

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
Deacon William R. Proulx
Joe Stevens, Pastoral Associate
Joe Sheehan, Business Manager
Joanne Curry, Religious Education Director,
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Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant/Religious
Education Secretary
Paul Kelly, Music Director
St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908
Jini Vickery, Music Director at St. Joseph
Denise Patts, Parish Office Manager, St. Joseph

7hen he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

— Mk 7:34-35



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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



MASS INTENTIONS

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. 17th Birthday Blessings for Hyan Melicio

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Mass in Honor of Padre Pio

Friday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Memorial Gioacchino & Sarah Russo

Saturday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Memorial Kerry-Ann Sutherland McCarthy

4:00 p.m. Memorial Margaret Pettet

Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m. 9th Anniversary Louisa Cunio and

2nd Anniversary James Cunio

11:00 a.m. Memorial Charlette Guiney

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 August 25/26

Church Collections \$6,189.00

On-Line Giving 778.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$6,967.50

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(2,032.50)**

Weekend of September 1/2

Church Collections \$5,928.32

On-Line Giving 738.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$6,666.82

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(2,333.18)**

This weekend September 8/9 there is one collection. Next weekend September 15/16 there will be two collections. The second collection is for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust.

Thank you for your generosity

Your Prayers are Requested for:

James Bush, Louis D. "Don" King 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 September 9 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of The O'Shea and Hayes Families. 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.

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Next week, the diocese-wide second collection will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ's good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. You can show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection. You are also invited to make your gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIESTS25** to **20222** (msg. & data rates may apply). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust.**" Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

I would like to take this time to thank all those who participated in the Sunday Mass Survey, as well as those who helped to process the results, the sub-committee who analyzed the data and proposed three models, and the members of our parish and finance councils who provided important feedback on these models. After much reflection, conversation and begging for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance, I have decided to keep the status quo. **NO CHANGES** to the Mass schedule or Religious Education schedule at this time.

After looking at the three models, everyone agreed there was no easy solution. Each model had significant deficits that would have potentially crushed the Spirit at this time. It is also important for Religious Education to be offered at a reasonable time for our families; allowing them to attend Holy Mass, either before or after the session. Fr. Joseph and I are very interested in starting up family Masses, and the proposed models made it difficult to host family Masses at each parish while ensuring no conflicts with Religious Education.

The primary reason why we looked into changing the Mass schedule was due to the fact that we have overlapping Masses, and finding priests to cover in cases of emergency or conflict is getting more difficult. Many of the parishes in the South Shore, who are roughly the same size as our Collaborative, have only one priest. There will be a day when we are a one priest Collaborative (I pray that is not for another 25 years). But for now, we have two full-time priests, and we are willing to do all that we can to maintain the current model. We also take consolation in the fact that a couple of priests have said they would be willing to help us out on occasion.

This was a good process. We learned a lot. It was clear from the surveys that the parishioners of St. John's and St. Joseph's love their Mass times! Now we need to invite people to join us!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

P.S. These are difficult days to be a Catholic. You are not alone! Fr. Joseph, Deacon Bill and I are here for you. Jesus is in this boat with all of us.

Seeking New Choir Members:

The Adult Choir is seeking new choir members. This exciting ministry provides a wonderful opportunity to share your time and musical talent in service to God and Saint John's Community of faith. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and sings at the 8:30 a.m. Mass during the year. Interested singers, high school age and older, please see Music Director, Paul Kelly after any Mass or simply come to the first rehearsal on Thursday, September 13th in the upper church at 7:00 p.m.



September 9 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As disciples of Christ, we are urged to speak to family, friends and co-workers about Jesus. Sadly, many of us do not. Listen to Isaiah: “_Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...” Pray for courage to tell someone how Jesus has worked in your life. Your words may be just the reassurance the person needs to turn to Jesus for help.



“Lord, here I am, send me...”



The parishioners and friends of St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Collaborative invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of

Rev. Matthew M. Williams

as Pastor of our Collaborative Churches.

We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. We desire that you join us as we welcome him to our church collaborative and to the community. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Fr. Matt and the parishioners.

This celebration will take place:

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Reception following on the Church grounds weather permitting otherwise the Church Hall.



III Bethany Phair/Shane Hucker

Project Rachel Post - Abortion Healing Retreats

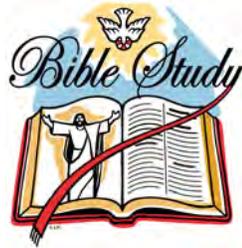
“Words cannot even begin to express how I honestly feel the mercy and forgiveness from God that I’ve been beating myself up for all of these years...” A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the 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.

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.

Attention 1000 Southern Artery Residents and Members!

Our collaborative parishes will sponsor a 10-week Scripture Study course entitled “Introduction to the Bible, A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture” at 1000 Southern Artery beginning Tues, Oct. 2nd at 1pm in the Activity Room. Topics will include: *Which Bible to use; Why should I read the Bible;* and *How to look up Bible passages.* Joyce Barney, CSJA will present the course, which is open to all 1000 Southern Artery residents and Center members. Course cost is \$15; a study guide and commentary will be provided. Pre-registration is required. For more information on how you can become a Center member or to pre-register, please visit or call the Center Office at 1000 Southern Artery at 617-471-1000.



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming Dates and Events

- 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
- Wednesday, September 12**
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John’s Food Pantry
- Friday, September 14**
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
- Saturday, September 15**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, September 16**
12:30 p.m. Baptisms @ St. John’s Church

Catholic Memorial School is hosting its annual Open House on **Sunday, October 14, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Middle School Program and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the High School Program. Student tour guides will share their CM experience and families can tour our Innovation Lab, Health & Wellness Center, Math Lab, Student Commons, Freight Farm, and Fieldhouse.

Visit our website at www.CatholicMemorial.org or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.

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 _____

Check if address change

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