

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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## *Mission 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.

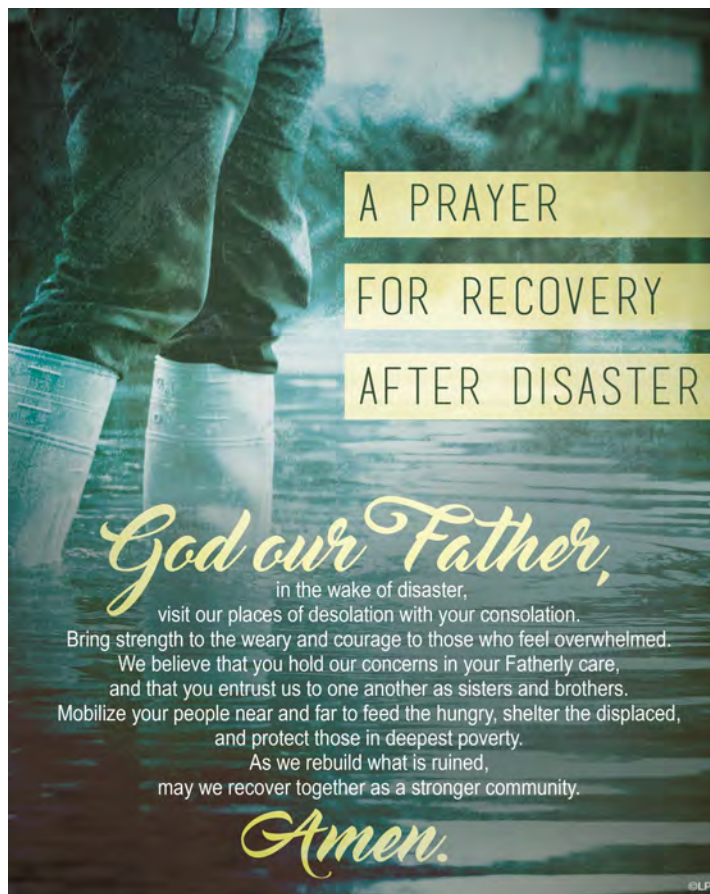
**WELCOME!** We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

## 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  
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**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 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*

**Saturday, September 23**

8:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Deceased Members of the  
Navicky & Trites Family

**Sunday, September 24**

8:30 a.m. Memorial Arthur Tonucci  
11:00 a.m. Month's Mind Ronnie Glennon  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

**Monday, September 25**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Daniella E. Struzziery  
& Coach Jack Riley

**Tuesday, September 26**

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Eleanor Downey

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Francis C. "Fink" Lindberg  
& Alice P. Curry

**Thursday, September 28**

8:00 a.m.

**Friday, September 29**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Brian A. Carey  
& Fr. John Dacey

**Saturday, September 30**

8:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary Arthur O'Brien

**Sunday, October 1**

8:30 a.m. Memorial Alfred & Filomina DiGiusto  
11:00 a.m. 29th Anniversary Betty O'Brien  
& 4th Anniversary Joseph O'Brien  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

<b>Parish Weekly Goal:</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>Weekend of September 16/17</b>	
Church Collections	\$7,078.38
On-Line Giving	<u>813.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,891.88</b>
 Weekly Goal overage/shortage	 <b>(1,108.12)</b>
<b>Second Collection - Clergy Health &amp; Retirement Trust</b>	
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$5,172.62</b>

This weekend September 23/24 there is one collection. Next weekend September 30/October 1 there will be two collections. The second collection next weekend helps support St. John's/St. Joseph's Religious Education Collaborative.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Donations:**

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:**

Cesidia Marinilli 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.



**Miramar Retreat Center 121 Parks Street Box M  
Duxbury, MA 02331**

Mini Retreat Day for Women: "The Grace of Laughter... The Art of Being Gentle with God, Self and all Creation" September 28, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (includes lunch) Facilitator: Maureen Casey SND Call (781)585-2460 or visit [www.miramarretreat.org](http://www.miramarretreat.org) for more details and retreats

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact the Rectory for an appointment. A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

September 24, 2017

### A Note from Fr. Cullen

Thank you to the many volunteers who cooked, baked, brought desserts, served, setup and cleaned up for yet another very successful parish picnic. Collectively we went through 150 hamburgers, 150 hot dogs, 150 chicken breasts with loads of chips, potato salad, coleslaw and of course corn on the cob. Good job everyone.



