

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 deacon. 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
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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



There Is No Other

- The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." *Mk 12:32, 34ab*

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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

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday, November 3
 8:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary Ildo Carvalho
 4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Frederick "Fred" Laracy Jr.
 Sunday, November 4
 8:30 a.m. 4th Anniversary Nora "Theresa" Forbes
 11:00 a.m. Memorial Thomas J. and
 James B. McDonough
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People
 Wednesday, November 7
 8:00 a.m.
 Friday, November 9
 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday, November 10
 8:00 a.m.
 4:00 p.m. Memorial Edward F. & Mary E. Regan,
 Daniel, Catherine & John J. Minihane, Catherine
 "Kay" Maloney, Helen E. Regan and Donald R. Pitts
 Sunday, November 11
 8:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. 13th Anniversary Peter Digidcomo
 5:00 p.m. Anniversary Memorial Dorothy Callahan

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 October 27/28	
Church Collections	\$6,303.60
On-Line Giving	<u>734.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,038.10
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(1,961.90)

This weekend November 3/4 there will be one collection. Next weekend November 10/11 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

Your Prayers are Requested for:



Judith DiNardo 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.

Nov. 4 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings leave us with a clear message as to the commandments of God. "Love God with all your heart, soul and strength" and "love your neighbor as yourself." In the first reading Moses is speaking and, in the Gospel, it is Jesus who is speaking. As disciples of Jesus Christ, taking these words to heart can be difficult at times. Pray for the grace you need to let these words serve as a guide. Let your words and actions this week show your love of God and neighbor.

*This Sunday November 4th following the 8:30am Mass
 please join us for
 Coffee, Juice, and Donuts with your fellow parishioners
 Join us in the Lower Church from 9:30am-10:00am*

Religious education classes have begun! We have the privilege of working with wonderful families from St John and St Joseph parishes to assist them in the faith formation of our children.

It is never too late to enroll in the St John-St Joseph program! Please invite anyone you know who may have a first grade student, be new to the parish, or maybe has missed some years of religious education to contact us. (617-877-5014 or restjohnquincy@gmail.com)

Donations:

For the week of November 4 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Theresa Aurora and Eugene Chu. 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).



All Souls Envelopes; At each Mass celebrated throughout the month of November we will remember our loved one's in prayer. **All Souls** envelopes are available in your monthly envelope packet, at the rear of the Church or beside the basket at the front of the Church. Please print the names of loved ones, whom you wish us to pray for, on the envelope and return it to the church or rectory. The names will be left on the altar through November 30th.



November 4, 2018

Thanksgiving

The Month of November the entire American family both on land and overseas will celebrate Annual Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of Thanksgiving has traditionally been a celebration of the blessings of the year and the custom of the Thanksgiving celebration is a time to gather in unity and fellowship to reconnect with family and friends.



The beauty of this important annual family celebration cannot be over emphasized. I am wishing all families every blessing from the Lord. As this family celebration of thanksgiving is approaching I am sending my heartfelt thanks to our two collaborative families of St. Joseph and St. John's on behalf of our pastor Father Williams for your continuous support and dedication towards the growth and unity of the two parishes.

As many families count on the generousities of the two parishes every week, especially on Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, I extend my grateful thanks and appreciation to both St. John's and St Joseph's pantry volunteers and donors for ensuring our brothers and sisters have food weekly and are part of the celebration of not only Thanksgiving and Christmas but every day. Thank you all for your generous hearts towards the needy and the poor.

The celebration of Thanksgiving opens our minds and hearts to extend our profound gratitude to God for His numerous gifts that we receive in our lives. The Holy Scripture is full of expressions of thanksgiving to God. "Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind. For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things" (Psalm 107:8-9)

We acknowledge His creation, the beauty of the sun, the moon, the sea, the ocean, the flowers and all living beings and things around us that He gives us for our happiness and benefit.

"All this is for your benefit so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:13). The expression of gratitude is a mark of humility. We acknowledge with grateful thanks to the giver from whom all good things come.

We have so much to be grateful for each day. The greatest of all gifts is the gift of Jesus, the Savior of the world, who came so that we would have life and have it abundantly. We thank Him for being the Way to walk through, the Truth to know, and the Life to live happily now and forever.

We acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us everything: His gift of the Eucharist, the bread of life and the bread of our life who nourishes us on our journey to Our Father. We must celebrate and frequently give thanks to God for His greatest sacrifice, salvation for us all. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love endures forever (1 chronicle 16:34.).

I wish you every blessing from the Lord during Thanksgiving week and every day. Give thanks to the Lord for His great love is without end.

Peace,

Father Joseph



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St. John's Senior Social Group

St. John's Senior Social Group meets THIS Wednesday, November 7th from Noon-2:00pm in the Lower Church Hall. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rich Griffin at: 781-363-3655.

Witness to Life 2019 in Washinton D.C.

Interested in joining the Archdiocese of Boston's pilgrimage 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. The Witness to Life pilgrimage is a great opportunity for parish youth groups, Catholic school students, families, and all those interested in standing up for life. For more info, please visit bostoncatholic.org/witnesstolife for details. Questions, email witnesstolife@rcab.org.

St. John the Baptist Parish

AUCTION - St. Patrick's Parish, Roxbury will hold its 34th Annual AUCTION at the IBEW Hall, 256 Freeport Street in Dorchester on Friday Evening, November 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.). We will be having a Cash Bar, there is Free Admission, \$100 Door Prize and much more. Some items include: *Hotel Week-ends, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Golf Package, "Themed" Gift Baskets, Household Items, Electronics, Jewelry and more.* For more information call 617-445-7645.

An invitation to Meet Christ in Prayer: The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Every Day Life (the 19th Annotation Retreat) is available for Catholic adults in a group setting over the course of twenty-four weeks.

This year the exercises begin on Wednesday December 5, 2018 and conclude May 8, 2019. The group will meet weekly from 10am to 12:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, 573 Washington Street, Newton MA. Father John Sassani and Mary Ann McLaughlin will direct the Spiritual Exercises. For further information please call 617-686-2287 or email: maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com.

Save the Date:
Little Sisters of the Poor
Annual Christmas Bazaar
Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Jeanne Jugan Residence (186 Highland Avenue) in Somerville! This event has become a yearly tradition for many people, and is a can't miss event of the season! The Little Sisters' Bazaar offers a unique opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done, try your luck at amazing raffle prizes, eat some delicious food, and-best of all-help a great cause! We hope to see you there!



Infant Baptisms: The procedure for our Baptisms has changed with the new collaborative. To arrange for a Baptism and receive information, please call the rectory at least a month ahead of time and we would be happy to assist you.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

- First Saturday, November 3**
8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, November 4**
10:10-11:00 a.m. Classes RE Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class CII
Church Hall
- Monday, November 5**
6:30-9:00 p.m. Jim Browne
Upper Church
- Wednesday, November 7**
8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
12:00-2:00 p.m. St. John's Senior Group
Church Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry
- Friday, November 9**
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
- Saturday, November 10**
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- Sunday, November 11**
No Religious Educations Classes
Veteran's Day Holiday

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