

# 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.

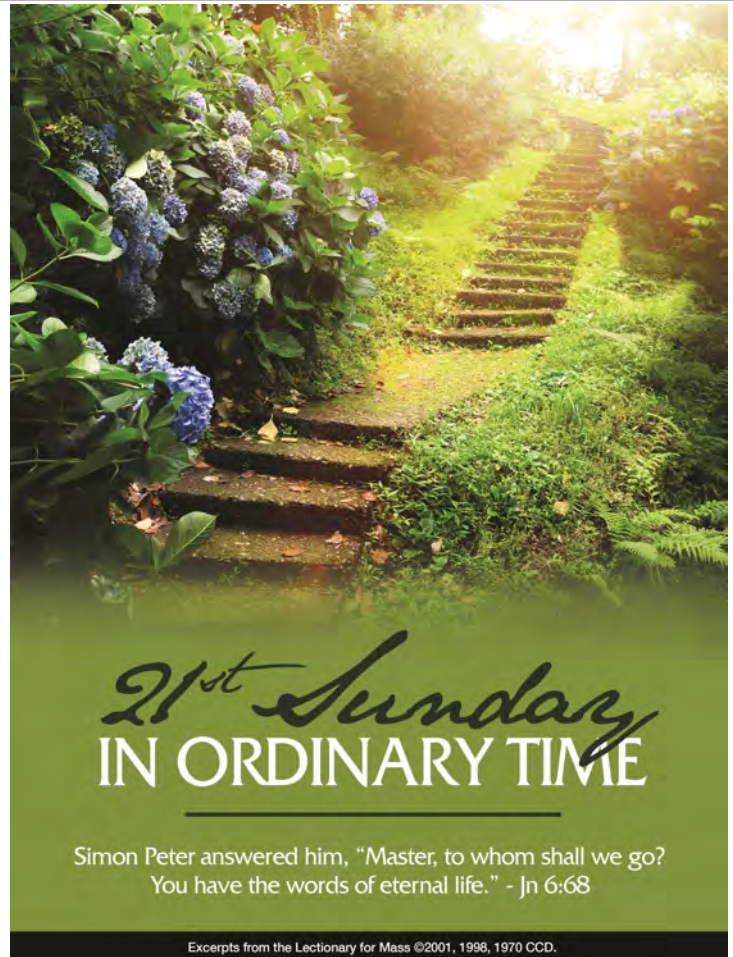
## Mass Schedule

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 Bofo, 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**  
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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, August 25

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Joseph & Antonetta Leone, Mary Orlandino, Carl & Millie Howell  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Sgt. Michael Chesna & Family

Sunday, August 26

8:30 a.m. Memorial Ricardo Luy  
11:00 a.m. 20th Anniversary Carol Tobin Labadie  
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, August 29

8:00 a.m. 6th Anniversary Lucy L. Joyce,  
5th Anniversary Laura Ann Kobosky and  
2nd Anniversary Theresa Ann Joyce

Friday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Memorial Robert E. Hughes, Jr.  
and Memorial Lucille T. Hughes

Saturday, September 1

8:00 a.m. 7th Anniversary Robert Larkin  
4:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Russell G. Moscone

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Benjamin James DiBona  
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

**Holy Day Collection** - Assumption of Mary  
**Total Sacrificial Offering** by Parishioners \$2,334.25

Weekend of August 18/19  
Church Collections \$6,793.59  
On-Line Giving 738.50  
**Total Sacrificial Offering** by Parishioners \$7,532.09

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,467.91)**

This weekend August 25/26 there is one collection. Next weekend September 1/2 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*

## August 26 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some who heard Jesus' teaching returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. The demands of being a follower of Christ were too much for them. When you are tired and being a disciple of Jesus feels too hard, how will you respond to the question Jesus asks in today's gospel, "Do you also want to leave?" Pray for the grace to respond like Peter did, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We are convinced that you are the holy one of God."

**Important Announcement:** Labor Day is fast approaching. We wanted to let you know that the St. John and St. Joseph Parish Offices will be **closed on both Friday, August 31, 2018 and Monday, September 3, 2018**. We hope everyone enjoys the last long weekend before the busy Fall Season begins.

## Your Prayers are Requested for:

Robert Duarte, Gregory Doyle 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 August 26 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Jeanne Bickford. 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).



I Bethany Phair/Shane Hucker

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations on your engagement! Please call the rectory at 617-773-1021 to set up an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding date.

**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](http://bostoncatholic.org/familylife) or contact Liz Cotrupi at [ecotrupi@rcab.org](mailto:ecotrupi@rcab.org).

**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.

August 26, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us his peace.

