

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
Dn. Paul A. Lewis
Dn. William R. Proulx
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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.

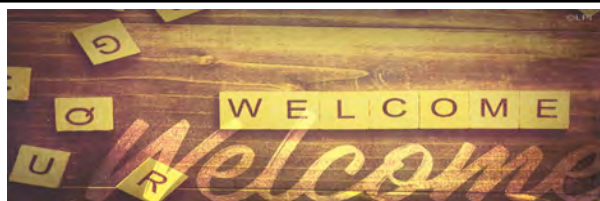
SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 30

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Birthday Memorial Doris Crean

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. All Deceased Members of the
William & Margaret Dougherty Family

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Monday, January 1

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Alfredo Aiello

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 4

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 5

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 6

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Angelina DiSalvio Bastarache

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. 9th Anniversary Andrew K. Taylor

11:00 a.m. Memorial Beatrice Phillips

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Your Prayers are Requested for:



Richard & Robin Pompeo, Arthur L. Kennedy, Dorothy E. Burke, Joseph Kerr, Gino Ranalli 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.

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.

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

Weekend of December 16/17

Church Collections \$7,361.00

On-Line Giving 863.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,224.50

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(775.50)**

This weekend December 30/31 there is one collection. Next weekend January 6/7 there will also be one collection.

Due to early deadlines for the bulletins, all Sacrificial Offerings by Parishioners for other weekend Masses will be printed as available.

Thank you for your generosity

December 31 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna make a startling prediction about Jesus and the life that awaits him. Mary and Joseph hold in their hearts all that they hear and remain faithful to all that God has asked of them as parents. In celebrating this feast we pray that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will be a model of faithful love for all Christian families. Offer a prayer today that your entire family will be open to God's word.

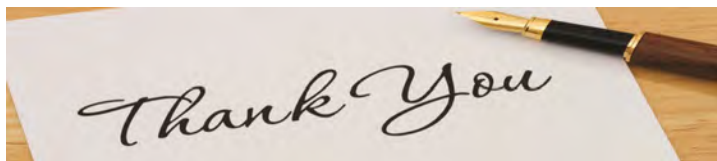
Donations:



For the week of December 31st the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of William & Catherine Rogers. 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).

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.



Thank You

We are so blessed here at St. John the Baptist parish for the many volunteers that help to enhance our liturgies not just during the “High Holy Days” but all through the year. Thank you to all of you.

Special Thanks to Blanca Casal, Cheryl Jankord and their team of elves, who once again helped decorate the Church so appropriately and beautifully. And to Paul Kelly, the choir and cantors for leading us in song. What’s that expression, singing is praying twice. To all the Ushers, adult servers, altar servers and the caretakers of the church for their time and dedication to the parish. I am grateful for our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and especially for their care to the homebound and our brothers and sisters in the Nursing Homes.

We have a food pantry that is second to none and we as a parish appreciate all the volunteers who minister to the needy here, and for those who support that work.

Thanks to all who donated to the flower fund. It really does accent the altar. So Beautiful.

Lastly, thank you to all our parishioners who give so freely of their time, talent and treasure to make St. John’s such a special place.

Peace & Blessings,
Father Bob



On behalf of all of us here at St. John’s, the clergy, staff, volunteers, Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, we wish all of you a very Blessed, Healthy and Peace filled New Year.

All Masses on Sunday, December 31 are to fulfill our **Sunday obligation**. With the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falling on a Monday this year **it is not** a Holy Day of Obligation, therefore on Monday, January 1st we will only be having our daily 8:00 a.m. Mass. Happy New Year! The parish office will also be closed.

Forming Disciples in Mission: Upcoming Workshops
Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or two-evening session to provide every Catholic with a common language and tools for the work of New Evangelization. Our next workshop date is Jan. 27 at St. Malachy Parish in Burlington. You can register for this or other upcoming workshops at disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples.

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education
We would like to wish all our St. John and St. Joseph families a very Happy New Year. Dates and times for starting back up have been emailed, as well as given out during the last class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us 617-877-5014. First Grade meets Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. and Confirmation II meets on Sunday, January 7 at 12:00 noon. All other grades 2-8 don’t return until after the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Forming Leaders for Mission: Upcoming Workshops
Forming Leaders for Mission is a one-day or two-evening session designed to support all in the parish community in discerning and developing their particular calls to lead within their personal, family, community, and parish lives. During the session, participants will begin to discover their unique charisms to lead and learn skills to be effective. This dynamic workshop includes a mixture of group activities, individual reflection, prayer and conversation. The next workshop date is Feb. 3 at St. Pius V in Lynn. To register, contact mwakelee@rcab.org.

LAST CALL: “The Story of My Life,” a women’s retreat weekend, will be held at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA, from January 12-14, 2018. For more details and information contact Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* at 508-548-9149 or visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

During this season of giving and caring, please think about perhaps giving some of your time to the children at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy in Dorchester. We are looking for volunteers to fill many needs. We would love you to spend anywhere from a morning with the students describing your career path to a semester helping them with school work. We are a primary school with four campuses, three in Dorchester and one in Mattapan. Please contact twgrant@rcn.com for more information or if you have any questions.

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.

December 31, 2017 - The Holy Family



“When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned...to their own town of Nazareth.” Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today’s Gospel describes the event we call “The Presentation.” Jesus’ parents, like every Jewish family, presented their son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus “grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.”

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own homes paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus’ childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that “the favor of God was upon him.” May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

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, December 30

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

Monday, January 1

Not a Holyday of Obligation this year.

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall

First Friday, January 5

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

First Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation II Class
Church Hall

St. John’s Food Pantry

The St. John’s Food Pantry is normally 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!!

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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