

# 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**  
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**Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant**  
**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**

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,  
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,  
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not  
me but the One who sent me." - Mk 9:36-37

## **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 22  
 8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Gwen Kirby  
 Memorial Conan Deery  
 4:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Clara A. Sisti  
 Sunday, September 23  
 8:30 a.m. Memorial Epetacio Galecia Sr.  
 11:00 a.m. Father Matt's Installation  
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People  
 Wednesday, September 26  
 8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Eleanor Downey  
 Friday, September 28  
 8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Agnes Hughes  
 Saturday, September 29  
 8:00 a.m.  
 4:00 p.m. Memorial Effie Pettet  
 Sunday, September 30  
 8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Debbie Turco  
 11:00 a.m. 20th Anniversary Josephine Sullivan  
 5:00 p.m.

**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 September 15/16	
Church Collections	\$6,376.64
On-Line Giving	<u>738.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,115.14</b>

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,884.86)**

**Second Collection ~ Clergy Benefit Trust**  
**Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners** \$5,756.75

This weekend September 22/23 there is one collection.  
 Next weekend September 29/30 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Your Prayers are Requested for:**

Peter Marino, Helen Kerr, Paul A. D'Olimpio 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.



**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**

Last week's collection was for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for our priests. Thanks to your support, our parish raised \$5,756.75 in honor of the 590 active and senior priests who serve the Catholic faithful in our Archdiocese of Boston. If you did not have the opportunity to participate and you wish to make a gift, please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** (msg. & data rates may apply). To learn more about the Trust and stay up to date on what's going on with our priests, follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust.**" Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

**Donations:**

For the week of September 23 the bread and wine have been donated for the intentions of the Sullivan Family. 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).



**Sept. 23 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's reading, James exhorts us as followers of Jesus, to possess the wisdom of God. He describes the fruit of that wisdom as peace, gentleness, sincerity and mercy. While jealousy and selfish ambition exist all around us, today's readings remind us of the need to be witnesses of a different way of living and loving. Let somebody in on the beauty of God's wisdom!

**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.

**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.

**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).

*September 23, 2018*

**Congratulations Rev. Matthew M. Williams!!**

Your Parishioners and friends of St. John the Baptist/ St. Joseph Collaborative formally welcome you as Pastor and Shepherd of our Quincy Community. We are excited about the future ministry of our Church under your leadership.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. It is a feast that dates back to the 16th century, honoring the powerful intercession of Mary, through the means of praying the Holy Rosary. For centuries Catholics have prayed the Rosary to deepen their relationship with Jesus. The Rosary has also been a powerful prayer that many have sought when in need of a miracle, or special graces to stand firm in the midst of trial. Finally, many have taken up praying the Rosary as a response to Our Lady's requests (from many different apparitions) that we pray the Rosary each day for her intentions.

Much is going on in the life of our Church at this hour. The Church needs our prayers. Our Collaborative family also needs prayers. Being installed as your pastor this weekend (ready or not here I am) our Collaborative family takes a definitive step to embracing the call to be Disciples in Mission. This effort cannot merely be the work of man or woman, it must be God's work: "unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do the builders labor" (Ps 127). We need a prayer campaign, that the Lord may give us His vision, blessing, heavenly protection, and the grace to do our part.

In anticipation of the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, I would like our Collaborative family to participate in a **Rosary Novena, beginning September 29th and concluding on October 7th**. During this novena, there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the recitation of the Holy Rosary. We will offer the Holy Hour at different times and locations to accommodate people's schedules. We hope you will join us for at least one of the hours. Regardless of whether you can attend, all are welcome to join the Novena by praying the Rosary from home or wherever you are, and by offering it for the following intentions:

- For the healing of our Church, especially for those who have been personally affected by this crisis;
- For a new Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit will purify the Body of Christ, and give birth to a new wave of disciples, filled with love and zeal for Jesus Christ and His mission;
- For our Collaborative family, that the Lord will give us a vision for what He desires, and that we may have the grace to do our part.

The dates and times for the Novena are as follows:

*Saturday | September 29th | St. Joseph | 5pm*  
*Sunday | September 30th | St. John | 4pm*  
*Monday | October 1st | St. Joseph | 9:30am*  
*Tuesday | October 2nd | St. Joseph | 9:30am*  
*Wednesday | October 3rd | St. John | 7am*  
*Thursday | October 4th | St. Joseph | 6:30pm*  
*Friday | October 5th | St. John | 6:30pm*  
*Saturday | October 6th | St. John | 8:30am*  
*Sunday | October 7th | St. John | 4pm*

I hope to see you at one of the dates.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

**ST JOHN-ST JOSPEH CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019**



We value our parents as the first and most important educators in their child's faith development and we look forward to working with your family again this year. Registration information for the 2018-2019 year has been mailed to all families who participated in last year's program. There are also registration materials available online on the St John and St Joseph websites and at the door of each Church.

We hope that you will share this registration information and an invitation to join our program with other families, especially those who have students entering first grade or may have children that have missed some years of religious education. Please invite these families to contact us if they would like registration materials or may have questions about our program.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (617-877-5014) or email (restjohnquincy@gmail.com) and we will be happy to assist you.

**Thinking About Becoming Catholic?**

Do you know of anyone, maybe yourself, who may be interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is designed for non-Catholics who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and perhaps becoming a Catholic, by preparing for and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Adults who were baptized as Roman Catholics, but did not receive further catechetical formation, and consequently did not receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist are also candidates for this program. **We are happy to say that we already have four adults who have registered!** For more information, contact Fr. Matt (617-773-1021)

Calendar of **EVENTS**

**Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events**

**Saturday, September 22**

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel

**Sunday, September 23**

11:00 a.m. Mass Fr. Matt's Installation

**Wednesday, September 26**

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry

**Friday, September 28**

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

**Saturday, September 29**

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel

**St. John's Senior Social Group**

St. John's Senior Social Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from noon-2pm in the Lower Church Hall. Lunch is provided for a cost of \$5 per person. For more information or to RSVP to the next meeting on October 3rd, please contact Rich Griffin at: 781-363-3655.

**Fall Festival @ Fontbonne Academy, Milton, MA**

Sunday, September 30th, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Admission Free: Pony Rides, Food Trucks, Carnival Games, Face Painting and much more!! Hope to see you there!!

**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!**

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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