

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.

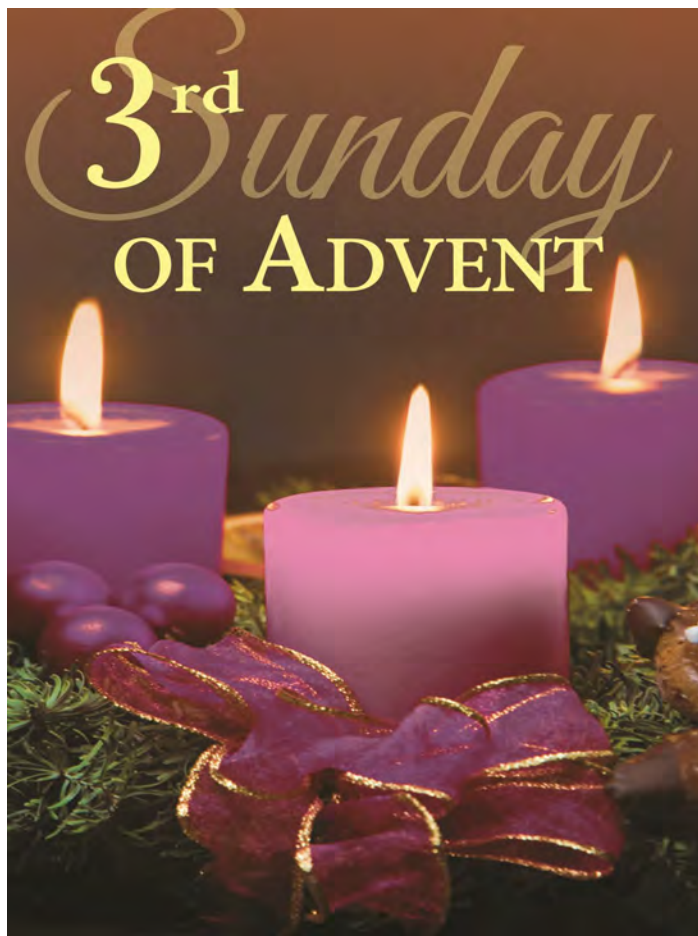
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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
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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



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*

Holy Day Collection - Immaculate Conception

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$2,370.41

Parish Weekly Goal: \$9,000.00

Weekend of December 9/10

Church Collections \$7,110.97

On-Line Giving 938.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,049.47

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(950.53)**

This weekend December 16/17 there is one collection. Next weekend December 23/24 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

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

Monday, December 18

8:00 a.m.. Maria das Dores

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Memorial Lillian & John Callahan

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 21

8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Memorial Patrick & Teresa Grannell

Saturday, December 23

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Kyle Sullivan

4:00 p.m. 7th Anniversary Costauno Ranalli

Sunday, December 24 ~ Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m. 9th Anniversary Leslie DeThomaso

11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Artie John DePietro



Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Anthony J. Pagnano, George A.

Harrington, Jr., Paul Barker, Mariano Marinelli 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.

Donations:



For the week of December 17th the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Dominic Lomanno, Nancy & Domenic Cicerone. 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).

December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent ~

Gaudete Sunday

The Scripture readings of this third week of Advent are filled with encouragement and joy. What words from Scripture caught your attention today? "The Spirit of God is upon me..." "Rejoice always." "In all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God for you." "The one who calls you is faithful." Savor the word of God that you heard today and let it nourish you throughout the coming week.

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.

December 17, 2017

A Note From Father Bob

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

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Saturday, December 16 11:00 a.m. Grade 2 Students (First Penance)

Sunday, December 17 10:00-10:50 a.m. Grades 3-5

Monday, December 18 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-8

Christmas Break: The Religious Program will have a couple of weeks off.

Next Class for Grade One will be on Saturday, January 6th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Next Class for Grades 2-5 will be on Sunday, January 21st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.



Schedule

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. 24 @ 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)

Witness to Life Rally - Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Stephen parish in Framingham. All are invited to help launch the Witness to Life pilgrimage at a Rally with Bishop Mark O'Connell, the Catholic band Delmore, prayer and adoration, plus two dynamic pro-life speakers: Sarah Mary Toce (Director of the New England Life and Leadership Project) and Dr. Paul Gondreau, Professor of theology at Providence College, and father of Dominic Gondreau, the young boy with cerebral palsy who was embraced by Pope Francis on Easter Sunday, 2013. For more information on this free event, contact Margaret Wakelee at mwakelee@rcab.org.

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/witnesstolife; or contact witnesstolife@rcab.org.

St. John's Food Pantry

St. John's Food Pantry will be **closed** on Wednesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 27th for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

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!!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and March 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

St. John the Baptist now has an

Official Facebook Page!

Email photos to: stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org.



December 17, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



Schedule

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

10:00-10:50 a.m. RE Classes Grades 3-5
Church Hall

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Upper Church

Wednesday, December 20

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

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Weekend
Upper Church

Sunday, December 24 ~ (Sunday Masses)

Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Only
Upper Church

Sunday, December 24 ~ (Christmas Eve Masses)

4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
Caroling preceding the 10:30 p.m. Mass @ 10:00
All Masses Held in the Upper Church

Monday, December 25 ~ (Christmas Day Masses)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Only)

“There is one...coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone’s shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he’s unworthy of doing this task for the “one who is coming after me,” he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ’s help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today’s epistle, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy.” Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

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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