

# 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.

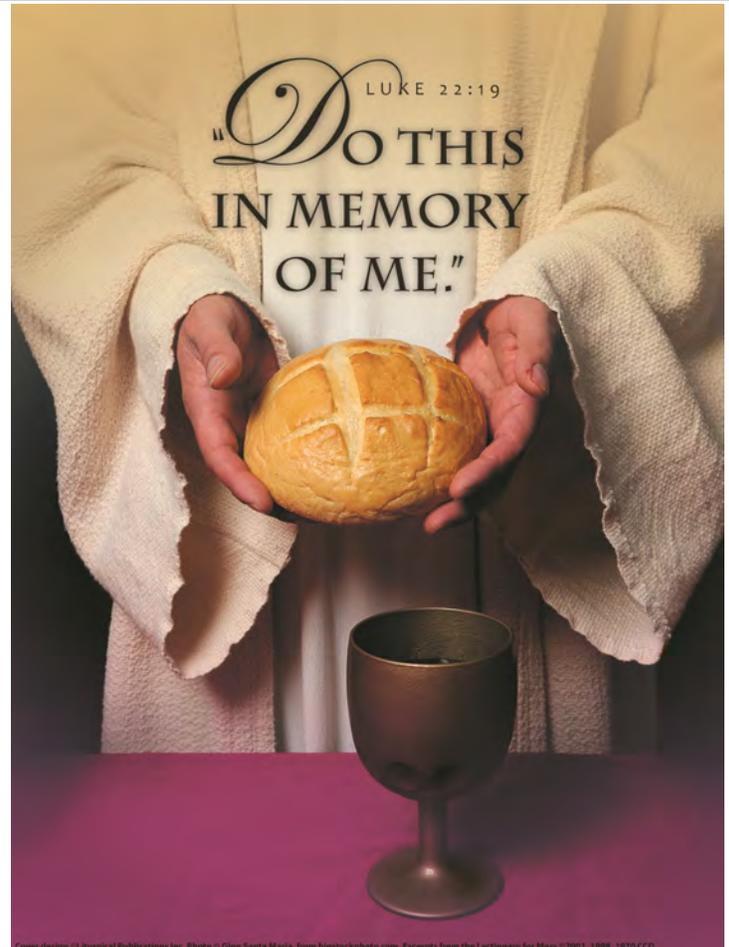
**WELCOME!** We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacons. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory. Your presence at St. John's Parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM  
Weekdays 8:00AM, Wed., Fri., & Sat.  
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Matthew Williams, Pastor**  
**Rev. Joseph Boafu, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. W. Chris Palladino, J.C.L., in Residence**  
**Dn. Paul A. Lewis**  
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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, June 2**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Henry Marani

4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 3**

8:30 a.m. 17th Anniversary Adora Giagrande

11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Gerard Gaudiano

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

**Wednesday, June 6**

8:00 a.m. Month's Mind John "Jack" Murphy

**Friday, June 8**

8:00 a.m. Healing for Mary Kineaby

**Saturday, June 9**

8:00 a.m. 6th Anniversary Geraldine "Gerry" Storella

4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary John Venna

**Sunday, June 10**

8:30 a.m. 50th Anniversary Mary Landers

58th Anniversary Joseph Landers

2nd Anniversary Mary Landers Plunkett

11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Connor J. Norton

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this moment to introduce Fr. Joseph Boafu to the parishioners of the Collaborative of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph of Quincy. Fr. Joseph was born in Ghana, and is one of fifteen children. His family has two priests, a consecrated religious sister and religious brother. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1996, as a member of Holy Spirit Congregation. During that time he worked in parish life in Gambia for ten years. After studying in Ireland for one year he went to New York to work as a Parochial Vicar. In 2009, Fr. Joseph came to Boston to study at Boston College, receiving a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology and Pastoral Ministry. After receiving his degree in 2013, Fr. Joseph began hospital chaplaincy at the Massachusetts General Hospital while also assisting at the Holy Rosary Parish in Winthrop.

Fr. Joseph is very excited to join the collaborative pastoral team serving our parishes. He loves being a priest and brings many gifts to our communities. Fr. Joseph has tremendous experience bringing the healing presence of Jesus to all those who are suffering and carrying heavy burdens. Fr. Joseph's faith, hope and love of Jesus Christ is reflected in his compassion and reverence for the dignity of those whom he serves. We are blessed to have a man who, like the Lord, "hears the cry of the poor," and does something about it.

Fr. Matt+

**Senior Group Luncheon Meeting**

**June 6th at 12 noon in the Church Hall**

The next meeting of the St. John's Senior Social Group will be Wednesday, June 6th at 12 noon in the Church Hall. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. Anyone who wishes to attend and hasn't signed up should RSVP to the rectory at (617) 773-1021 by June 1st. Please bring a dessert to share with the group. Money for the lunch will be collected at the meeting for those who have not yet paid. This will be the last meeting until the Fall!!

Parish Weekly Goal:	\$9,000.00
Weekend of May 26/27	
Church Collections	\$7,243.50
On-Line Giving	<u>763.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$8,007.00</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(993.00)</b>

This weekend June 2/3 there is one collection. Next weekend June 9/10 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*



**Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Edward Russo, Leonora A. Lawrence, Joseph & Mary Settimelli, Paul DiSalvio 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 June 3 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Louis, Anna, Mario and Eleanor DelVecchio. 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).



