O'Malley and hundreds of others as we march with thousands in our nation's capital to stand up for life. If your interested, all the details are at bostoncatholic.org/winesstolife; or contact winesstolife@rcab.org.

Share The Joy!

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary, you are invited to join the joyful Celebration of **Lessons and Carols** on Gaudete Sunday. Come sing carols and listen to the Salvation story retold in word and song. We look forward to seeing you at St. Joseph's Parish, Quincy Point at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017.

December 10, 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



Schedule

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

10:00-10:50 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:30 p.m. RE Class CII (Only)
Church Hall

Monday, December 11

6:30-7:30 p.m. RE Classes Grades 6-8
Church Hall

Wednesday, December 13

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
12:00 Senior Luncheon
Church Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

11:00 a.m. First Penance Grade 2
Lower Chapel
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
5:00 p.m. Baptism Instruction
Upper Church

Sunday, December 17

10:00-10:50 a.m. Grades 3-5 Religion Class
Church Hall
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
Upper Church

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance-clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits-feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity-"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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.

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