

# 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.

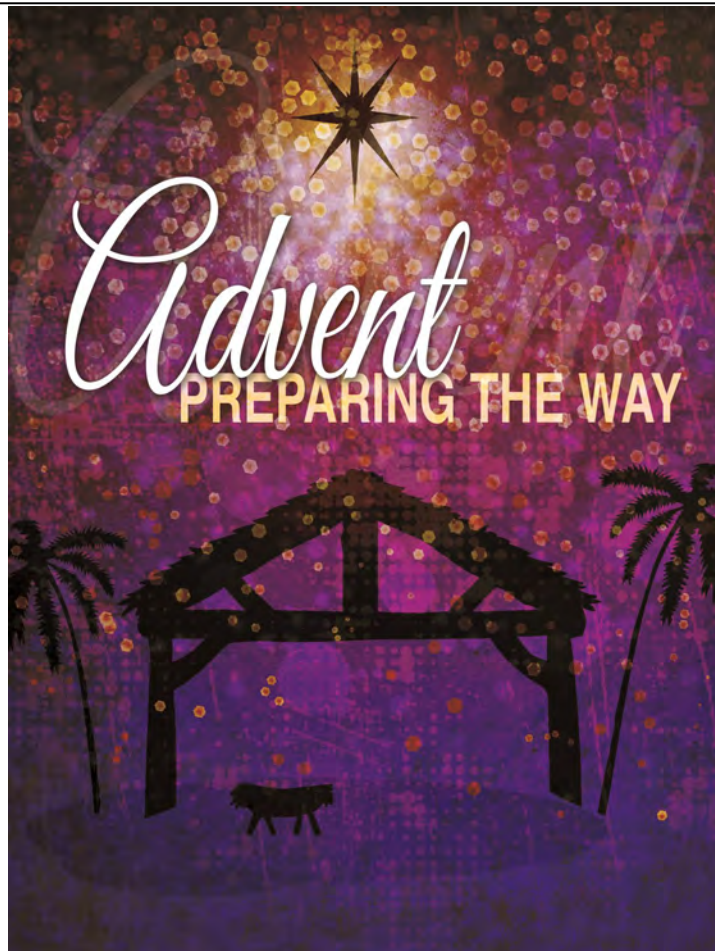
## **Mass Schedule**

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**  
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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**



## **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

First Sunday of Advent



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

Wednesday, December 5  
 8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Nancy Patricia Lynch

Friday, December 7  
 8:00 a.m.  
 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Holy Day

Saturday, December 8 ~ Holy Day  
*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Holy Day  
 4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Mariano Marinelli

Sunday, December 9  
 8:30 a.m. 6th Anniversary Owen & Diane Hennessey  
 11:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary Eugene Creedon  
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Phyllis Buttomer

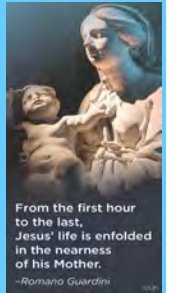
**The Spirituality of Stewardship**  
*Receiving God's Gifts gratefully;  
 Nurturing God's Gifts responsibly;  
 Sharing God's Gifts in love and justice;  
 Returning God's Gifts generously*

Parish Weekly Goal:	\$9,000.00
Weekend of November 24/25	
Church Collections	\$7,110.13
On-Line Giving	<u>734.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,844.63</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(1,155.37)</b>

This weekend December 1/2 there is one collection. Next weekend December 8/9 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*

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



**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.

**Coffee & Donuts**

Please join us this Sunday, December 2 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass downstairs in the Church Hall for some coffee and donuts on this first Sunday of Advent. All are welcome!

**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.

**Donations:**



For the week of December 2 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of the 6th Anniversary of John Kelly 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).

**Your Prayers are Requested for:**



Anna Maria Santarpia, Cynthia C. Manning, Marie R. Maurano, Lucien Theberge 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.

