

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.

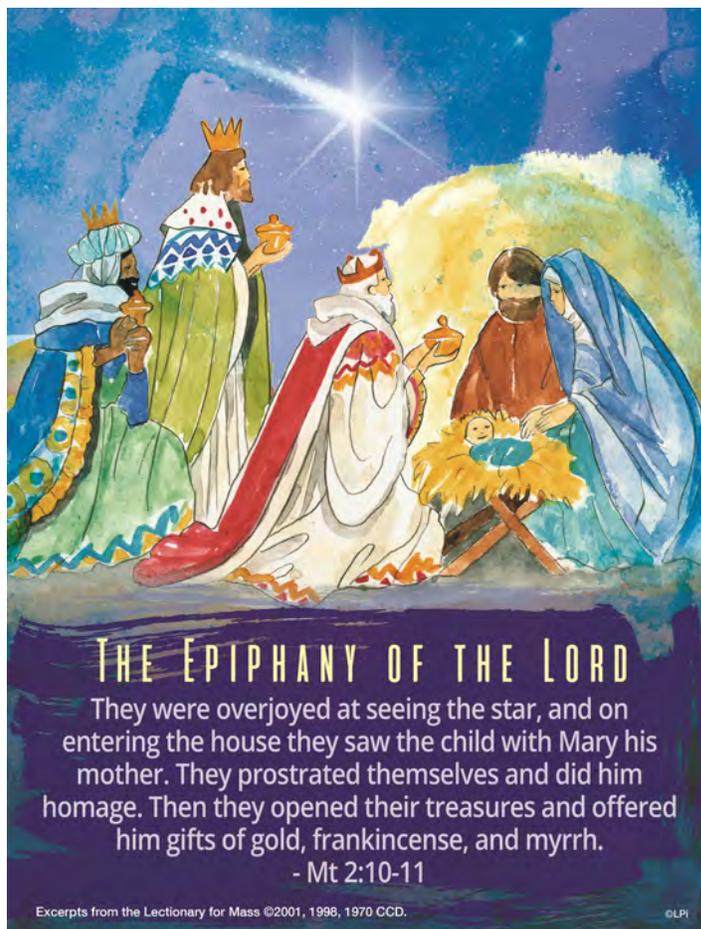
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM
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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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

MASST INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Memorial Austin & Kathleen O'Malley

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Months Mind Mary Lou O'Neal

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Memorial John, Pauline & Danny Hayes
and Raymond & Eleanor Goodwin

Thursday, January 11

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 12

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Months Mind Arlene C. Badessa
4:00 p.m. 17th Anniversary Dominic Lomanno

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. 5th Anniversary Venera Donato
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Your Prayers are Requested for: 

Charlotte A. Gillis, James C. Gaziano, Annette Mariani and all our parishioners who have died recently, and for all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember in prayer all those who are ill and the intentions of our parishioners.

Donations:

For the week of January 7th the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Claire O'Rourke. 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).



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 23/24

Church Collections	\$6,360.92
On-Line Giving	<u>798.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,159.42

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,840.58)**

Christmas ~ Clergy Benefit Trust

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$11,457.49

Weekend of December 30/31

Church Collection	\$6,713.65
On-Line Giving	<u>863.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,577.15

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,422.85)**

Christmas Flowers \$3,772.00

This weekend January 6/7 there is one collection. Next weekend January 13/14 there will be two collections. Please see Fr. Bob's note in regards to the special collection next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity

January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

In an age when we rely on a "gps" or "Google maps" or "waze," it is easy to find another route home. But the magi in today's Gospel didn't have this modern technology to rely on when they were told to return to their country "by another way." The familiar route was not to be taken yet they trusted and did as was advised. On this feast of Epiphany, what "new way" is God inviting you to travel now? Where in your life might God be urging you to "take another route?" Will you trust that God will lead you along a new path?

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 at 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.

January 7, 2018

A Note from Father Bob

Happy New Year. I pray that it is a blessed and healthy year for everyone.

Next Weekend the proposed collaborative parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph will take up a second collection for the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, the order of religious women living here in the convent.

Since 2015 Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth have been a constant presence not only here in our community but throughout Quincy. They assist with masses and services at the Nursing Homes, are involved in ministry at the Friends of the Unborn, and are a constant source of prayer for the people of our parishes.

Their Order relies primarily on private donations and benefactors for their support. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the sisters.

Peace,

Father Bob

Sacred Heart Bereavement Support Group

We are pleased to announce that Simone Leary and Cathleen Rowland will co-facilitate the Bereavement Support Group as of January 2018. Please note the meeting's new day and location: The meetings will take place on the third Thursday of every month in the parish hall at Sacred Heart Parish in North Quincy beginning January 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep: Upcoming Dates

Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. Upcoming dates and locations for TIL include Jan. 26-27 at Sacred Heart, Lynn; Feb. 23 & 24 at the Pastoral Center, Braintree and Mar. 16-17 at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. For registration information and the complete schedule of 2018 programs, visit bostoncatholic.org/familylife or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION -
SIGN UP FOR A HOLY HOUR**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday in the Lower Chapel from 8:30am-3:30pm. If you are interested in signing up for a permanent hour of adoration, please call Joe Stevens at the Rectory at 617-773-1021 or sign up any Friday during Adoration. Come, pray, rest and be with Jesus!

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education

We hope all our families had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season. While most of our classes don't return until after the Martin Luther King holiday, there are a couple of grades that will be meeting:

Saturday, January 6, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Grade 1

Sunday, January 7, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation II

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.

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 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.

Share the Journey: Prayer Service

You are invited to the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 to "Share the Journey" and join in prayer for **National Migration Week**. There will be prayer services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. at 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA. Learn more at www.csjboston.org.

January 7, 2018 - The Epiphany of the Lord



“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God’s word, spoken through the prophet Micah: “And you, Bethlehem...from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel” (cf.5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to “prostrate themselves” and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three “kings” is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country “by another way.” Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

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, January 6

- 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, January 7

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Class for Confirmation II (Only)
Church Hall

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

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

St. John’s Food Pantry

The St. John’s Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30p.m. in the building located next 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.

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