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*June 3, 2018*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!

I write for the first time to say that I am VERY EXCITED to be here in Quincy as your pastor, serving your parishes (or should I say “our parishes”) of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph.

This is my first time in the role of a pastor, having served as a Parochial Vicar at St. Mary’s in Dedham for four-and-a-half wonderful years, followed by nine great years of serving parish leaders of youth, young adult and family ministries, through the Archdiocesan Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship. Most recently, I have been serving as chaplain of the newly built Shrine of Our Lady of Good Voyage, in South Boston’s Seaport District. I am so very happy to be back in full-time parish life, especially at our two Quincy parishes.

I am a South Shore native, growing up in Braintree and attending Sacred Heart Church in Weymouth Landing. My parents are Paul and Ann Marie and my sister is Julie. You may see them from time to time as they are literally minutes away from both parishes (I don’t know where I would be without their constant love, support and prayers for my priesthood-I am blessed!). After attending Sacred Heart School I went to Xaverian Brothers High School followed by Stonehill College. I received a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. Like St. Matthew the Tax Collector, the Lord turned His merciful gaze upon this sinner, and called him to personal friendship and ultimately to be one of His priests. I entered the Seminary in 1997 and was ordained six years later on May 24, 2003. I just celebrated my 15th anniversary. Where did the years go?

I love being a Catholic! I love being a priest! I am proud to be Catholic and I hope you are as well. I hope you are proud of your parish and are moved to tell others about it (and yes, even invite them to Mass). This summer will afford me the time to get to know that parish you love (and which I am confident I will love as well). I am eager to hear about the unique histories of St. John’s and St. Joseph’s as well as the varieties of charisms, services and workings that each uses to build up the Body of Christ (1Cor. 12:4-6).

As shepherd and spiritual father, I am also eager to unite us together as a Collaborative family, as one Body in Christ, who are called to be *Disciples in Mission*. Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has been calling us, as members of the Church, to rediscover our missionary identity. Just days before he was elected as the 265th Successor of St. Peter, he wrote that a missionary Church is one that “*goes out from itself toward the existential peripheries.*” My hope is that we will discover anew the Father’s love for us in Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, under the protection and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new Pentecost filled with missionary disciples will be unleashed to bring “*good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the (spiritually) blind...to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord*” (Luke 4:18).

I kindly ask for your prayers. As I mentioned, this is my first “go around” as a pastor and my learning curve is the size of Mount Everest, however I know that the Lord has called me to serve you at such a time as this. I am confident that His grace will be sufficient, and that TOGETHER as *Disciples in Mission*, the Collaborative family of St. John’s and St. Joseph’s will do great things for Our Lord who has done great things for us!

My love and prayers,  
Fr Matt+

P.S. It takes me a while to memorize names (never mind parishioners from two communities) so please be patient with me and please keep repeating until I say it back to you. :)

### Daily Mass Schedule

#### **St. Joseph’s**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

#### **St. John’s**

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Calendar:

**Saturday, June 2**, 8:30-9:45 a.m. 1st Saturday Devotions, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation **Wednesday, June 6**, 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, 12-2:00 p.m. St. John’s Seniors, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Food Pantry, **Saturday, June 9**, 2:30-3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation,

*St. John the Baptist Parish*

**BELOVED!**



Know that it is with a heavy heart that I leave you even as the promise of new beginnings sheds light on my path. You have all been a wonderful part of my life for the past seven years. I have enjoyed praying with you, celebrating our faith together and growing in the gift of God's love together.

Every parish is somewhat shaped by the personality of their pastor and in turn that priest is shaped by the people he serves. After my ordination 13 years ago and my assignment to St. Raphael's in Medford I had to take all of the knowledge and years of seminary formation and learn how to become a priest with the parishioners there. After those 6 years and my subsequent assignment here, then the transfer of Fr. Cannon and my appointment as Administrator, with God's grace and your friendship, prayers and help I have learned to become a Spiritual Father. For that I will be eternally grateful.

I admit at times the funeral schedule was overwhelming, but the Sunday Liturgies with all of you always provided me with the grounding and strength that I needed to forge on. I have enjoyed celebrating the happy occasions of your lives too, the weddings, the first communions and confirmations. And I guess with Holy Pride I will always remember being a part of the 150th celebration of our Parish. It was something I'll never forget.

When my mother passed away in 2013 it was all of you who surrounded me with your love and compassion and hope, to get me through that dark time in my life along with my faith and of course my constant companion Jesus. I am so blessed.

I bring all of those memories with me, which is why I won't be saying goodbye, only I'll be seeing you. I will pray for you daily and ask that you continue to pray for me as well. We are the Body of Christ held in each other's hearts by his love! And nothing can separate us from the Love of Christ which means we are spiritual partners journeying together until we reach the gates of heaven.

Thank you for the beautiful celebrations last weekend, and your cards, gifts and well wishes. Special thanks to Donna Niosi, Mother Olga, Dianna Wass and Joe Stevens for all the planning and preparation you put into making those days special for me.

I am also very grateful to the Deacons and their wives, to all the Staff, for the Finance and Parish Councils, the food pantry volunteers, the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, the servers, ushers and of course the beautiful voices of our choir and music ministers for all the support you have given me. You are all truly amazing.

To all my dear members of St. John's Parish, I offer this prayer from Numbers 6:24-26. May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

With a grateful heart and In Christ's abundant Love!

Fr. Bob

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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