

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Concetta DiNardo and Staff Sgt. Alfred DiNardo

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Helen F. Budrevich

11:00 a.m. Memorial Louise & George Bythrow, Beatrice & Stanley Miller, Martha & Stephen Byrne

5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Annina Carlucci

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Francis McLoughlin

Friday, February 2

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Birthday Memorial Armando "Babe" DelGreco

Sunday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Birthday Memorial Aurora Casinelli

11:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Joseph N. Lenehan III

5:00 p.m. Mass For The People

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 January 20/21

Church Collections \$7,794.09

On-Line Giving 818.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,612.59

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(387.41)**

This weekend January 27/28 there are two collections. The second collection is for the Support of the Church around the World. The second collection schedule has been revised. This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. Next weekend February 3/4 there will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

January 28 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark makes clear in today's Gospel that Jesus spoke with a different kind of authority, unlike the Scribes of his day. Jesus taught with a certainty that spoke to them of God. To hear someone speak like this was like a breeze from heaven. Jesus' words, his deeds and his response to those in need astonished and amazed them. Do we let ourselves be astonished and amazed when we hear Jesus speak to us? Take some time this week to recall the words in today's gospel that may have amazed you.

Update on Christmas Flowers:

Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of:

Wilfred & Penna Thibodeau, Alfred & Rose Raymondi

James E. Thibodeau and Sean Barry

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.

Donations:

For the week of January 28th the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Thomas P. Mullen, Joseph P. & Mary A. Mooney and Robert C. Mooney. 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).



Your Prayers are Requested for:

Pray For... Giuseppe Gulla, Mary C. Daly, Joseph Lenehan, Marie D'Andrea 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.

January 28, 2018

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Quincy Catholic Academy will be joining Catholic schools across the nation the week of January 28, 2018 to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week. QCA has planned many wonderful activities with this year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed." Quincy Catholic Academy will be opening its doors for visitors interested in seeing quality education in action every morning from Monday, January 29, 2018 to Friday, February 2, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. QCA serves students from Preschool (3yrs. old) to Grade 8. All are welcome to our daily Open Houses see "Where Tradition Meets Innovation!"

Confirmation

Spring Adult Confirmation begins Sunday, February 25, 2018

with 5:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Jerome Parish followed by class in the Church Hall.

*Program ends with Confirmation Sunday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.
Dates: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8 Confirmation*

Any baptized adult who has received First Communion but who has postponed the reception of Confirmation is invited to attend. Please note that the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary to be a godparent at baptism and to serve in church ministry. This sacrament is also highly recommended for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

*****A baptized Catholic, if married, is expected to be validly married in the Church prior to receiving Confirmation. Any questions regarding marriages, please consult your parish priest prior to registering**

What will the course be like?

The course will introduce the adult learner to major aspects of the Catholic faith through the study of the mass which includes reflection on the sacraments, the creed, prayer and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit essential to live the Christian life. The five weeks will be a chance to ask questions and move forward in faith. Please note attendance at the 5:00 p.m. mass is part of the class experience.

**St. John and St. Joseph
Religious Education
Classes:**



Winter Session Begins:

Sunday, January 28 10:00-10:50 a.m. Class Grades 2-5
Monday, January 29 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class Grades 6-8
Saturday, February 3 10:00-10:45 a.m. Class Grade 1
Sunday, February 4 10:00-10:50 a.m. Class Grades 2-5
Sunday, February 4 12:00-1:30 p.m. Penance CI & CII
Monday, February 5 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class Grades 6-8

Saint John's Food Pantry

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to making Thanksgiving and Christmas possible for families, who were in need. We understand times are tough, it's through your generosity that 57 families were given Thanksgiving Dinners and 400 Children and their Parents were given Christmas gifts and food. To all our special "ANGELS" who give from their hearts each week, you are a gift from God. Thank you to Father Bob for all his support, you will never know how much this means to us.

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.

Lenten Bible Study: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives Begins Thursday, Feb. 22: 10:30-12noon in the Lower Church

This five-week course will strengthen our Lenten journey as we look at the Passion and Resurrection narratives in each of the four Gospels. By studying the sufferings of Jesus and the actions of the apostles we will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Resurrection. The course, taught by Barbara Sullivan, MTS, will be held Feb.22, March 1, 8, 15 & 22. Suggested offering is \$5/session. No registration required - just bring your Bible! For more info contact Joe Stevens at 617-773-1021.

St. Francis of Assisi Open House

St Francis of Assisi School (SFA), a pre-kindergarten through grade 8 Catholic elementary school is hosting an Open House for prospective new families on Sunday, January 28th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. consisting of an Information Session at 1:00 p.m. followed by SFA student tours; meet the administration, faculty, and staff; hear from current students, parents, and alumni; learn about what SFA has to offer, its curriculum and extracurricular activities and so much more. In addition, prospective families may also visit our school throughout Catholic Schools Week (January 29th-February 2nd) from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted (pending availability) on a first come, first serve basis.

St. Francis of Assisi School is located at 850 Washington St. in Braintree. For more information, contact us at 781-848-0842 or visit our school's website at www.sfab.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to bring communion to residents at Quincy's nursing and rehab centers. Training will be provided. Previous experience as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is not required. If you're interested, please contact Joe Stevens at the rectory at 617-773-1021.

January 28, 2018 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.” Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ’s authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, “The greatest among you must be your servant” (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

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 27**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, January 28**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Church Hall
- Monday, January 29**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall
- Wednesday, January 31**
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John’s Food Pantry Open
- Thursday, February 1**
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall
- First Friday, February 2**
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
- First Saturday, February 3**
8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
10:00-10:45 a.m. Religious Ed. Grade 1
Church Hall
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, February 4**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:30 p.m. Penance Service
Confirmation I & II Students
(Meet in the Church Hall)

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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