

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.

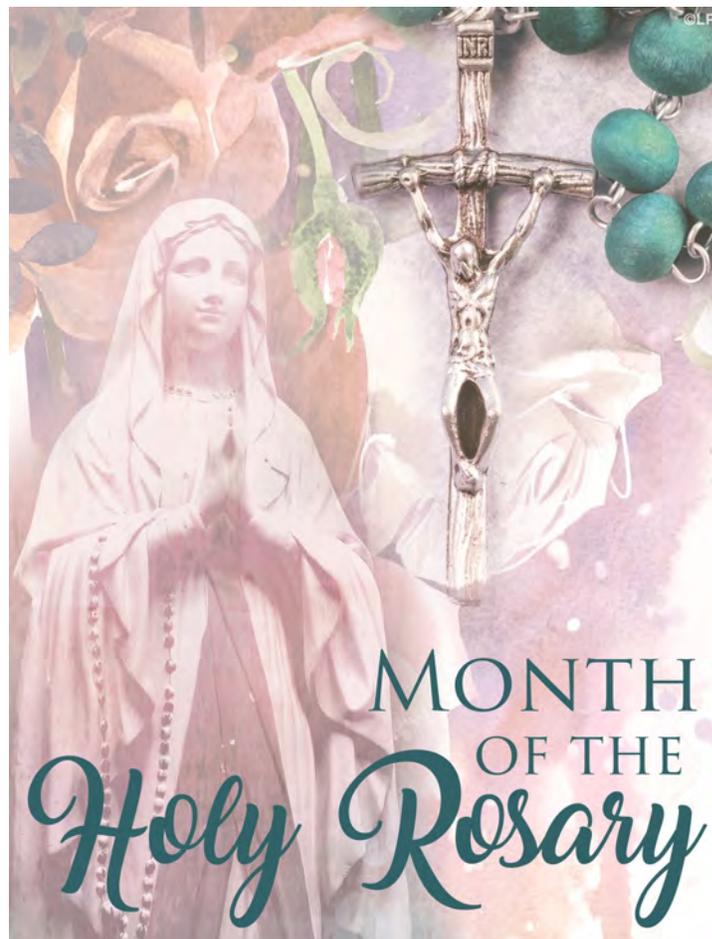
Mass Schedule

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,
Religious Education Telephone 617-877-5014
Email: restjohnquinicy@gmail.com
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



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, 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

Wednesday, October 10

8:00 a.m.

Friday, October 12

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 13

8:00 a.m. Memorial Theresa Aurora & Eugene Chu
4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Catherine Ledger

Sunday, October 14

8:30 a.m. 62nd Anniversary Celebration for
Vinnie & Bitsy DelVecchio
11:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Sharon Keeley
5:00 p.m. Anniversary Maria Xuyen Nguyen

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 29/30

Church Collections \$7,366.70

On-Line Giving 738.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,105.20

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(894.80)**

This weekend **October 6/7** there are two collections. The **second collection** this week helps to defray the cost of our **Religious Education Program**. Next weekend **October 13/14** there will also be **two collections**. The second collection next week is for the **Holy Father & Missionary Efforts**. This collection is one of the new combined collection that encompasses *Special Collection Sunday, Holy Father-Peter's Pence, Catholic University of America, and World Mission Sunday*.

Thank you for your generosity

Rosary Novena

The dates and times left for the Rosary Novena are:

Saturday | October 6th | St. John | 8:30am

Sunday | October 7th | St. John | 4pm

REMINDER: Monday, October 8th is the Columbus Day Holiday. The parish offices will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend.

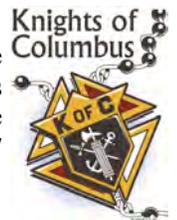
Oct. 7 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel acclamation in today's liturgy sums up the scriptures and gives us a clear path as to how we are to live our lives. "If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us." Whether married or single, young or old, we need to take these words to heart. Pray this week for the grace to live by these words each day and watch for the ways God will bless your efforts.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As you know Columbus Day Weekend is the time that the Knights of Columbus sell Tootsie Rolls for God's special children. Representatives will be outside the Church on the weekend of October 6/7 and October 13/14 selling the tootsie rolls.

Thank you for your support!!!



Your Prayers are Requested for:

Deacon Paul A. Lewis, Guido A. Pettinelli  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 October 7 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Esther & Francis O'Brien. 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.

October 7, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rosary Novena. We had a wonderful turnout of parishioners from our parishes. Truly, thank you. It is exactly this kind of prayer and community gathering that is going to bring to fulfillment what Jesus wants to do in our Collaborative.

When I arrived in June, I told the team that our current structure will change. We will be structured by and for the vision that the Lord inspires. The first three months were a tremendous learning experience, especially through the Visitation 20:20 initiative. Special thank you to all those who hosted a gathering; the insights gained have shaped, and what I believe the Holy Spirit has revealed to be, the next steps.

I must humbly confess, that as a new pastor, I know that I am not leading to the best of my ability. Part of that reason is me, and part of the reason is that our Collaborative Team is not efficiently structured for mission. Currently I manage and direct almost the entire staff, in addition to my administrative responsibilities, as well as the daily demands of ministry. There is little time for the much needed work of evangelization, preaching and teaching, offering sacraments and accompanying people; the things I was ordained to do!! Bottom line: I have become a “moving target” and a number of folks have expressed how difficult it is for them to see me.

After much prayer, reflection and conversations with parishioners and leaders, as well as in consultation with the joint Finance Councils, it is clear that the next steps for our Collaborative Family are to hire two new positions to our Collaborative Team: a Director of Evangelization and Outreach Ministries, and a Finance and Operations Manager.

There is no question that the number one concern of both communities was the future of our Church. The lack of young families, youth and young adults is a grave concern. By hiring a Director of Evangelization and Outreach Ministries, we will be bringing aboard a disciple of Jesus Christ who has expertise in changing parish culture from maintenance to mission, and inspiring and forming disciples of Jesus Christ. This person would inspire our community to work are-in-arm, as disciples in mission, to create a community where everyone knows your name and Jesus is glorified !

The F&O Manager would assist me in fulfilling my responsibility for the administration of the parishes and implementing the Pastoral Plan. The candidate, who is a disciple of Jesus Christ, would be responsible for ensuring proper stewardship of the parishes’ financial, facility, human and information resources. Joe Sheehan, who has been faithfully serving at St. Joseph’s, and more recently our Collaborative, has decided he would not like to pursue this new role. I am personally grateful to Joe for the great support and leadership he has offered during these past three months.

I am asking you, my Collaborative Family, if anyone is interested or knows of a person who is a disciple of Jesus Christ, and has the knowledge, experience and skills to take on one of these roles, please direct them to me, and I will put them in contact with the representative from the Archdiocese who is helping us with the process.

Please pray for the Lord’s guidance during this entire process. My deepest desire is that we become what Jesus desires!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

ST JOHN-ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019

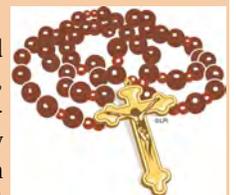
Time is fast approaching for the opening of our Religious Education Program. The opening classes will start the weekend of October 13/14. There are still quite a few families that have not registered as of yet. Please get your papers in as soon as possible, so that we are able to plan accordingly with books and materials. As always you will not be able to register opening day, as it is always to busy getting everyone situated in classes. Thank you for your understanding. We are most happy to help you in any way. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone (617-877-5014) or email: restjohnquincy@gmail.com. Thank you!

In Honor of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

This weekend & next: 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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

For Our Blessed Mothers Intentions and prayers for Peace; in our World, our Church, our country, our community and our families; There will be a Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 13th from noon to 2pm Where: in the park area across from the East Milton Fire station. Hosted by St. Agatha’s Catholic Church, Milton. All are welcome. Any questions? Please call Pat Clasby at 617-696-2567.



Archdiocesan Justice Convocation

10th Annual Archdiocesan Justice Convocation

Catholic Social Justice: Responding to the Signs of the Times

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00am - 1:30pm

Boston College High School

150 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston

Free, ample parking

Keynote Addresses by

Rev. J. Bryan, Hehir, RCAB Cabinet Secretary Health and Human Services

Darlene Lombos, Exec. Director, Community Labor United, and

Patrick Laorden, Social Justice Coordinator, Archdiocese of Hartford

Keynote Panel with representatives from Parishes/ Collaboratives engaged in

Social Justice Ministries:

St. Katharine Drexel, St. Cecilia, and Sacred Heart/ St. Brigid

Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. J. Bryan Hehir

Small Group Faith-Sharing, and a wide range of Exhibitors

Fee: \$20, payable by check or at door, includes light snack & convocation materials



Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

First Saturday, October 6

8:30-9:45 a.m. 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 at St. John's Upper Church

Wednesday, October 10

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel

6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

10:00-10:45 a.m. Opening Day for Grade 1 Religious Education Church Hall

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

5:30 p.m. Baptism Class @ St. Joseph's Only

Sunday, October 14

10:10-11:00 a.m. Opening Class for Grades 2-5 Church Hall

12:00-1:00 p.m. Class for Confirmation I & II Church Hall

12:00 Blessing of the Animals Side Lawn

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.

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

Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO