

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.

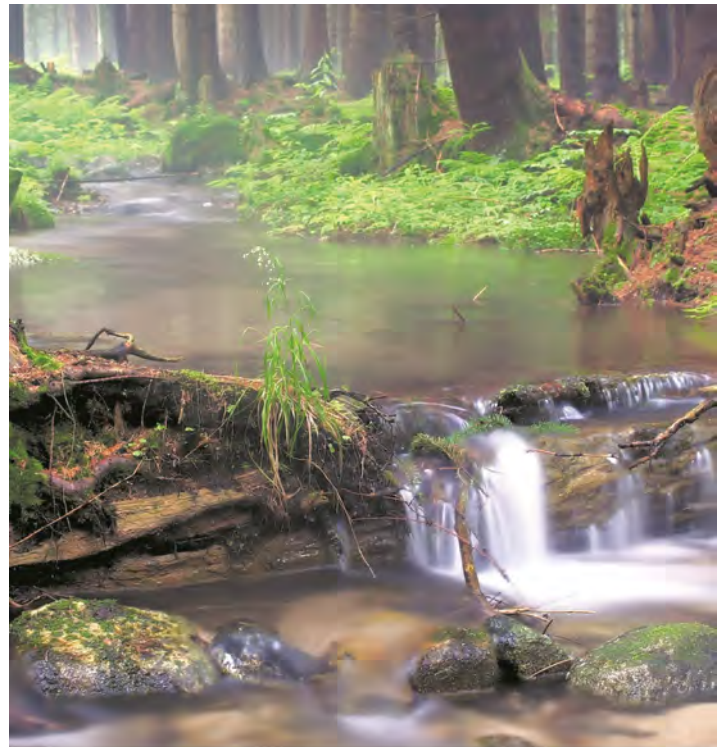
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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



*H*e said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." — Lk 24:44, 48

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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

Third Sunday of Easter



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 16

8:00 a.m. 7th Anniversary Domenick Palingo
and Memorial Barbara Jean Palingo

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Maryellen MacDonald

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 19

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Michael D. Callahan

Saturday, April 21

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial John & Anne Morrissey
and Ed & Kathleen Fitzpatrick

Sunday, April 22

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Marcia Connerty

11:00 a.m. Memorial Sean & Paul Lally

5:00 p.m. Memorial Wess Clarke

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 April 7/8

Church Collections \$8,253.45

On-Line Giving 1,053.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$9,306.95

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **306.95**

This weekend April 14/15 there is one collection. Next weekend April 21/22 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

April 15 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus asks the disciples in today's gospel, and he asks us, "Why are you troubled?" We may want to respond, "Don't you see the terrible things happening in our world?" Jesus responds to his disciples of every age, that suffering and hardship did not destroy him, nor will it destroy us. That means that as his disciples, we are not meant to stay in the upper room -- that place of fear and confusion. Rather Jesus sends his disciples out into the world. Take with you today the message of Easter joy, the message that is for all people.

2018 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. As of April 6, 2018 St. John's has received \$47,983. towards our goal of \$49,810. reaching 96% of our goal. This is wonderful. We are almost there!! If you have not made a pledge yet please consider making one today. There are envelopes at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity always to St. Johns.

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.

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

Paul O'Connor, James W. O'Reilly, Jr. 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 15 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Mary E. Regan. 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).



April 15, 2018

Marriage & Banns

I Kimberly Abruzzi & Jake Reeves

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep - Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/familylife or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are April 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit on the website at: <https://wwmema.org/>.

Parish and Collaborative Vocation Team

Seminar (4/28) All are invited to participate. The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Boston invites you to a morning seminar April 28, 2018 on parish vocation ministry and the Life of a Seminarian. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a light continental breakfast and exciting and compelling witness talks by seminarians and parents of future priests. The seminar will be finished by 12:00 noon. Come and join us as we explore how we can foster a Culture of all Vocations and Vocations to the Priesthood at our parishes. Questions? - Please contact Mary Jo Kriz at mkriz@rcab.org. To register please visit vocationsboston.org.

"Created For Freedom"

**Spring Weekend Retreat
With Fr. Mike McNamara**

Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St., Duxbury, MA

**Friday, May 25, 2018
To
Sunday, May 27, 2018 after lunch**

**\$270 (Double occupancy)
Price includes 6 meals. All rooms private baths.**

**For more information please call Servants of Christ
Ministries @ (781) 545-8336.**

Faith FORMATION

**Sunday, April 22 Last Class for Grade 2 Only
10:00-10:50 a.m. Church Hall**

First Communion and Rehearsal Schedule

**St. Joseph Saturday, April 28 11am
Rehearsal at St. Joseph for student and parent
Wednesday, April 25 6:30p.m.**

**St. Joseph Sunday, April 29 8:30am
Rehearsal at St. Joseph for student and parent
Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm**

**St. John the Baptist Saturday, May 5 11am
Rehearsal at St. John for student and parent
Wednesday, May 2 6:30pm**

Annual Scouting Awards Mass - The Catholic Committee for Scouting will honor area Boy and Girl Scouts and their adult leaders on May 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Newton. If your Scouts or troop leaders will be receiving awards this year, please visit BostonCatholicScouting.org for information on the Boards of Review, adult nominations, and all application deadlines. All Scouts, troop leaders and families are encouraged to attend the Mass. Questions? Contact Kathryn Griffin at kgriffin@rcab.org.

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!

Spring Life in the Spirit Seminar-hosted by Charismatic Renewal Services of Boston, the seminar will be held on April 27-29 at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Live in the promise of the Resurrection this Easter season! For more information, visit CRSBoston.com or email Vincent Cerasuolo at vcerasuolo@rcab.org.



April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter



“Why do questions arise in your hearts?” After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It’s no surprise that the Apostles were initially “startled and terrified” to the extent that they “thought that they were seeing a ghost.”

Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity--“look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself”--Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He “opened their minds to understand scriptures,” making known the connections between his own words and deeds and “everything written about (him) in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms.”

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. “You are witnesses of these things.” The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus’ responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but “all the nations.”

This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church’s teaching. By sacramental grace, God’s “peace” is “with [us].” We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.

Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

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

Tuesday, April 17
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Upper Church

Wednesday, April 18
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John’s Food Pantry Open

Thursday, April 19
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA
Church Hall

Friday, April 20
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel

Saturday, April 21
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Sunday, April 22
10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grade 2 only
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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Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO