

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. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence
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Denise Patts, Parish Office Manager, St. Joseph



Hear Me and Understand

- He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." *Mk 7:14-15*

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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



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

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Marcelo, Elisa, &
Virgilio Pe

Friday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Mass in Honor of St. Anthony

Saturday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Memorial

John & Amelia DeSantis

4:00 p.m. Memorial Elizabeth Pettet

Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m.

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

Due to the early transmission of this weeks bulletin the total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners for the weekend of August 25/26 will be published in next weeks bulletin.

This weekend September 1/2 there is one collection. Next weekend September 8/9 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

Sept. 2~Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading today Saint James reminds us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." The message is clear - we must take the word to heart and act on it in our lives this week. We've heard God's word and been nourished by the Eucharist. So now, with whom will you share it?



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.



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.



Donations:

For the week of September 2 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Benjamin James DiBona. 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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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.

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 or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Hope of the Nations – A conference sponsored by Hope Conferences and the Archdiocese of Boston is returning on Sept. 15 to Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The program runs from 8:30AM-6:00PM, doors open at 8:00. "Hope, Healing and Deliverance" is this year's theme. Keynote speakers include Dr. Ralph Martin, noted author, speaker, and professor on topics related to the New Evangelization and Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization; and Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an author/speaker on evangelization, scripture, healing, and the spiritual life. For registration and details, visit hopeconferences.com.

"HV@50"- Workshop on *Humanae Vitae*, Thursday, Oct. 18, 10:30AM–2PM at the Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center. Program includes a presentation by Dr. Angela Franks, "Humanae Vitae and in the #MeToo Age," and a screening of the documentary, *Sexual Revolution, 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae*, plus a panel discussion. Cost is \$25, lunch included. **To register, please visit bit.ly/50hvam.** There is also an evening program on *Humanae Vitae* at Mount Alvernia High School in Newton, 6:15-9PM, with film screening, plus a panel discussion with Dr. Angela Franks and Dr. Peter Kreeft. Cost for evening program is \$20 (FREE for students with a parent or youth group leader.) **To register for evening program, visit bit.ly/50hvpam.** Questions, contact Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org.

Interested in joining Archdiocese of Boston's pilgrims for the 2019 Witness to Life in Washington, DC this January? This year there will be two tracks for the pilgrimage—an overnight option and a two-night option. If interested, please visit bostoncatholic.org/witnesstolife for details. Questions, email witnesstolife@rcab.org.

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 5th 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 29th. 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.

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!

Project Rachel Post - Abortion Healing Retreats

"Words cannot even begin to express how I honestly feel the mercy and forgiveness from God that I've been beating myself up for all of these years..." A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 22, October 27, and November 10. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at: 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor

Are you or do you know someone who is 65 years of age or older with limited assets? Are you looking for sociability in a safe, warm, Catholic environment? At this time we have availability in our Rest Home. Come to visit the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville and consider joining our family. For more information please contact Mary Segalla, SW at 617-776-4420 ext. 317.



Gospel Meditation ~ Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

September 2, 2018 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites ? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

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

Wednesday, September 5

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
12:00-2:00 p.m. Senior Group Meeting
St. John's Church Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry

First Friday, September 7

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

9:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph will be celebrating the Television Mass

Saturday, September 8

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
5:30 p.m. Baptism Class @ St. John's
Upper Church

Sunday, September 9

12:00 p.m. Baptisms @ St. Joseph's Church

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.

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