

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 & 5:00PM
Weekdays 8:00AM Mon.-Sat.
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Cullen, Administrator
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Hosanna in the highest!"

- Mk 11:9-10

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Easter Triduum



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Holy Thursday, March 29

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. ~ The Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 p.m. ~ Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 30

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. ~ The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 31

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. ~ Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass

Michael & Catherine McGonigle

Palm Sunday Vigil

4:00 p.m. Memorial Cesidia Marinilli

(Palms will be distributed at all Masses this Weekend)



Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Memorial John & Barbara "Bernie" Norton

11:00 a.m. 16th Anniversary Cosimo Donato

5:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Danielle M. Creighton

Holy Week Daily 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 26

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 27

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mr. & Mrs. Frank Scott

Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday

Masses

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



(There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust:

Easter Collection 2018

Next week, our Easter collection will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. Our priests are always there for us, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at: clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word PRIEST25 to 20222 (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Our priests thank you for your prayers and support.

March 25 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Even though we know how today's scripture ends, can we listen and ponder as if we are hearing it for the first time? "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Do your words confess that Jesus is Lord? Are we ready and willing to share Christ's extraordinary love for us with others? Trust that the Lord will give us well-trained tongues, that we might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Then, invite someone to join you next week for Easter Mass.

Pray For... **Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Walter A. Taylor 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.

Donations:

For the week of March 25 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Cesidia Marinilli. 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).



A Note from Father Bob

"I love a good storm." That's what my sister texted from her home in Marshfield as another nor'easter approached us last Tuesday. At first I thought she was crazy, but as the day went on I began to understand what she was talking about. Storms such as those, where everyone is advised to stay home and off the roads, can be very healing for all of us. In our fast paced and hectic world, when we barely have time to enjoy all that we are working for, those storms give us the opportunity to stay at home from work and school to rest and just be with our families. They force us to slow down to sleep, eat and rest.

And as we enter into this Holy Week I hope that we'll all use that thinking to enter fully into the Paschal Mystery. We need to slow down this week and spend time with God and our parish family. This week underscores the main themes of our faith. That Jesus laid down his life for us and was raised from the dead so that we might have eternal life. WOW. To be loved that much! We need to let that sink in. I hope that many of you will come and attend the Triduum Masses this week, The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. They all begin at 7:00 p.m. If you've never experienced these liturgies, do yourself a favor and come. I promise you, they will bring new understanding to your faith journey and give new meaning to the hope and joy we experience at Easter.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Blessings
Father Bob

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reminder: This week the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 28 from **8:30-9:00 a.m.** in the morning and again from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the evening, in the lower chapel. Please **Note** the Sacrament of Reconciliation **will not** be held on Holy Saturday, March 31.

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!



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 March 17/18	
Church Collections	\$7,298.95
On-Line Giving	<u>818.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$8,117.45
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(882.55)

Second Collection ~ St. John's Fuel Collection

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$5,298.35

This weekend March 24/25 is one collection. Next weekend March 31/April 1 (**Easter Sunday**) there will also be one collection with all offerings going towards the **Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**.

The **Good Friday** collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your generosity

Come Join Us In Prayer As We Carry The Cross On Good Friday

To All Of Our Churches In Quincy!

On Good Friday, March 30, 2018, we will again be carrying the Cross through the City of Quincy, stopping at each of its seven Catholic Churches where we will offer our intentions and pray two stations of the Cross. Come join us on our prayerful journey. You are welcome to join us for the whole day or any part of it. For the whole itinerary and estimated times, please visit:

www.quincywayofthecross.com.

The expected arrival time at St. John's is 11:45 a.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!

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord



Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days--even hours--Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

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.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

- Saturday, March 24**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, March 25**
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Upper Church
- Monday, March 26**
6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall
- Wednesday, March 28**
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
- Holy Thursday, March 29**
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 p.m. Night Prayer
- Good Friday, March 30**
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
Upper Church
7:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord
- Holy Saturday, March 31**
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
(NO Sacrament of Reconciliation Today)
- Easter Sunday, April 1**
Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. **(NO 5:00 p.m.)**

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.

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.

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 _____

Check if address change

Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO