

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.

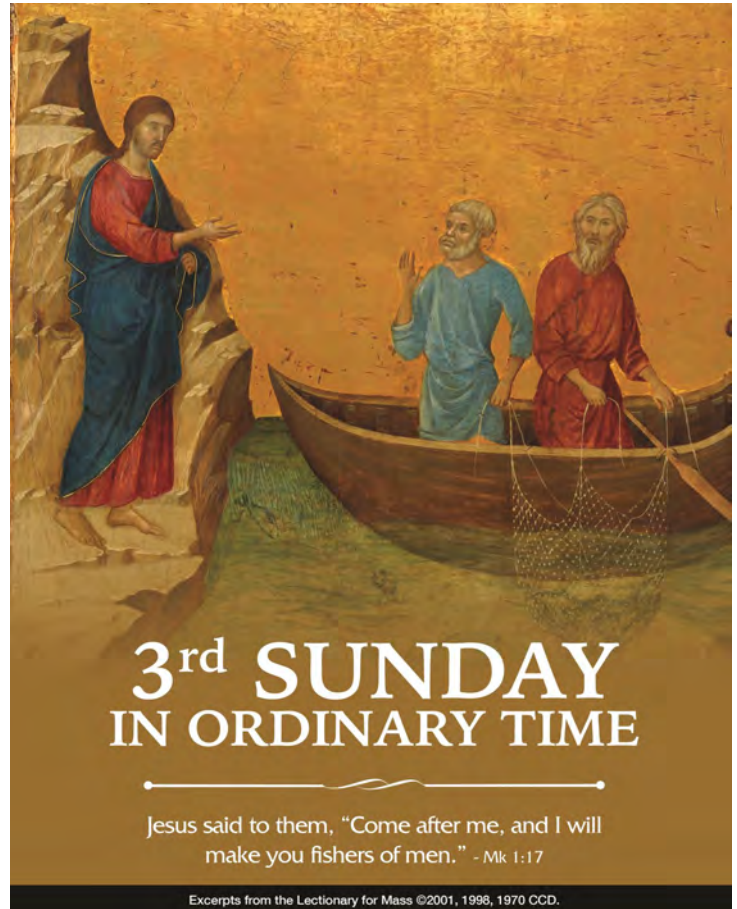
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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
Dn. Paul A. Lewis
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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

MASST INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. 16th Anniversary Thomas Guerin
 4:00 p.m. 7th Anniversary Madeline LeBlanc
 and 22nd Anniversary Gilbert LeBlanc

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. Memorial Amadio, Elvira
 and Maryanne Zaccheo
 5:00 p.m. 7th Anniversary Sue Colarusso

Monday, January 22

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 26

8:00 a.m.

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. 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 13/14

Church Collections \$6,930.20
 On-Line Giving 923.50
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$7,853.70

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,146.30)**

Second Collection ~ Daughters of Mary of Nazareth
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$6,961.69

This weekend January 20/21 there is one collection. Next weekend January 27/28 there will be two collections. The second collection next week is for the "Support of the Church around the World."

Thank you for your generosity

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"For the world in its present form is passing away." If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb. 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Feb. 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963.



Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following child who was baptized in December:

Christopher Mark Barra, III

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.



III Andrew Zbyszewski & Rebecca Nielson

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 21st the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Frank Calabro & Paul D'Olimpio. 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:

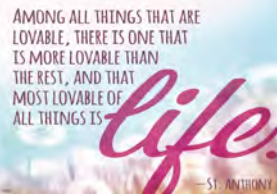


Clementina DiCienzo, Anthony J. Belmonte, Anthony D'Andrea and all our parishioners who have died recently, and for all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember in prayer all those who are ill and the intentions of our parishioners.

January 21, 2018

Holy Hour for Life:

A Holy Hour for Life will be held today, Sunday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, in Quincy, MA as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. This Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese so that we will be praying in solidarity with the thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. Sponsored by St. John's Parish & St. Joseph Parish, Quincy; we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The Holy Hour is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.



Please join us, all are welcome. Any questions, please call Deacon Leo Donoghue, 617-472-6321.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

By prayer, reflection and faith sharing Meeting Christ in Prayer can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ in Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Sister Anne D'Arcy. Participants pray with suggested scripture texts daily.

The group will meet at:

**Fontbonne Convent
444 Centre Street
Milton, MA 02186**

**Wednesday evenings 7-8pm
February 21 through April 11, 2018**

**For further information and to register please call:
617-433-5065 or email: Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston**

January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once again in today's Gospel Jesus gives us reassurance that if we "come after him" that is, if we follow him and come to friendship with him, he will give us what we need to bring others to Christ. Too often we take the first step of coming to friendship with Jesus, but we stop there! We don't take the next step of reaching out to bring others to Christ either because we lack confidence or don't think it is our job. Listen to Jesus speaking to you today, "come after me and I will make you fishers of men (and women)" How will you respond? What action will you take?

St. John and St. Joseph Religious Education Classes:



Winter Session Begins:

Sunday, January 21 10:00-10:50 a.m. Class Grades 2-5
Sunday, January 21 12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation II
Monday, January 22 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class Grades 6-8
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

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven." ~ Pope Francis

Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston which offers hope and healing for women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. **Project Rachel** offers confidential support, retreats and referrals for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession). Spring 2018 retreat dates will be March 10, May 5 and June 2. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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.

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.

Christmas Flower Booklet



Included in this weeks bulletin is the Christmas Flower Booklet. As always we do our best to make sure of the correct spelling of names. If your name is missing or has been spelled incorrectly just give us a call we would be happy to correct our mistake. Hope you enjoy the new booklet. Names are listed as envelopes were received, not alphabetically.

January 21, 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.” What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can’t help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become “fishers of men.” Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything –or anyone– else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord’s call. A son or daughter’s vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God’s special plan for their lives.

We don’t know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

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 20**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, January 21**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Religious Ed Class CII (Only)
Church Hall
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
Upper Church
- Monday, January 22**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall
- Wednesday, January 24**
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 25**
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall
- Friday, January 26**
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
- 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 Classes Grades 2-5
Church Hall

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.

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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