

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.

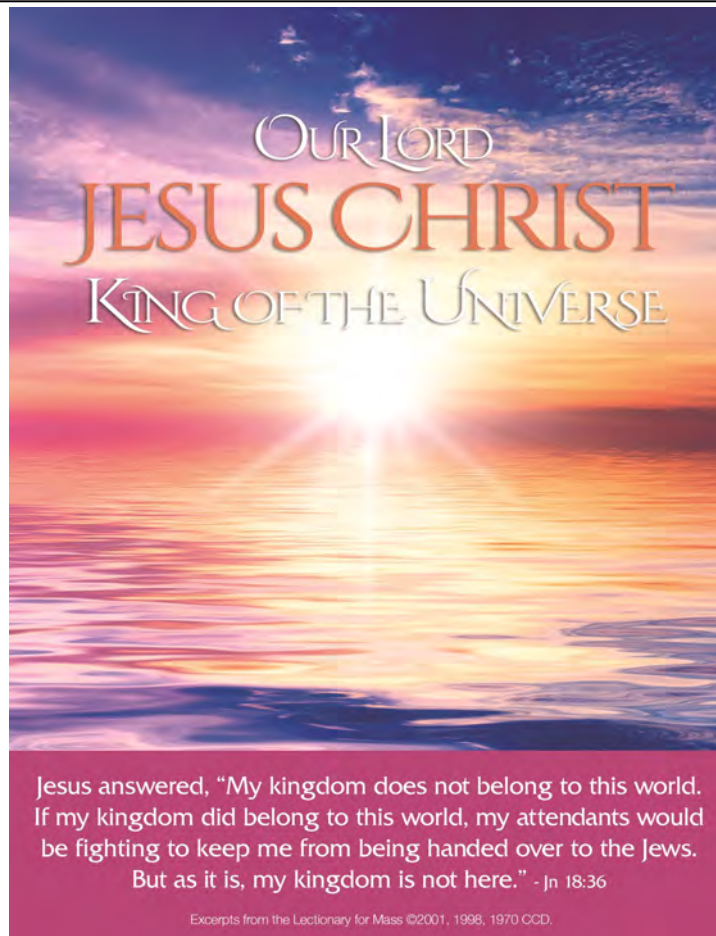
Mass Schedule

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 Bofo, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence
Deacon William R. Proulx
Joe Sheehan, Business Manager
Joanne Curry, Religious Education Director,
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Email: restjohnquincy@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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 24

8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary George P. Knasas

4:00 p.m. 17th Anniversary Albino Peruzzi

Sunday, November 25

8:30 a.m. Birthday Celebration Benoit Kihumbu

11:00 a.m. 31st Anniversary William Marston,
Richard Miller, Matthew Tobin & Timothy Tobin

5:00 p.m. Memorial James & Mary Mastrantonio

Wednesday, November 28

8:00 a.m. 24th Anniversary Vincenta "Tina" Alberti

Friday, November 30

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Paul Colarusso

Saturday, December 1

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial John & Alexina Nicklas

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Memorial Helen & Joseph Kerr

11:00 a.m. Mass for the People

5:00 p.m. 13th Anniversary Helen P. Milne

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 November 17/18

Church Collections \$7,264.97

On-Line Giving 804.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$8,069.47

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(930.53)**

Second Collection ~ Retired Religious Sisters

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$3,814.60

This weekend November 24/25 there is one collection. The second collection is for the Retired Religious Sisters. Next weekend December 1/2 there will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

Donations:

For the week of November 25 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Jean M. Gamble. 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).



Notice for Parishioners who receive monthly envelope packets: The envelope company omitted the Christmas Flower envelope in error. They are sending us Christmas flower envelopes that will be at the rear of the Church. You are more than welcome to take an envelope for your Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones. They were going to put a line in for you to put your envelope number so you will be credited. As always we ask for you to Print clearly all the names of your loved ones. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Your Prayers are Requested for:

Patricia J. Sheldone, Luigi "Louie" Rossi, Leo Cardarelli 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.



There Will Not be any coffee or donuts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Weekend. There is also No Religious Education Classes today Sunday, November 25th. Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving.

November 25 ~ The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" A question we need to ask ourselves today is, "Is Jesus my King? Do I live with Jesus at the center of my life? Here are some suggestions that will help answer the question? When am I going to pray? When am I going to confession? How often do I receive Holy Communion? When am I going to do some charitable action? It's the end of the year. It's time to do inventory!

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.

BULLETIN NOTICES

Bulletin notices must be received by the Rectory no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday afternoons, to appear in the following Sunday bulletin. Weeks with a holiday, notices must be received by the Tuesday before by 3:00 p.m.

November 25, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

I hope and pray you had a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. Now with Thanksgiving in the rear-view-mirror, we turn the corner to Advent, Christmas and the New Year. Momma Mia..how time flies!! Fr. Joseph and I have been here just about six months (or as Fr. Joseph likes to say: "178 days"). And what a difference this time has made for us, as names and faces become familiar, relationships develop, and our sense of being part of the parish family deepens.

