

# 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 at St. John the Baptist Church:**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM

Sunday Masses 8:30 & 11:00AM and 5:00PM

Weekdays: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

8:00 am @ St. John the Baptist Church

### **Mass Schedule at St. Joseph Church:**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM

Sunday Masses; 8:30 and 10:30AM

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00AM @ St. Joseph Church (Rosary at 8:25AM same mornings)

**Holy Days & Holidays:** as announced in the bulletin

### **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**

**St. John the Baptist**

Lower Chapel, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00am;

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30pm or call the rectory to make an appointment with a priest.

**St. Joseph**

2:30-3:30PM in the Church

### **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, December 22

8:00 a.m. Month's Mind Marie R. Maurano

4:00 p.m. Birthday Memorials

John Kearns & Louise Kearns

Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Anna E. Barra, Memorial

Annina & Antonio Carlucci and

Month's Mind Lucien Theberge

11:00 a.m. 22nd Anniversary Marion G. Horne and

16th Anniversary Gertrude Harkins

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Memorial Paul Francis Thomas

Friday, December 28

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 29

8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Helen Dowd

4:00 p.m. Birthday Memorial Doris Crean

Sunday, December 30

8:30 a.m. 13th Anniversary Angelita Gomez

11:00 a.m. 6th Anniversary Venera Donato

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

## St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Collaborative Christmas Mass Schedule 2018



### St. John the Baptist Church Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

### St. Joseph Church Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.



### St. John the Baptist Church Christmas Day Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### St. Joseph Church Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m.



### Mary, Mother of God ~ January 1, 2019 December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. ~ St. John's

5:30 p.m. ~ St. Joseph's

### January 1 ~ New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. ~ St. John's

9:00 a.m. ~ St. Joseph's

12:10 p.m. ~ St. John's

### Donations:

For the week of December 23rd the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Sister M. Agnellita, CSJ & Sister M. Roberta, CSJ. 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: *Pray For...*

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.

### 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.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**“Maybe Christmas doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas means...a little bit more” (The Grinch).**  
AMEN Mr. Grinch!



The GIFT of YOUR PRESENCE today and each day of the year makes our parish communities “a little bit more” joyful, meaningful and special. Every day is like Christmas, as the gift of Jesus’ self-giving love is made manifest in you!

As gifts are exchanged this Christmas, we are offered a subtle reminder of THE GREATEST GIFT GOD COULD EVER GIVE US. As we do with any present, we unwrap it to discover what is inside. May our Christmas celebration and the days to follow allow us to unwrap and discover anew this priceless gift of the Father’s only Son.

May this poem from Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. help us to unwrap this Gift:

But the Bethlehem star may lead me  
To the sight of Him Who freed me  
From the self that I have been.  
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art Holy;  
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;  
Now beginning, and always,  
Now begin, on Christmas day.

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur, Deacon Bill and the collaborative team of St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and merry Christmas.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

**Collaborative Youth Ministry**

The St. Joseph’s Youth Group program has seen great success this past year. We’d like to continue to expand and grow this program as a Collaborative Youth Ministry, but need more adult volunteers to do so. If you think you might be interested in helping with the planning and organizing of events for the youth of our parishes, then please join us for a meeting on January 10th. We will meet at St. Joe’s at 7:00 p.m. to discuss how volunteers might help, and to plan future events for our parishes.

The staff of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph collaborative would like to wish everyone a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Holiday season.

Just to let you know the St. John and St. Joseph collaborative office hours are as follows:

**Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve and Monday, December 31st New Year’s Eve the office will close both days at 12:00 Noon.**



**Clergy Health & Retirement Trust:  
Christmas Collection 2018**

This Christmas, please consider contributing to a special diocesan-wide Christmas collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing in our Archdiocese. Amid these difficult times for our Church, our hardworking 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 donated 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.

**December 23 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The gospel today presents the beautiful story of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. This reading gives us much to ponder - Mary’s generosity to her older cousin; Elizabeth’s acknowledgement of Mary’s yes to God, and her admiration of Mary’s belief in God’s promises. In your prayer, ask for the grace you need to imitate the faith and trust of Mary and Elizabeth with your family and friends during this Christmas season.

**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 15/16	
Church Collections	\$6,394.60
On-Line Giving	<u>804.50</u>
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,199.10</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(1,800.90)</b>

This weekend December 22/23 there is one collection. Next weekend December 29/30 there is also one collection

**Thank you for your generosity**

*St. John the Baptist Parish*

4th Sunday of Advent  
Luke 1:39-45



Blessed Advent!

Today we have two mothers meeting; they are related, and one carries in her womb John the Baptist and the other woman, Mary, carries in her womb Jesus.

The Gospel account says that John, who would cry out in the desert the message that everyone needs to "prepare the way of the Lord," leapt with joy in the womb of his mother upon hearing Mary's greeting.

John's message in the desert is the message that we all need to heed as we get closer to the Christmas celebration. May our faith leap with joy at the chance to proclaim our Lord and to prepare the way!

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

**Saturday, December 22**

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

**Sunday, December 23**

*No Religious Education Classes*

**Monday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Masses**

4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:30pm (All Upstairs Church)

**Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day Masses**

8:30am and 11:00am (All Upstairs Church)

**Wednesday, December 26**

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
St. John's Food Pantry **CLOSED**

**Friday, December 28**

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

**Saturday, December 29**

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

**Sunday, December 30 ~ *No Religious Education***

**OFFICES MOVING SOON**

We are happy to announce that the renovation of the St. Joseph Rectory is near completion. The rectory will soon become the site of our Collaborative Offices, and the location for the day-to-day needs of our parishioners from both St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph. It is a great gift that we can have our entire staff in one building, with adequate office space, to work effectively to serve our Collaborative community.

The St. John the Baptist Rectory will now become the home for our four priests and seminarian. Having a distinction in living space from work/office space is highly recommended by the diocese, as it allows us to have a home where we can be re-charged apart from the constant activities of parish life.

We anticipate the move to take place in mid to late January. We are well aware that this will cause challenges for some of our St. John's parishioners, particularly those who are unable to drive. Please know that we care for you, and desire to be present to you and readily available to respond to your needs. Please do not hesitate to speak to one of the priests after Mass, or to call the Rectory, and we will do everything in our power to accommodate your needs.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and prayers.

**Saint John's Food Pantry**

Reminder: The Food Pantry will be **closed on Wednesday, December 26th and Wednesday, January 2nd**. The Food Pantry is normally 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.

**Vocations to the Priesthood:** Please pray for vocations; we are in need of a few good men! I am confident that the Lord is raising up men in this hour to heroically offer their lives in service of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, have questions, or know of someone who is thinking about it, please contact Fr. Matt at the rectory or email: [Fr.MattinQuincy@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.MattinQuincy@gmail.com).

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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