Hope is the Reason we keep running. If Jesus is not legit, if the Church is just a man-made institution and the sacraments are just humanly contrived attempts to make us feel like God loves us and is with us, then I am done. I will hang up my collar and pursue a new career. BUT I WON'T DO THAT! Why? Because I believe. St. Peter says it best: *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God"* (Jn 6:69).

I know that I know that I know that Jesus is FOR REAL, and that even in the midst of the "sin-sickness" that affects everyone (especially His appointed shepherds), He is the Risen and Glorious Lord. He is the Risen and Glorious Lord who chooses weak vessels (like St. Peter who denied him...or even myself) and makes them string by grace (granted St. Peter is a saint who died for Jesus and I am a work in progress).

Faith helps me to hope, and hope is the reason I keep running; the Hope of eternal salvation, the hope of one day standing before the Lord of Life, the Savior of the world, and hearing Him say: "well done good and faithful servant." I want to live forever. Jesus shed His blood for us so we could be cleansed of sin, guilt, shame, and condemnation; so that we could live forever and walk in righteousness as children of the light. Great great things await us: *"eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered the human heart what God has prepared for those who love Him"* (1 Cor 2:9).

Hope is the reason I keep running. My hope is not only in regards to life after death, but I live in hope that God is going to do something here and now. That His power will be made manifest, in wondrous ways, in and through our community; in and through me and in and through you. I don't think it was merely a coincidence that the Missionary Image of our Lady of Guadalupe just happened to be at our Collaborative the very weekend we had to read the statement from Cardinal Sean and address the PA Grand Jury findings. Countless people were touched by Momma Mary's presence. This was a heavenly gift to our community, strengthening our hope (mine for sure).

And if that was not enough, I would like to share what happened at the 11am Mass at St. John's. At the time of Holy Communion I was asked by a friend (a layman) if he could speak to the congregation after Communion (this was not planned at all). I granted it, and he proceeded to share that he was a survivor of clergy sexual abuse (I did not know this prior to that day). In the midst of tears and sobbing, he shared how he lost his way and how Jesus found him. He proclaimed how the power of Jesus, His Cross, His Blood and His grace brought healing and new life. He then proceeded to share how it was the priesthood (the very cause of his trauma) that was also the instrument of his healing. After he spoke he gave me a bear hug and the congregation gave him a standing ovation. There were few dry eyes in the Church. He then asked me if he could have 15 more seconds, in which he sang the following refrain from the hymn 10,000 Reasons: *"Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name, sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name. Lord I worship your holy name."*

Brothers and Sisters, we are all in this together. The Lord is in the boat with us. He is here. He is our hope. He is the reason we keep running.

Your Brother in Christ  
Fr. Matt+



Save the dates! Fr. Matt's installation as pastor of our collaborative parishes will be held on September 22nd at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's and on September 23rd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's. Bishop John Dooher will preside at both liturgies, with receptions to follow. More details to come!

## Visitation 20:20

The 20:20 hosting slots have all been filled. Last weekend if you haven't attended a 20:20 visitation yet and are interested in doing so, please call the rectory and give us your name and what date you are interested in.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME:** Sun. Aug. 26 - 1pm ~ Carol Ann Marx hosting (St. Johns)  
Sun. Aug. 26 - 7pm ~ McNally Family Hosting (St. Johns)

St. John the Baptist Parish

Archdiocese of Boston  
2018 Respect Life  
Mass  
Sunday, October 7, 2018  
11:00 a.m.  
EVERY LIFE:  
Cherished - Chosen - Sent

St. Theresa Church  
63 Winter Street - North Reading

Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark O'Connell  
Auxiliary Bishop - North Region

All are welcome!  
Sponsored by Pro Life Office - Archdiocese of Boston &  
St. Theresa Parish For more information: Pro-  
LifeOffice@rcab.org or call 508-651-1900

*"The essence of our identity is that we are created in  
God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can  
diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every  
person is cherished."*

2018 Respect Life Program - U.S. Conference of Catholic  
Bishops



Calendar of St. John's Upcoming  
Dates and Events

- Saturday, August 25**  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel
- Wednesday, August 29**  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry
- Friday, August 31**  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Lower Chapel
- First Saturday, September 1**  
8:30-9:45 a.m. 1st Saturday Devotions  
Lower Chapel  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel

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!

Senior Group Starting Up

Let's welcome back the **Senior Social Group** from the Summer with a **PIZZA PARTY!**



The Senior Social Group Luncheon will be Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon till 2pm in the St. John the Baptist 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 August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dessert to share with the group. Money for the lunch will be collected at the meeting for those who haven't yet paid.

Mass Schedule at St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Weekday Mass @ St. John's @ 8:00a.m. Wed., Fri., & Sat.

Mass Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass @ St. Joseph @ 9:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., & Thurs.  
(Rosary @ 8:25 a.m. same mornings).

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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