

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.

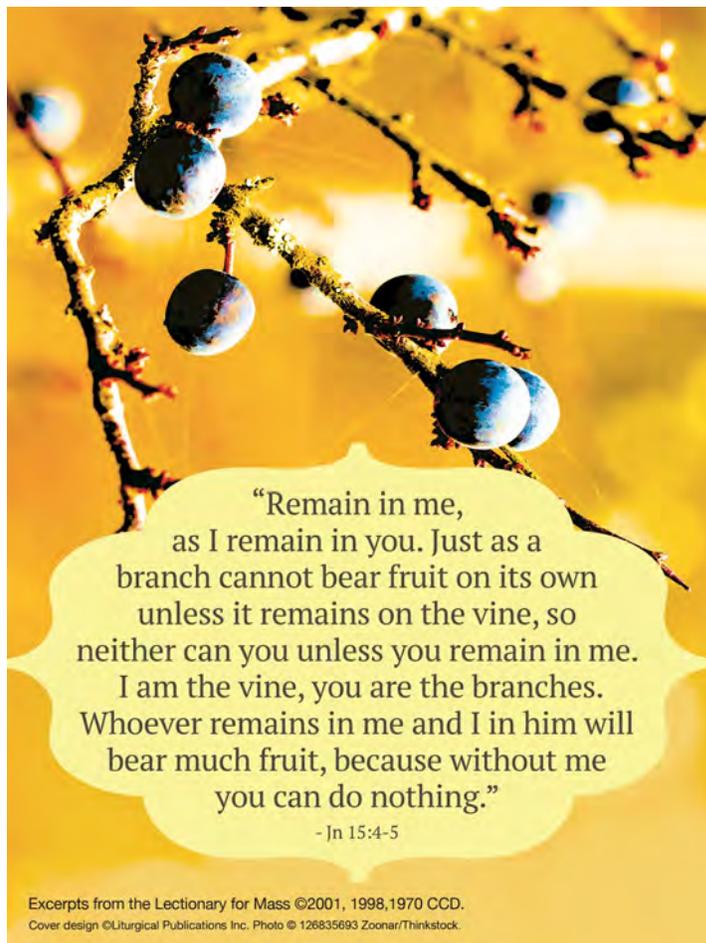
WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

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

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 28

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Maria & John DaSilva

Sunday, April 29

8:30 a.m. 5th Anniversary Vincenzina Sica

11:00 a.m. 25th Anniversary Ennio Eleuteri

5:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Angelina Aimola

Monday, April 30

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary Frank J. Roberts

Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 3

8:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary Jean Wilkowsky

Friday, May 4

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 5

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Denise McCreven Howes

4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary Annina Franciosa
and 14th Anniversary Luciano Franciosa

Sunday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Memorial James & Margaret DeAngelo

11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Peter Morgan

5:00 p.m. Memorial Fefelmie Fernan

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 21/22

Church Collections \$7,322.38

On-Line Giving 918.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,240.88

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(759.12)**

This weekend April 28/29 there is one collection. Next weekend May 5/6 there will be two collections

The second collection next weekend is for the General Up-keep of our parish. As always we appreciate your generosity that helps to keep our parish so beautiful..

Thank you for your generosity

April 29 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

Did you hear the words of today's gospel? "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without you can do nothing." What a consolation to have Jesus guiding and companioning us. With him, we have the ability to be his disciples. During this Easter season, hold fast to the truth that Christ accompanies us in the work of evangelization. So let's get to work!

2018 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. As of April 20, 2018 St. John's has received \$49,477. towards our goal of \$49,810. reaching 99% of our goal. We are almost there so close! Only have \$333.00 left to reach our goal. 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.

Pray For... Your Prayers are Requested for:

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 29 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Esther & Francis O'Brien. 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.

Marriage Banns

III Kimberly Abruzzi & Jake Reeves

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 10 Diamond Street, Walpole, MA 02081 on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Father Joseph P. McDermott.

If you would like a list of all healing services, usually being held on the last Sunday of the month, please call the office 781-762-2029 and our Healing Service Calendar will be mailed to you.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

St. John's Senior Social Group Meeting Wednesday, May 9th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

St. John's newly re-launched Senior Social Group will meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall. The agenda will include recruiting volunteers to collect dues, coordinate refreshments, and organize group activities. A schedule for future meetings, format and suggested activities/outings will also be discussed. Coffee and tea will be provided; attendees are kindly asked to bring cookies or a light snack to share with the group.

Forming Leaders for Mission: Upcoming Workshop

Forming Leaders for Mission is a one-day or two-evening session designed to support all in the parish community in discerning and developing their particular calls to lead within their personal, family, community, and parish lives. During the session, participants will begin to discover their unique charisms to lead and learn skills to be effective. This dynamic workshop includes a mixture of group activities, individual reflection, prayer and conversation. The next workshop will take place **May 29-30** at **St. Timothy Parish in Norwood from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on both dates.** To register, visit disciplesinmission.com/formingleaders or contact Rosemary Maffei at rmaffei@rcab.org.

Quincy Catholic Academy News: At QCA, we are proud to say we offer a challenging academic curriculum aligned with the National Core State Standards with exceptionally dedicated and state-certified faculty who help students reach their full potential. Come visit and see why we believe an education at QCA is an investment in your child's future! Financial aid is available. For more information, please call our main office at 617-328-3830 or visit our website at www.QuincyCatholicAcademy.org.

First Communion and Rehearsal Schedule

First Communion ~ St. Joseph
Saturday, April 28 @ 11am

First Communion ~ St. Joseph
Sunday, April 29 @ 8:30am

First Communion ~ St. John's
Saturday, May 5 @ 11am

Rehearsal at St. John's for student and parent
Wednesday, May 2 6:30pm



May Crowning, Holy Mary, Mother of God



All St. John and St. Joseph First Communion children and their families are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 13th and participate in the May Procession. At the end of this Mass the First Communion children will be invited to come to the front of the Church to join in the procession to our statue of Mary on the side lawn of the Church. All First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion Clothing.



VOTIVE CANDLE RENEWALS

It's that time of year again! For all of you who have a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for personal intentions all the renewal forms for June 2018– May 2019 were mailed this past week. Please send the forms back as soon as you're able even if you don't intend to renew the candle. Just check the appreciate box on the form. Once all the renewals are returned, then we will be able to let parishioners know if there are any available candles to purchase. We will keep you informed.

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 29, 2018 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter



Calendar of EVENTS

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, April 28

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Wednesday, May 2

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

First Friday, May 4

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

First Saturday, May 5

8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
11:00 a.m. First Communion
Meet in Church Hall @ 10:30 a.m.
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Peggy Patenaude - Taking Time Out - 508-548-9149 - www.timeoutretreats.com

Women's Weekend Retreat: "A Retreat with a Special Person," will be held at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA May 4-6, 2018. Invite your mother, daughter, sister, friend or any other special woman to spend quality time together. Deepen the bonds with someone who matters much to you. For more details, visit www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy Patenaude.

"Celebrating Women," a Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of Taking Time Out will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. Or contact Peggy Patenaude.

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

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