These are not easy days to be a Catholic. There is so much happening on the national and international level of the Church regarding Bishops' accountability and the reality of failed leadership. It is very disappointing and discouraging for all of us. The bureaucracy needs to be broken, transparency must be the way forward with clear cut lines of reporting to external third parties who will hold bishops accountable; just as we have done for priests. We also need to acknowledge that there are many good, holy and faithful bishops in our Church, and try not to lump them in with the few who have caused scandal.

Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur, Deacon Bill and I, are here for you. We all struggle with this as a community. We desire and long for the Church and her leadership to radiate Jesus Christ and be known for the missionary work of the Gospel. But that is not where we find ourselves today. We are in a time of purification. The Church had to be purified of this evil and in God's providence this is the hour for it to be done; we have been **chosen for this hour**. We have been created for this time in history to carry within ourselves the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, to bring healing to the Body of Christ and to the world. We are called to be His witnesses, in word and deed.

In just one week we will begin lighting the **Advent Wreath**. Every week of Advent more candles are lit counteracting the darkness of December days. It proclaims that Jesus Christ, the "*light of the world*", "*our only hope*", and the one who is "*the same yesterday, today, and forever*" will be born again for the world to contemplate. **He is our Hope**. He is why we continue to: Baptize babies, forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirm young people, receive Holy Eucharist each Sunday, honor our deceased loved ones with a Mass of Christian Burial, bring communion to the sick and homebound, teach the faith to the next generation, and read long bulletin articles. :)

Christ is our only Hope. Let us cling to Him and bring His light, truth, mercy, compassion, and love to each other and those most in need.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Listen to God's voice by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec.7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at: <https://wwmema.org/>.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation, Saturday, December 8th Holy Day Masses

St. John's Masses

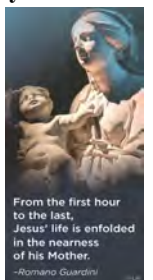
Friday, December 7th Vigil @ 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th ~ Holy Day @ 8:00 a.m.

St. Joseph's Masses

Friday, December 7th Vigil @ 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th ~ Holy Day @ 10:00 a.m.



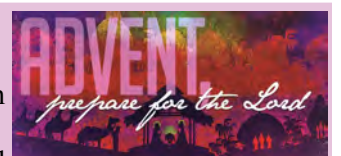
Pauline Books & Media, 885 Providence Hwy. Dedham: Join us for our Baby Jesus Party on Saturday, December 8, from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Once again there will be pictures with Baby Jesus (costumes provided, bring your own camera), face painting, birthday cake, door prizes and other fun activities. For more information, call 781-326-5385 or check out our website at www.pauline.org.



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Please join us for a time of faith sharing, scripture reading, prayer and discussion focused on the Gospels of Advent, in the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina. Monday's December 3rd, 10th, and 17th @ St. Joseph's Church from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!



**Saint John's Food Pantry
Christmas Help**



The holidays are fast approaching. If you or someone you know from St. John's Parish is in need of assistance with Christmas Gifts for families with young children, please contact St. John's Food Pantry at 617-472-4908. Volunteers will be filling out information forms on Wednesday evenings between 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The last day to sign up for Christmas help will be on Saturday, December 1st. A picture ID and proof of address must be shown.

The St. John's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the building located next to the back door of the rectory.

For those who are so generous to the pantry please send donations directly to the rectory or use the blue envelopes in the pews.

As always a big Thank You for all your support of our St. John the Baptist Food Pantry.

**Daughters of St. Paul
Christmas Concert 2018**



The Daughters of St. Paul (Jamaica Plain) will hold a Benefit Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy (Milton). Tickets are \$20. (Children under 12 FREE). Group rates available. For information & tickets: call 617-522-8911 or go online: pauline.org/bosconcert (<http://pauline.org/bosconcert>).

**28th Annual Catholic Charities Labouré Center
Christmas House Tour**

TWILIGHT TOUR: Saturday December 1st from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm which will be followed by holiday spirits & snacks and a Holiday Shoppe at Labouré Center.

Tickets: \$50 advance ticket purchase required

DAYTIME TOUR: Sunday, December 2nd from 12 noon – 4:00 pm during which the Labouré Center will open for coffee, sweets & holiday shopping

Tickets: \$25 (before 12/2) and \$30 (on 12/2)

To Buy Tickets call 617.464.8500 or visit www.ccab.org/christmashousetour2018

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

Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

No Religious Ed Classes Today, Thanksgiving Weekend

Monday, November 26

6:30-7:30 p.m. RE Classes for Grades 6-8
Church Hall

Wednesday, November 28

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

Friday, November 30

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

First Saturday, December 1

8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Sunday, December 2

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes for Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Class for Confirmation II
Church Hall

**A Special Advent
LIFT**

Worship Night
Worship / Message / Adoration
Free To Attend / Open To All Ages



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th
With National Speaker
David Calavitta

Immaculate Conception Church
600 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA

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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 _____

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Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO