

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
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Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant/Religious
Education Secretary
Paul Kelly, Music Director
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

Sunday of Divine Mercy



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 7
8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. 16th Anniversary Lawrence J. Cullen

Sunday, April 8
8:30 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Catherine “Kay” Craig
11:00 a.m. Memorial Eleanor, Alfred & Donna Saluti and Elizabeth O’Brien

5:00 p.m. Birthday & 1st Anniversary John Burke

Monday, April 9
8:00 a.m. 17th Anniversary
 Dr. Rolando F. Estanislao

Tuesday, April 10
8:00 a.m. 5th Anniversary Claire O’Rourke

Wednesday, April 11
8:00 a.m. Memorial Oliva Daus Villanuva

Thursday, April 12
8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 13
8:00 a.m. Memorial Nancy & Quintin Reed and Donna Bush

Saturday, April 14
8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. 100th Birthday Memorial Mary E. Regan

Sunday, April 15
8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary John Dougan
11:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Lori Podgurski
5:00 p.m. 12th Anniversary Catherine O’Connor and 22nd Anniversary James O’Connor

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 24/25	
Church Collections	\$9,069.61
On-Line Giving	<u>913.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$9,983.11

Weekly Goal overage/shortage	983.11
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Weekend of March 31/April 1 ~ ***Easter Sunday Collection***
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

Church Collections	\$14,261.04
On-Line Giving	<u>848.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$15,109.54

This weekend April 7/8 there is one collection. Next weekend April 14/15 there will also be one collection.

March 30 ~ Good Friday Collection	
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$2,131.00

Easter Flower Collection	
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$4,073.00

Thank you for your generosity

2018 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. As of March 30, 2018 St. John’s has received \$45,398. towards our goal of \$49,810. reaching 91% of our goal. This is a wonderful start. If you have not made a pledge yet please consider making one today. There are envelopes at the back of the Church. Thank you to all of you who have pledged already. We are so close, hopefully we will reach our goal soon. Thanks again!!

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter collection for our priests. Thank you for your prayers and generous support! To learn more about the Trust you can follow it on Facebook “@ClergyTrust.”

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

Catherine E. Brandolini, Rein DeYoung, Dorothy Manfreda 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 April 8 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Caterina Iacovangelo. 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.

Happy Easter Season, Dear Fellow Members of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Jesus has Risen! Alleluia



In Chapter 20:25 of John's Gospel, the rejoicing apostles tell the doubting Thomas, "We have seen the Lord."

While we may not have seen Jesus face to face yet, we have truly been blessed with his presence in the many ways that he has blessed us and graced our lives. God has given us our lives. He has sent his only begotten son to redeem us. He has given us the ability to believe. He has blessed us with all of creation and with the people in our lives that love and support us, and with the Church that nourishes our faith journeys. Deo Gratias! Thanks Be to God!

In that spirit of gratitude I want to thank all of the many wonderful people who helped to make our Holy Week Liturgies so wonderful.

The music ministry, the maintenance staff, the lectors and extraordinary ministers of communion, the church decorators, the altar servers, the office staff, the food pantry volunteers, our Catechists, the Deacons and their wives, Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, and Father Chris! There are so many volunteers here that assist week after week with the running of the parish and I want them to know how much I appreciate them, that I couldn't do it without them and am so grateful.

Let us keep that Alleluia spirit alive over the entire Easter Season as we give thanks to God for all of his blessings.

Peace
Father Bob



This weekend marks the end of our religious education classes for this year with the exception of Grade 2.

Grade 1

Saturday, April 7 ~ Last Class

Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5

Sunday, April 8 Class for Grades 2-5

(Last Class for Grades 3, 4 & 5)

Sunday, April 22 Class for Grade 2 Only

Grades 6, 7 & 8

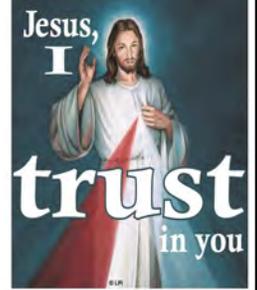
Monday, April 9 Last Class

Confirmation I (Grade 9)

Sunday, April 8 Last Class

Praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.



On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

The Power of Invitation

We continually are encouraged to acknowledge and be receptive to the many invitations from God to enter His door standing open for us in Heaven. With The Blessed Mother as the consummate example of acceptance of His calling, women from every parish are invited to join in an afternoon of prayer, reflection, meditation and adoration. Be prepared to be enlightened to the ways in which your life can be impacted by recognizing and accepting, with courage and faith, God's divine invitation to each of us.

St. Joseph's BVM Sodality will be hosting a presentation by Mary Kiley here at St. John the Baptist "The Power of Invitation." It will take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. The cost is \$10.00, payable to Sue Welliver, 62 Edison Park, Quincy, MA 02169 Light refreshments will be served - Please RSVP by April 8th.

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!

April 8, 2018
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of the been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body--mangled and bloody from the crucifixion--is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him--wound for wound--and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

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

First Saturday, April 7

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions Lower Chapel
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. Religious Ed Grade 1 Last Class Church Hall
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel

Sunday, April 8

- 10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5 (Last Class for Grades 3, 4 & 5)
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class (Last Class) (All Classes held in Church Hall)

Monday, April 9

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades 6-8 Church Hall (Last Class)

Wednesday, April 11

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

Friday, April 13

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

Saturday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 15

- 12:30 p.m. Baptisms Upper Church
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Sodality Church Hall

April 8- 2nd Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Scriptures today call us to imitate the disciples in bearing witness to the Resurrection of Christ. In the gospel we hear of Thomas' move from doubt to faith. It is a journey many of us have experienced and so with Thomas we can exclaim, "My Lord, and my God." On this Divine Mercy Sunday, pray that your words and actions offer faith, mercy and peace to those in your family, neighborhood, school and workplace. By in doing so, you may just help someone move from doubt to faith!

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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