A very special thanks to Ron and Mary Stec who have coordinated this picnic for the last 12 years and have now retired. We are so grateful for all you have done for us.

Thanks also to Brian Tobin, Frank Goss, Dianna Wass, Barbara Trubiano and Debbie Gilcoine for all they do to organize the day and its success.

Once again the Boy Scouts from Troup 42 were there to assist with set up and breaking down of our tables and chairs, as well as some of our confirmation students and we are very grateful for their help as well.

To all the unnamed volunteers, know of our deep gratitude for your service to our parish community.

All the Best,  
Father Bob

### September 24 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable in today's gospel has many explanations. In it Jesus presents a lesson for his first disciples as well as for his disciples today. It is almost as if he is saying, "Everyone, no matter when they come to the faith, is equally precious to God." As Christ's disciples today, we need to celebrate each new generation and culture that comes to the faith. If we are to be the evangelizing parish that God intends, we need to welcome all those who come to our parish, not excluding anyone with a different language or religious practice, but rather see them as "equally precious to God."

### Open House at Catholic Memorial School

Catholic Memorial School is hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Middle School Program and 2:00-4:00 p.m. for the High School Program. Please join us for student-led campus tours. Meet faculty, staff, coaches, students and parents to discuss programs and answer questions. Please call Admissions at 617-469-8019 or visit our website at [www.CatholicMemorial.org](http://www.CatholicMemorial.org).

St. John & St. Joseph Religious Education  
Call 617-877-5014 or  
Email [restjohnquincy@gmail.com](mailto:restjohnquincy@gmail.com)



### Opening Day Information and Late Registration News:

**Classes open up today, Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. for Grades 2-5.** We look forward to seeing everyone! Parents please remember to accompany your child into the Lower Church and to come into the Lower Church at the end of class to meet your child.

If you have not yet registered your child please **register** him or her **before classes begin**. The **first day** of class is very busy, and we are **UNABLE to accept registrations** on the first day. After classes begin **late registrations** will be accepted at the Lower Church Hall on Monday, **September 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 617-877-5014 or [restjohnquincy@gmail.com](mailto:restjohnquincy@gmail.com).

**Sunday, Sept. 24th 10:00 a.m. Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5**  
**Sunday, Sept. 24th 6:00 p.m. Confirmation II Students & Parents**  
**Monday, Sept. 25th 6:30 p.m. Grades 6, 7 & 8**  
**Saturday, Sept. 30th 10:00 a.m. Grade 1**  
**Sunday, Oct. 1st 12:00 p.m. Conf. I & II Students**

All Classes are in the Lower Church Hall

### **Saint John's Food Pantry**

The St. John's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. located next to the back door of the Rectory. For those who are so generous to the important work of St. John's please send donations directly to the Rectory or use the blue envelopes marked SJFP and drop them into the regular parish collection. Our Pantry is sustained through the generous donations of 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.

Cycle A  
September 24, 2017  
25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



“Are you envious because I am generous?” The landowner in today’s Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 a.m. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God’s mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God’s generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God’s mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

# Weekly Schedule

## Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

### Saturday, September 23

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

### Sunday, September 24

10:00-10:50 Classes Grades 2-5  
Church Hall  
1:00 p.m. Filipino Mass  
Upper Church Reception following Church Hall  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation II Meeting Students  
And Parents Church Hall

### Monday, September 25

6:30-7:30 p.m. Opening Class Grades 6-8  
Church Hall

### Wednesday, September 27

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

### Friday, September 29

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

### Saturday, September 30

10:00-10:45 a.m. Religious Education Opening  
Class for Grade 1 in Church Hall  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Lower Chapel

### Sunday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Classes for Grades 2-5  
Church Hall  
12:00-1:30 p.m. Class for CI (Grade 9) & CII  
(Grade 10) 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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