

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.

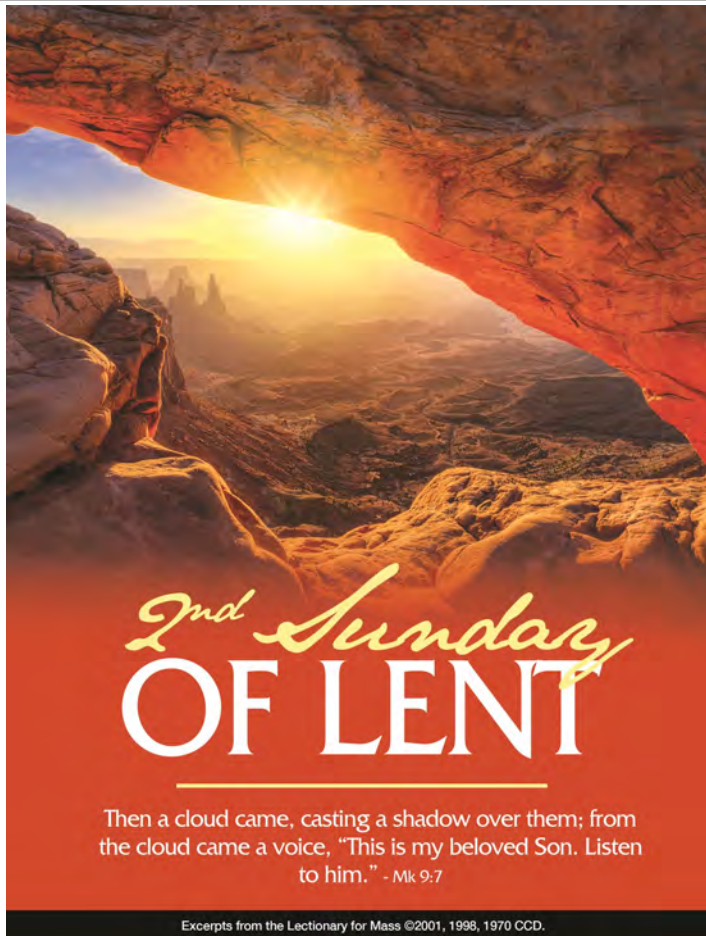
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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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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

Second Sunday of Lent



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, February 24

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mary Tieso
4:00 p.m. Memorial William & Joan Connell

Sunday, February 25

8:30 a.m. 19th Anniversary Joao Rocha
11:00 a.m. 30th Anniversary Mary Coughlan
5:00 p.m. Month's Mind James Haley

Monday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Month's Mind James F. Hogan, Jr.

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Robert McLaughlin

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 1

8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 2

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Memorial James A. O'Malley
4:00 p.m. 5th Anniversary Muriel Louise Cullen

Sunday, March 4

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Sean Kearney
11:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary Maureen O'Neil Piccarini
5:00 p.m. 6th Anniversary Frederick J. Opanasets

Parish Weekly Goal: \$9,000.00

Weekend of February 17/18

Church Collections \$6,442.68
On-Line Giving 818.50
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$7,261.18

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,738.82)**

Ash Wednesday ~ Collection for Catholic Charities

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$3,587.76

This weekend February 24/25 there is one collection. Next weekend March 3/4 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

February 25 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

The readings this week deserve to be read, and reread and pondered. "God put Abraham to the test." Those sound like scary words. Think about it: God put (insert YOUR name) to the test. What might that test look like in your life? How are you tested? How do you respond to difficult situations God asks you to face? In our Gospel, we hear God speak "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." As you begin this second week of Lent, listen attentively to what Jesus is speaking to you, asking of you? How will you respond? Remember God's promise!

Donations:

For the week of February 25 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Edward & Anna Gentile. 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).



Eucharistic Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday we have Eucharistic Adoration starting right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the lower Chapel. For the Season of Lent we will be adding the **Stations of the Cross** after the close of Adoration roughly at **3:30 p.m.** in the Upper Church.

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:

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.

Lenten 2018 Guidelines

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.



Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.



Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

2018 Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be announced in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese and throughout the world. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. To make an online pledge, please visit:

www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal.

Lenten Bible Study

The Passion and Resurrection Narratives
Thursdays, 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 March 1, 8, 15 & 22. Suggested offering is \$5/session. No registration required - just bring your Bible! For more information contact Joe Stevens at 617-773-1021.

Initiated by Pope Francis in 2014, **24 Hours for the Lord** is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following locations in the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for 24 hours (either for 24 hours straight, or two stretches of 12 hours each day) on Friday, March 9 through Saturday, March 10. Host parishes will be offering Eucharistic Adoration and ongoing Confessions during the hours provided below. Host locations include: **St. Paul Parish**, Hingham; **St. Joseph Parish**, Kingston; **St. Stephen Parish**, Framingham; **St. Brendan Parish**, Bellingham; **St. Theresa Parish**, N. Reading; **St. Mary Parish**, Lynn; **St. Joseph the Worker Shrine**, Lowell; **Sacred Heart Parish**, Bradford; **Seaport Shrine**, Boston; and **St. Anthony Parish**, Cambridge. For more information, visit bostoncatholic.org/24hours.

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



Sunday, February 25 10:00-10:50 a.m. Classes Grades 2-5
Sunday, February 25 2:00 p.m. **Confirmation @ St. Joe's**
Students are asked to arrive at St. Joe's rectory no later than 1:15 p.m.

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 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent



How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he “led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.” But what happens there? “And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.” Today’s Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don’t enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah’s revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hikes a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let’s persevere this Lent! Today’s Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he’ll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

- Saturday, February 24**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, February 25**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Upper Church
2:00 p.m. Confirmation @ St. Joseph’s Parish
- Monday, February 26**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall
- Wednesday, February 28**
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John’s Food Pantry Open
- Thursday, March 1**
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
Church Hall
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall
- First Friday, March 2**
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
3:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
Upper Church
- First Saturday, March 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, March 4**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation I
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. Weeks with a holiday, notices must be received by the Wednesday before by 3:00 p.m.

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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