

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.

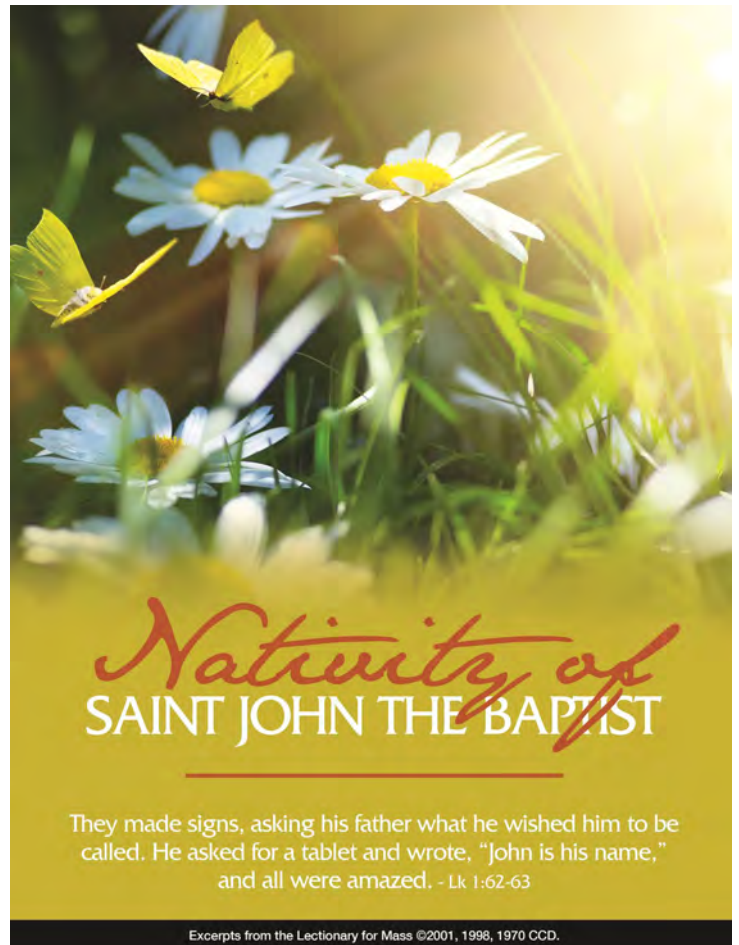
Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM
Weekdays Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
8:00 am @ St. John's Church
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am @ St. Joseph's Church

Holy Days & Holidays: As announced

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Matthew M. Williams, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Boafu, Parochial Vicar
Rev. W. Chris Palladino, J.C.L., in Residence
Rev. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence
Deacon William R. Proulx
Joe Stevens, Pastoral Associate
Mr. Joseph Sheehan, Business Manager
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Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant/Religious
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Paul Kelly, Music Director
St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908



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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

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



Saturday, June 23

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary Mary Buzzell

Sunday, June 24

8:30 a.m. Anniversary Memorial for
Alfred & Rose Raymondi

11:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Brian Stuart

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Memorial Luigi & Helena Mariano

Friday, June 29

8:00 a.m. 14th Anniversary Edith Totten

Saturday, June 30

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. 18th Anniversary Doris Crean

Sunday, July 1

8:30 a.m. 34th Anniversary Wilfred P. Thibodeau
& 11th Anniversary James E. Thibodeau

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

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 June 16/17

Church Collections \$6,505.80

On-Line Giving 768.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$7,274.30

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,725.70)**

Second Collection ~ Promoting the Gospel

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$2,459.54

This weekend June 23/24 there is one collection.

Next weekend June 30/July1 there is also one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

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.



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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.

Your Prayers are Requested for:



Timothy J. Reidy, Jr., Lucio Tempesta, Richard Foley 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 24 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Thomas & Jennie Scanlon, and their children Thomas, Mary, Richard & Edward. 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).

June 24 ~

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

From his birth, John the Baptist was "a light to the nations" and one who grew strong in God's spirit. While John knew he was not the messiah, he also knew that his role was to prepare people's hearts for the coming of Christ. In what ways are you, like John the Baptist, "a light for the nations" leading others to Christ? Who are the people in your life that need to be pointed toward Christ?

June 24, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you.

As I write this bulletin article, I just learned that my cousin was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He had been an outstanding catcher with the Virginia Tech Hokies these past four years. He will be joining another cousin of ours who is in the farm system of the San Francisco Giants. This is SO EXCITING for our family! These men have worked very hard, refining their natural gifts, and now have been given an opportunity to play on the big stage for one of our national pastimes-Major League Baseball. Please keep Mike Connolly and Joe Freiday in your prayers.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity (birth) of St. John the Baptist. He is not only the patron saint of St. John's, but he is now one of our Collaborative Patrons (along with St. Joseph). The Church celebrates the birth of St. John the Baptist because, as the Gospels tell us, he was born with a very special mission; to be the prophet who would announce the coming of Jesus Christ. Let's ask him to pray for us, and our new Collaborative Family.

