

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
Dn. William R. Proulx
Joe Stevens, Pastoral Associate
Joanne Curry, Religious Education Director,
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Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant/Religious
Education Secretary
Paul Kelly, Music Director
St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908

A religious illustration showing Jesus in the center, wearing a white robe, reaching out to a crowd of people. Some people are being held up, and others are being touched. The scene is set in a stone building with arches. The text 'FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME' is written in large blue letters at the top. Below the illustration, there is a quote in white text on a dark blue background: 'When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34'. At the bottom of the illustration, there is small text: 'Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC. Cover © Liturgical Publications Inc. Photo All the City was Gathered at His door by Tissot, www.RestoredTraditions.com'.

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, 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. Memorial Joseph N. Lenehan III

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Monday, February 5

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 8

8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 9

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Month's Mind Mariano Marinelli

Sunday, February 11

8:30 a.m. 6th Anniversary Michael Norton

11:00 a.m. Memorial Maddalena & Francesco DiCesare

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 27/28

Church Collections \$6,380.77

On-Line Giving 883.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$7,264.27

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,735.73)**

Second Collection ~ Support for Church around the World

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$2,700.29

This weekend February 3/4 there is one collection. Next weekend February 10/11 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

February 4 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel recounts "a day in the life" of Jesus. We are told he visited the home of Peter, where Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law. While there, word spread of his presence and so the whole town came to the door bringing those who were sick with various diseases, as well as those possessed with demons - all to be cured. Jesus never turned away those who were in need of healing. In your busy life, is there someone Jesus has put in your path that needs a listening ear, a healing touch, a caring smile? Be the face of Jesus to that person today, this week.

Donations:

For the week of February 4 the Bread has been donated for the full recovery of Tim Fitzpatrick. 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).



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. Weeks with a holiday, notices must be received by the Wednesday before by 3:00 p.m.

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.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Pray For... James F. Hogan, Jr., Marie T. Romano 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.

February 4, 2018

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



Winter Session Begins:

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
Sunday, February 11 10:00-10:50 a.m. Class Grades 2-5
Sunday, February 11 12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation I
Monday, February 12 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class Grades 6-8

Lector/Eucharistic Minister Meeting & Lunch

Mark your calendars! There will be a short meeting, followed by lunch for all lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday, February 24th at 11:30 a.m. in the lower church. This will be a great opportunity to say thank you for your service, while also taking care of a few housekeeping items, including CORI forms for the new year. Please make every effort to attend! RSVP to Joe Stevens by calling the rectory or email him at jstevens@stjohnsquincy.org.

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.

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.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508)238-2300.

Adult 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.

Saint John's Food Pantry

The St. John's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the building located next to the back door of the rectory. If you have any questions or need assistance please call 617-472-4908.

For those who are so generous to the important work of St. John's Food Pantry 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.

Thanks for all your support!

Receipt for Tax Purposes

If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory. Thank you!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE: _____

February 4, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

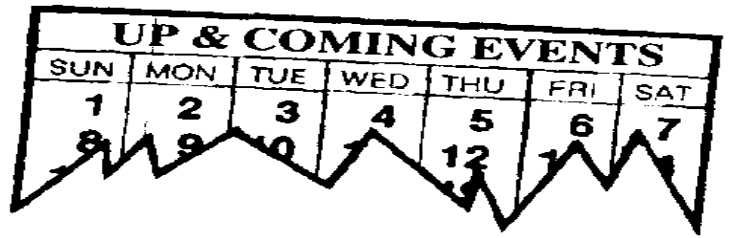


For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.



Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, February 3

- 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, February 4

- 10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Church Hall
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Penance Service Conf. I & II
Church Hall

Monday, February 5

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

Wednesday, February 7

- 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 8

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

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

- 10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades 2-5
Church Hall
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation I
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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