

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

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A religious illustration depicting Jesus cleansing the temple. Jesus, on the left, is shown with a halo, wearing a red and gold robe, holding a whip. He is gesturing towards a group of men in the temple. One man is holding a sheep. The background shows the architecture of the temple with arches and columns. The text 'THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT' is overlaid on the top of the illustration.

THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT

SINCE THE PASSOVER OF THE JEWS WAS NEAR, JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM. HE FOUND IN THE TEMPLE AREA THOSE WHO SOLD OXEN, SHEEP, AND DOVES, AS WELL AS THE MONEY CHANGERS SEATED THERE. HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS AND DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE AREA.
- JN 2:13B-15A

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. Cover © Liturgical Publications Inc. Photo Christ Cleansing the Temple by Guido, 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

Third Sunday of Lent

MASST INTENTIONS

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, 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

Monday, March 5

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Memorial Flora Cicerone
and Anna & Domenico Cicerone

Wednesday, March 7

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Maude Schroeder

Friday, March 9

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 10

8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. 5th Anniversary Kristen Mawn

Sunday, March 11

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Nofri Solimini
11:00 a.m. 40th Anniversary Caroline D'Olimpio
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Due to the early deadline for this weeks bulletin, the collection totals for the weekend of February 24/25 will be printed in next weeks bulletin.

This weekend March 3/4 there is one collection. Next weekend March 10/11 is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Appeal. Due to the Appeal the annual **St. John's Fuel Collection** will be **moved** to the following weekend, **March 17/18**. If you receive envelopes in the mail, please hold the envelope marked "**Annual Parish Fuel Collection**" until the weekend of March 17/18. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity

March 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel gives us a picture of Jesus that may make us uncomfortable. Jesus knew well the wrongs and injustices that were prevalent in some temple practices. Let us remember the wrath of Jesus against those who made it difficult, if not impossible, for people to be welcome in the house of God. As we strive to become better at being evangelizing parishes, is there anything about our church/parish life--a snobbishness, an exclusiveness, a coldness, a lack of welcome--which might keep the seeking stranger away? Lent gives us a good opportunity to make the necessary changes to those behaviors.

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.



Next Sunday, March 11 begins Daylight Saving Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!!

Donations:

For the week of March 4 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of  Arthur E. Foster, Jr. 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).

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:

Joseph G. Martell 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.

Lenten 2018 Guidelines

Good Friday is a day 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.



Congratulations to the following St. John and St. Joseph students who were confirmed by Bishop Dooher last Sunday at St. Joseph's Parish. Please continue to pray for our young women and men as they continue to grow on their faith journey.

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| Robert Chin | Aaron O'Toole |
| Ryan Conover | Jillian O'Toole |
| Joseph Corbett, Jr. | Sean O'Toole |
| Alessandro Cosgrove | Ethan Pham |
| David DeVoy | Adam Reinhardt |
| Patrick DeVoy | Jennifer Segale |
| Maeve Farrell | Cameron Seviour |
| Aidan Healy | Juliana Stagg |
| Hyan Melicio | Brenna Tobin |
| Eric Manter | Abigail Vixama |
| Maggie Murphy | Michelle Vu |
| Jessica Nguyen | |

Walking with Mary - a multicultural Marian Procession through the streets of Boston with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, will take place on April 7 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. The program begins and ends at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (The Mission Church), Boston, and includes an address by Cardinal Sean. Confession, adoration, praise, and worship will also be available following the procession. For more information, contact Gail Mattulina at gmattulina@rcab.org.



Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following children who were baptized in February:

- Jackson Jeffrey Benton*
- Matthew Domenic McSweeney*
- Brian Shields, Jr.*
- Patrick James Shields*
- Benjamin Thomas Ventosi*

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!

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.

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: _____

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March 4, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent



We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin--our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

- First Saturday, March 3
8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
10:00-10:45 a.m. First Grade Religious Ed Class
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
Upper Church
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class
Church Hall
Monday, March 5
6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall
Wednesday, March 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, March 8
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
Church Hall
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall
Friday, March 9
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Upper Church
Saturday, March 10
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
Sunday, March 11
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class

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.

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