Like St. John, ALL OF US are called to be part of God's mission (I promise, most of you will not lose your head). God's mission is lived wherever you find yourself (at church, the baseball field or out to dinner, etc.). God wants to love and build up the world through you! And he's looking to add you to the roster!

I am sure my cousins will do GREAT THINGS for their franchises. May we do GREAT THINGS for the God who gave us life and redeemed us by His Blood! Baseball will come and go, but His love endures forever.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

P.S. Please consider Visitation 20:20

Have you postponed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The Fall Regional Adult Confirmation program begins Sunday, October 28 at Saint Jerome Parish, Weymouth and ends with Confirmation on Saturday, December 1. Open to any baptized adult who has received First Communion but who has postponed the reception of Confirmation. Please note that the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary to be a godparent at baptism and to serve in church ministry. It is also highly recommended for those preparing for Marriage. Please email: maryellen.cassani@gmail.com for further information or call 781-335-2038.

Mass. Citizens for Life has opened registration for the Pro-Life Summer Academy. What can you do to protect life? Come learn the facts about the life issues and what you can do in your school or community. The program takes place Tuesdays, July 10-Aug. 14, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish in Framingham. Sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the program includes free tuition and dinner is provided. Learn more at: www.masscitizensforlife.org.

Fontbonne Academy Summer Programs 2018 Spend Your Summer At Fontbonne

Fontbonne Academy offers diverse programs, giving students the opportunity to expand their mindset, be creative in a safe environment, make new friends, and have fun! Programs run from July 9 to August 16, with options for students Grades 1-12.

*For more information & to register, visit
www.fontbonneacademy.org/summerprograms*

The New Daily Mass Schedule;
Monday 9AM @ St. Joseph Church
Tuesday 9AM @ St. Joseph Church
Wednesday 8AM @ St. John the Baptist Church
Thursday 9AM @ St. Joseph Church
Friday 8AM @ St. John the Baptist Church
Saturday 8AM @ St. John the Baptist Church

This schedule will take effect on Friday, June 1st. The weekend Mass schedule will remain as it is also thru September 3rd.

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!

The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization and the secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship present **5 Things You Should Know - on Wednesday, June 27 from 8:30AM-2:15PM** at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. A refresher on six key areas of Church teaching, the program includes Mass, lunch, and an end of day trivia contest on topics covered. Prizes will be awarded! To register, email Denise Daley at: denise.daley@sjs.edu.

St. John the Baptist Parish

Visitation 20:20

The following dates are available for hosting Fr. Matt/Fr. Joseph and 10 parishioners. Please call your parish rectory to book a time.

- Monday, July 2 - 11am
- Monday, July 2 - 6:30pm
- Friday, July 6 - 12 Noon ~ Tom & Linda Synan of St John's
- Friday, July 6. 6:30pm
- Saturday, July 7 - 11am
- Saturday, July 7 - after 5:30pm
- Sunday, July 8, 2pm
- Sunday, July 8 - 7pm
- Monday, July 9 - 11am
- Monday, July 9 - 5:30pm
- Tuesday, July 10 - 11am
- Thursday, July 12 - 12 Noon
- Friday, July 13. 12 Noon
- Saturday, July 14 - 11am
- Saturday, July 14 - after 5:30pm
- Sunday, July 15 - 3pm ~ Vera Santos of St. John's
- Sunday, July 15 - 7pm
- Thursday, July 19 - 12 Noon
- Thursday, July 19 - 7pm
- Friday, July 20 - 12 Noon
- Saturday, July 21 - 11am
- Saturday July 21 - after 5:30pm
- Sunday, July 22 - 2pm
- Sunday, July 22 - 7pm
- Monday, July 23 - 11am
- Monday, July 23 - 6:30pm
- Thursday, July 26 - 12 Noon
- Monday August 13 - 12 Noon
- Monday August 13 - 6:30/7pm ~ Tom & Celeste Devlin of St. Joseph's
- Thursday, August 16 - 12 Noon
- Thursday, August 16 - 6:30
- Friday, August 17 - 12 Noon
- Friday, August 17 - 6:30pm
- Saturday, August 18 - 11am
- Saturday, August 18 - after 5:30pm
- Sunday, August 19 - 2pm
- Sunday, August 19 - 7pm
- Monday, August 20 - 11am
- Monday, August 20 - 6:30pm
- Sunday, August 26 - 2pm ~ Carol Ann Marx of St. John's
- Sunday, August 26 - 7pm

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

- Saturday, June 23**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Wednesday, June 27**
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open
- Friday, June 29**
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
- Saturday, June 30**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

June 24, 2018 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? Every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

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