

# 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.

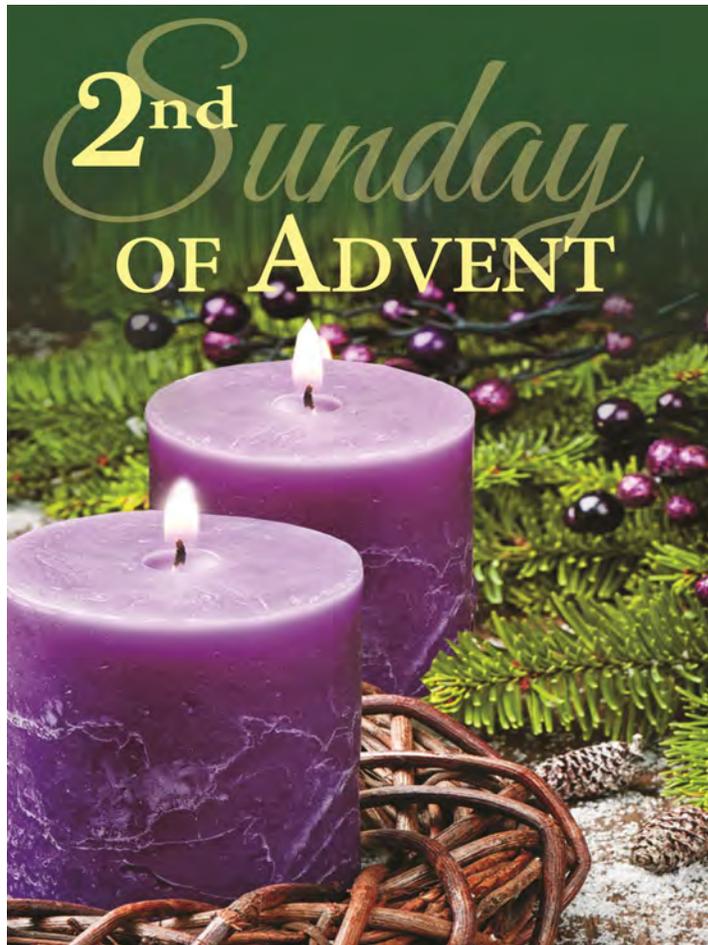
## **Mass Schedule**

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

*Second Sunday of Advent*



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.

Wednesday, December 12  
 8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 14  
 8:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary Teresa Grannell

Saturday, December 15  
 8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Albina "Bea" Lindewall  
 4:00 p.m. 8th Anniversary Costanzo Ranalli

Sunday, December 16  
 8:30 a.m. 10th Anniversary Leslie DeThomaso  
 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass Joseph Tuong Pham,  
 Etienne Chan Tin and all His Brothers  
 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 December 1/2	
Church Collections	\$7,000.90
On-Line Giving	<u>784.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,785.40</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(1,214.60)</b>
This weekend December 8/9 there is one collection. Next weekend December 15/16 there will also be one collection.	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

**Clergy Health & Retirement Trust: Christmas Collection 2018**  
 The hardworking priests in the Archdiocese of Boston are here for us each day throughout the year. Every Christmas, we hold a **special collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing.** Amid these difficult times for our Church, these priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests, including our senior priests, who have devoted their lives to our Church...and to all of us. To donate online, please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) or text the word PRIEST25 to 20222 to donate \$25. *Msg. and data rates may apply.* Visit [clergyfunds.org](http://clergyfunds.org) for a heartwarming testimony from a family about our priests.

**Donations:**

For the week of December 9 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Deacon Paul Lewis. 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).



**December 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent** "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is where Advent calls us to put our focus. It can happen though that preparing for the coming of Christ gets overwhelmed by what our culture tells us Christmas should look like. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that God has already begun a good work in us and will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. This Advent let us pray for the ability to put our priority on preparing our hearts and minds to receive Christ and trust that he will take care of the rest!

