

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
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St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

- Jn 3:20-21



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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

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 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

Monday, March 12

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Memorial David A. Kaplan

Thursday, March 15

8:00 a.m. 27th Anniversary Artie John DePietro
& 3rd Anniversary Peter Niosi, Sr.

Friday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Wilfred P. Thibodeau

Saturday, March 17

8:00 a.m. 5th Anniversary Umberto DiPaolo

4:00 p.m. 4th Anniversary Frank Colletta

Sunday, March 18

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial
Ralph & Josephine Tutela

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

This Weekend Is The 2018 Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

Parish Weekly Goal: \$9,000.00

Weekend of February 24/25

Church Collections \$7,635.78

On-Line Giving 883.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,519.28

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(480.72)**

Weekend of March 3/4

Church Collections \$7,297.44

On-Line Giving 818.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,115.94

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(884.06)**

This weekend March 10/11 is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Appeal. **CHANGE:** Due to the Cardinal's Appeal the annual **St. John's Fuel Collection has been moved to next weekend, March 17/18.** If you receive envelopes in the mail, please hold the envelope marked "Annual Parish Fuel Collection" until next weekend March 17/18. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity

Donations:

For the week of March 11 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Edgar Abordo. 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).



March 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday

Oftentimes at sports events, concerts and the like, we see people holding a sign "John 3:16." Do we consider the truth of that text when we see it or do we see it as non-sense? This very text is presented to us in today's Gospel. It is given to us to remind us of the extent of God's love. All are included in God's vast inclusive love. St. Augustine puts this truth this way: "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love." As your Lenten journey continues take a few minutes to ponder God's all-inclusive love for you and how you will respond to that love.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

 Frederick Padula, Sandra D. Mason, Jean M. Burnes, Richard J. DiSalvio, Richard Storella, Diane T. Young 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.

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.

Collaborative News from Father Bob



The Collaborative of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's of Quincy will be initiated on June 1, 2018. As a first step moving toward that Cardinal Sean O'Malley has appointed Fr. Matt Williams as pastor of both parishes. As I said last week Fr. Matt, who grew up locally here in Weymouth, will bring a wealth of experience in working with young adults and the youth gleaned in his many years as the Archdiocesan Director for Youth. He was ordained in 2003 and had a previous assignment at St. Mary's in Dedham. In speaking with him last week he told me he was excited to be coming to Quincy, excited to be a first time pastor, and looking forward to ministry here at St. John's and St. Joseph's.

I hope that you recall that working collaboratively with another parish doesn't mean the parishes are merging. They will operate as separate parishes, with separate finances, but as a cost saving measure will share in things like personnel, religious education (as we have already been doing) and any other ways that will make financial sense for the two to work together. Each parish will still have it's own finance council, but there will be one parish council formed to assist the new pastor in running both parishes. Over the next few months Fr. Matt will be putting together his team, (hopefully he will have an assistant pastor) so that on June 1, 2018 they will be ready to begin leading both parishes in what the Disciples in Mission Office calls the new evangelization. Please keep Fr. Matt, and both parishes in your prayers during this time of transition.

Peace and Blessings
Fr. Bob

2018 CORI CHECKS

At St. John the Baptist Parish we are committed to keeping our children and all parishioners safe. CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) annual background checks help us to assure a safe environment. Each parish is mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to complete CORI forms each year for all clergy, religious, all paid parish staff (full and part time), and all parish volunteers who have any contact with children or our home-bound parishioners. This year we have been reminded that this includes all Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult Choir Members.

You may ask questions about this process and/or complete a CORI form at the following times:

- Sunday, March 11 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Lower Church Hall*
- Monday, March 12 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. Lower Church Hall*
- Sunday, March 18 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Lower Church Hall*
- Monday, March 19 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. Lower Church Hall*
- Monday-Friday, March 12-16 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Rectory*
- Monday-Friday, March 19-23 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Rectory*

It is necessary to bring a driver's license or Mass ID with you to complete this form.

Easter Flower Envelopes:



Donations for Easter Flowers may be made in memory of loved ones by using the Easter Flower Envelopes in the back of the Church or the ones that come in your monthly envelope packet if you receive envelopes through the mail. Your donations help to decorate our Church for the Easter Season. Please try to Print Clearly the names of your loved ones on the envelopes and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you!

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.

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: _____

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes --being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

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.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

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
 Upper Church
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class
 Church Hall

Monday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

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 16

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Lower Chapel
 3:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
 Upper Church

Saturday, March 17 ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lower Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Baptism Instruction
 Upper Church

Sunday, March 18

10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class
 Church Hall
 12:30 p.m. Baptisms
 Upper Church

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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