**December 2 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

The readings for this first Sunday of Advent stress the importance of having a strong and committed relationship with Jesus Christ. When stress and tensions arise, or we feel weighed down and discouragement sets in, these readings remind us to remain hopeful. They tell us again that we have all we need in Christ Jesus - we need to rely on him and follow him faithfully. Pray for the grace to recognize the little signs of hope that God places before you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

So Advent is upon us. The Church gives us four wonderful weeks so that we can prepare our hearts to celebrate His birth anew. It's funny how these weeks are meant to slow us down to pray, meditate and contemplate God's love made visible in Jesus, yet our experience is often the exact opposite.



So.. in light of this, I feel inspired to offer:

**5 Steps to a Joy-filled Christmas Shopping Experience**

1. **Stop** and take a few deep breaths (in through nose and out through mouth),
2. **Picture this:** The Lord gazing on you, delighting in you (eyes closed please),
3. **Call to mind** the people you are buying for AND ask Lord to help you find the right thing that expresses your love, affection, friendship, etc.,
4. **Consider** the shoppers you may encounter (the Lord gazes on them too you know), and
5. **Pray** the Lord's prayer.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

P.S. EXTRA CREDIT: Wish 3 people Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2018**

So you may plan for your holiday gatherings below is a list of the Christmas Mass Schedule for our St. John the Baptist / St. Joseph Collaborative:

**St. John the Baptist**

Monday, December 24th ~ **Christmas Eve**  
Masses @ **4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.** (The Choir will starting singing before the 10:30 Mass @ 10:00 p.m.)  
Tuesday, December 25th ~ **Christmas Day**  
Masses @ **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**St. Joseph**

Monday, December 24th ~ **Christmas Eve**  
Masses @ **4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.** Family Mass with Youth Choir  
Tuesday, December 25th ~ **Christmas Day**  
Mass @ **9:00 a.m.**



The **Senior Social Group Luncheon** will be Wednesday, December 5th at 12 noon till 2pm in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person.

Anyone who wishes to attend and has not been attending luncheons or has not paid, should RSVP to Rich Griffin at 781-363-3655. Money for the lunch will be collected at the meeting for those who haven't yet paid. Those who are coming are asked to please bring a dessert to share with the group.


We will have entertainment - Holiday Sing-O Long with DJ-Jim and The Charity Raffle drawing will be held at this December Luncheon.

Finally, please NOTE: Because of holiday schedules, the January luncheon is scheduled for January 9th, 2019 which is the 2nd Wednesday in January.

**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](http://www.pauline.org).



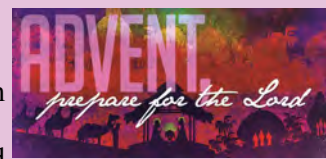
**Notice for Parishioners who receive monthly envelope packets:** The envelope company omitted the Christmas Flower envelope in error. They are sending us Christmas flower envelopes that will be at the rear of the Church. You are more than welcome to take an envelope for your Christmas flowers in memory 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.



**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.

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

**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 Grades 2-5  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation II  
(Both sessions held in Church Hall)

**Monday, December 3**

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

**Wednesday, December 5**

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 Open

**First Friday, December 7**

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Lower Chapel  
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Holy Day

**Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 a.m. Mass for Holy Day (only today)**

10:00-10:45 a.m. RE Class Grade 1  
Church Hall

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

4:00 p.m. **Mass Reminder** the 4:00 p.m. Mass is the regular weekend obligation not for the Holy Day.

5:30 p.m. Baptism Instruction  
Upper Church

**Sunday, December 9**

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes for Grades 2-5  
Church Hall

**11:00 a.m. Mass ALL GIFTS FOR THE  
GIVING TREE DUE BACK AT MASS**

12:30 p.m. Baptisms  
Upper Church



**Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

We are honored to be hosting a member of St. Joseph's BVM Sodality, Victoria Poppe, who is the custodian of one of the twelve Traveling Statues of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will be on display at St. Joseph's Church the evening of Monday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. **ALL** parishioners are invited to attend this event, to hear a brief presentation by Victoria and to offer devotion to Our Lady.

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/witnessstolife](http://bostoncatholic.org/witnessstolife) for details. Questions, email [witnessstolife@rcab.org](mailto:witnessstolife@rcab.org).

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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