**Coffee & Donuts**

Please join us this Sunday, December 9 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.**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:  
NEW WINTER  
WEATHER POLICY**



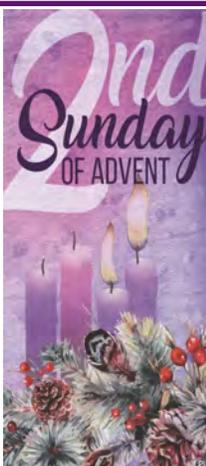
**ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES & MASSES** will be cancelled for the day/evening whenever there are Quincy School cancellations (except for funerals which might be rescheduled). This will allow for the safety of parishioners and parking lot snow removal.

**Your Prayers are Requested for:** *Pray For...*  
 Dino D. Svizzero 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**YOU ARE LOVED!**

For those keeping track at home, I switched up my greeting. Did you notice :)? As Christmas draws near, I need you to get this: **YOU ARE LOVED!** Christmas celebrates a great truth: the God of the universe takes on human flesh, and becomes one with us.. one of us! Here's why:



**1. To Reveal Who God is:**

- a. "God is love.." (1Jn 4:16).
- b. "...That the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (Jn 17:23).
- c. "No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him" (Luk 10:24).

**2. To Invite us into His Embrace:**

- a. "But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become Children of God" (Jn 1:12).
- b. "The glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one" (Jn 17:22-23).
- c. "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.." (Matt 11:28).

**3. To Offer His life in Sacrifice to Save Us from Sin and Death:**

- a. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16).
- b. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins" (1Jn 4:10).
- c. "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many" (Matt 20:28).
- D. "For to you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luk 2:11).

INVITATION: **Give yourself time** this week to reflect on these Scriptures and to allow this message to come deep within. Jesus is the reason for this holy season, let's marinate in His love!! **YOU ARE LOVED!**

You Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

**P.S. Think of three people (family, friends, neighbors) who have been away from the Church and pray for them continuously. Then ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage to invite them to join you for Christmas Mass.** You could simply say: *"I (or our family) am planning to attend the 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's/St. John's. Would you (and your family) like to join me (us)?"*

**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 start 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.**

**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

**Notice for Parishioners who receive monthly envelope packets: The envelope company omitted the Christmas Flower envelope in error. There are Christmas flower envelopes 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.**



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



If you took a card from our giving Tree, please remember all the gifts are due back today by the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you to everyone for your generosity to our Christmas giving tree project. Remember the 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.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**ANNUAL WINTER FEST CELEBRATION**

**December 9th 11AM—4PM**

***Come and spread the holiday cheer!  
Get your shopping done early while mingling with SJP families, friends and neighbors. There will be food, games, raffles, crafts for kids, shopping, wreaths, and of course, Santa!***

**Youth and Family Trip to La Salette Shrine for the Christmas Festival of Lights.**

All youth and families of St. Joseph's and St. John's are invited to join us (St Joe's Youth Group) on this special trip to see the over 300,000 lights and shrine in Attleboro. On Saturday, December 15th, a bus will leave from St. Joseph's Church at 5:30 pm. YOUTH AND FAMILIES are welcome to join us: kids in 1st through 12th grade can be dropped off for the trip, or come as a family. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. The only cost for the trip is a transportation charge of \$10 per person with a cap of \$20 per family. Bring dinner or buy what you'd like at the cafeteria. Donations to the Youth Group for the trip are welcome. Seats are limited. Call or email Steve at (617) 877-5975 or [SPinQuinzy@aol.com](mailto:SPinQuinzy@aol.com) for more information or to reserve your spot on the bus.



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

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

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Holy Day  
10:00-10:45 a.m. RE Class Grade 1  
Church Hall  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Baptism Instruction  
Upper Church

**Sunday, December 9**

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5  
Church Hall  
11:00 a.m. Gifts due at Mass for the Giving Tree  
Upper Church  
12:30 p.m. Baptisms  
Upper Church

**Monday, December 10**

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

**Wednesday, December 12**

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

**Friday, December 14**

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

**Saturday, December 15**

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

**Sunday, December 16**

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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**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.

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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