

# 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.

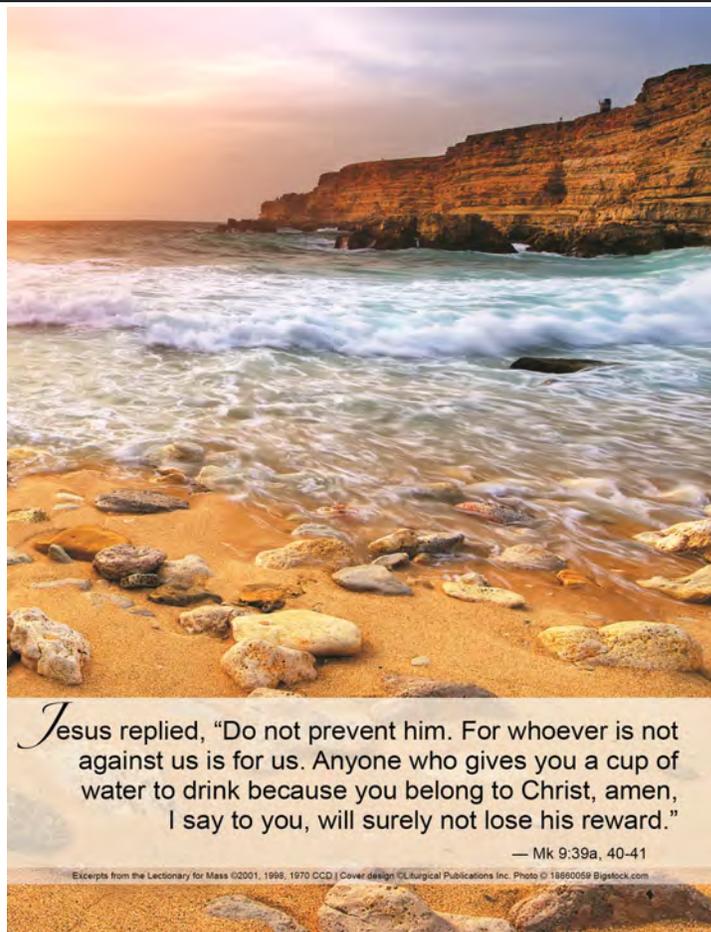
## **Mass Schedule**

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**



*J*esus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

— Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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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 29

8:00 a.m. 26th Anniversary Joan P. Niosi

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. 3rd Anniversary Michael Flaherty

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Memorial Alberta & Ann Haney

Friday, October 5

8:00 a.m. 19th Anniversary Leo F. Manning, Jr.

Saturday, October 6

8:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary Jean M. Diniz  
and 6th Anniversary Elaine Marie Burke

4:00 p.m. Month's Mind Louis "Don" King

Sunday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Month's Mind Rose Cox

11:00 a.m. Special Mass for Friends of the Unborn

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 September 22/23

Church Collections \$6,364.85

On-Line Giving 788.50

**Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$7,153.35**

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(1,846.65)**

This weekend September 29/30 there is one collection. Next weekend October 6/7 there will be two collections. Next weeks second collection helps to defray the cost of the Religious Education Program.

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Rosary Novena

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.

**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**

**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).

## Your Prayers are Requested for:

Patricia L. "Pat" McSweeney, Antonina (Basile) Dingley 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 30 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of William Allan Keating, Jr. 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.

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

May the Lord give us His peace.

As I write, I am still basking in the glory of this past weekend. I was so blessed and humbled to see the tremendous outpouring of love, affirmation and support from our two parishes as I was officially "installed" as your pastor. I cannot thank you enough for the gift of your presence, your kind words and smiling faces over the weekend.

I am deeply grateful for the countless, humble volunteers who made this weekend so special. Many people came forward to offer assistance to plan, organize and execute a perfect game plan. I am particularly grateful for the leaders of our Collaborative Family who formed the installation committees. They worked extremely hard making this weekend very special for me and our community, as well as for my family and friends who joined me for this celebration. Special thank you to:

St. Joseph Installation Committee: Celeste Devlin, Jackie Kilrain, Sue Welliver, Monica Solarchick, Terry Carew and Peggy O'Brian.

St. John the Baptist Installation Committee: Donna Niosi, Joe Stevens, Joanne Curry, Kathy Creedon and Ron Stec.

At the Installation Mass, I shared a story of a family camping trip experience from many years ago. It was feared that a boy had drowned, so the lifeguard asked all the adults to line the beach and link arms, and then proceed into the water to literally comb the water into the deep, with the hope of finding him in time. Meanwhile he was fishing in the lagoon. :) But that image has struck me to this day: everyone was shoulder to shoulder, arms linked, walking side by side, with a common goal and direction - to save this boy.

For me, this is what the Church is! It's not about one person or a few select people, it's about ALL OF US, working together, shoulder to shoulder, arms linked, with the goal of making Jesus known and loved; serving him in the poor, the abused, the vulnerable, the addicted, the neglected and forgotten. If our arms are linked, no one is left behind or forgotten! We are called to proclaim him, in word and deed, to those who are near our parishes and those who are far away. Our Collaborative Family will be known for the way we are united in a radical love for Jesus and each other; making Him known and loved, in Quincy and beyond.

Lastly, I desire this love of Christ to be so evident and alive in our community that it is my dream that one day, just like the TV Show "Cheers", our parishes will be a place where: **"EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME!"** Now that is a community that puts love of God and neighbor into action!

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

We wish to thank the following businesses and volunteers for their time, talent and generous support of Fr. Matt's installation reception at St. John's:



Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals  
Roche Brothers Supermarket  
Fratelli's Pastry Shop

Dianna Wass  
Sean Perkins  
Ed Brown  
Aiden Benedetti  
Frank Goss

**St. John's Senior**

**Social Group**

St. John's Senior Social Group meets **this** Wednesday, October 3rd from Noon-2pm in the Lower Church Hall. Lunch is provided for a cost of \$5 per person. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rich Griffin at: 781-363-3655. November meeting will be Wednesday, November 7th.



**In Honor of St. Francis  
Blessing of the Animals**



**Sunday, October 7th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Joseph**  
**Sunday, October 14th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass @ St. John**  
**Blessings will take place outside on the side lawns after the Masses.**

**Sept. 30 ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

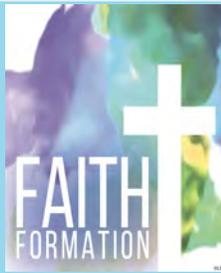
Strong words in today's Gospel: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." We have a huge responsibility to give good example to children and youngsters in our midst - and to our peers. Repeat the Gospel acclamation often in the week ahead. "Your word, O Lord, is truth. Consecrate us in the truth."

**Volunteer Ministry News**

**Volunteers Needed:** St. John's is seeking lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, training will be provided later this fall. Serve our Lord by serving at Mass! For more information, contact Joe Stevens at the rectory at 617-773-1021.

**Eucharistic Minister Meeting:** There will be a mandatory meeting for current Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Tues, Oct. 16 and Wed, Oct. 24 at 6:30pm in the Upper Church. You only need to attend one meeting! Please choose the date that works best for you! This is an important meeting to discuss changes in the ministry procedures during Mass and to answer any questions you may have. The meeting should take no more than an hour. We ask that you make every effort to attend. Thank you!

**ST JOHN-ST JOSEPH 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.

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

**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!**

**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 29**

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

**Sunday, September 30**

4:00 p.m. Novena at St. John's

**Wednesday, October 3**

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

**First Friday, October 5**

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Lower Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Novena at St. John's

**First Saturday, October 6**

8:30-9:45 a.m. 1st Saturday Devotions & Novena  
St. John's Lower Chapel  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel

**Sunday, October 7**

4:00 p.m. Novena @ St. John's

**Fontbonne Academy Open House**  
**930 Brook Road, Milton, MA**  
**Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m.**

Learn about the excellent academic program, our commitment to service, and our extensive co-curricular offerings (athletics, art, drama, and a wide variety of clubs and activities). Hear firsthand from Fontbonne students and faculty about the Fontbonne experience. Tour the campus with our student ambassadors, and drop into informational sessions with each department. Fontbonne has something for every young woman.

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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