

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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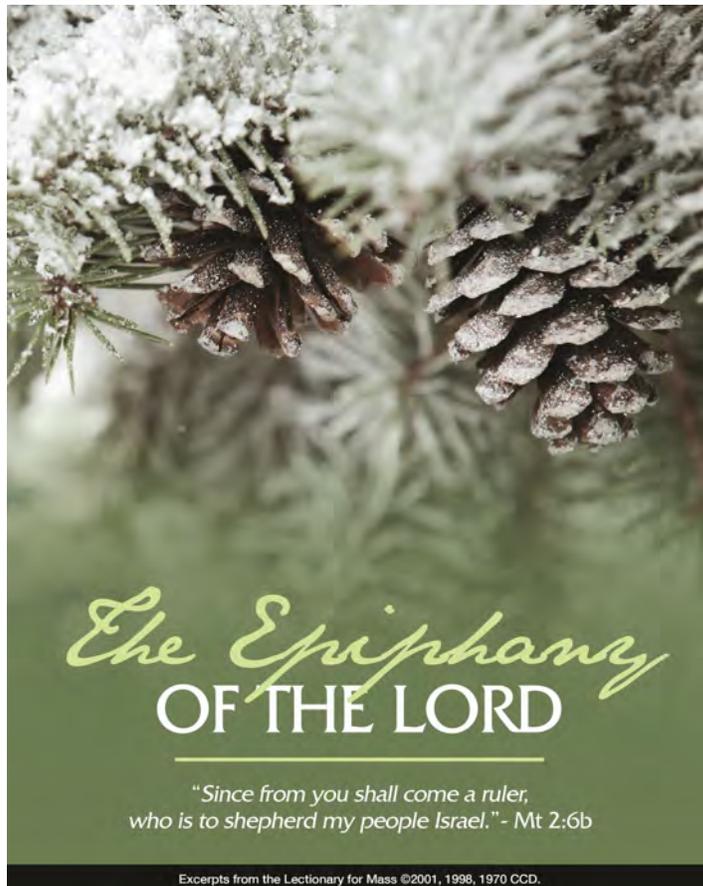
Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant

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



The Epiphany **OF THE LORD**

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Adrienne Walsh

Sunday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Memorial Anne M. Knasas

11:00 a.m. Memorial Steve Carr

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Healing Ann Walchonski

Friday, January 11

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Manuela T. Hilario 40th Birthday

4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Anthony Belmonte

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Birthday Memorial Theresa "Terry" Stella

11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Arthur L. Kennedy

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 29/30

Church Collections \$8,891.21

On-Line Giving 784.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$9,675.71

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **675.71**

Christmas Flowers 2018

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$3,103.00

This weekend January 5/6 there is one collection. Next weekend January 12/13 there is also one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

Donations:

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:

Ann C. Gaulrapp, Joseph F. Whiffen, William J. Ronan, Louise Tantillo, John J. "Jack" Donovan, Jr. 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.



January 6 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's readings give us beautiful imagery along with the familiar story of the Magi. A line in the gospel that could be easily missed comes at the end of the Gospel: "they departed for their country by another way." We might assume that because of their encounter with Christ, they realized that they needed to take another way, follow a new path forward. Do we need to take another path, *today*, to grow closer to the Lord? A trip is always better with a good travelling companion – is there someone you can invite to walk with you "another way", the way of sacraments and prayer.

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 recharged 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

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.

January 6, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

I hope you all had a blessed New Year celebration. It was great to see so many of you at the New Year's Masses, honoring our Blessed Mother in her unique role as "Mother of God". What a great way to begin the New Year!

As I have said, one of my dreams for our Collaborative family is that we would be a place where "*everyone knows your name*" (thank you to Cheers). It speaks of a community of believers, animated by the joy of the Gospel, who welcomes the stranger, recognizes the dignity of each person, and cares for their neighbor.

Every weekend we have visitors joining our parish family at the table of the Word and the Eucharist. Some may be joining us from within the Collaborative while others may be visiting from another parish. I am sure there are many who are not affiliated with a parish and may even feel uncomfortable coming into our church. Regardless of the circumstances, we have an opportunity to welcome the stranger and create an environment where people feel acknowledged, affirmed and loved.

This is not to say that we don't do this on some levels, but all of us, including myself, can be more intentional about welcoming others and asking them their name. Our names matter, they mean something. Being recognized and smiled at matters. When someone knows our name, smiles and greets us, it affirms our existence and makes us feel welcomed to the community.

Beginning this new year, we will take a moment at the beginning of Mass to give each other the opportunity to greet the people who are sitting around us. It can also be an opportunity to exchange names with those whom we do not know. This may sound crazy, but sometimes we can find ourselves sitting in front of or behind a person for many years before we ever learned their name. That certainly happened to me growing up.

Here's to 2019 and the Collaborative of St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist; striving, by God's grace, to become a community where everyone knows your name.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

P.S. If you are sick, please refrain from shaking hands. A warm smile and pleasant greeting will go a long way.



Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Assembly for Life, Sunday, January 20, 2019, Faneuil Hall, Boston, 2:00 p.m.

Featured speaker: Stephen Mosher of The Population Institute, will speak on the abortion situation around the world, especially the new developments in Ireland and China.

The 1973 Roe v Wade abortion decisions made the U.S. one of the seven most pro-abortion countries in the world.

Come out and join the movement to restore respect for every human being, especially our unborn.

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. All parents, adults and young adults of St. Joseph's and St. John's are welcome.

St. John the Baptist Parish

SNOW CAMPS SNOW CAMPS is a high-energy, fun-filled, spiritual-growth experience for your 7th/8th/9th grader. SNOWCAMPS 2019 will be held on the weekend of March 1-3 at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Our prayer is to have St. Joseph and St. John's teens join hundreds of teenagers from throughout the diocese in what could very well be "the best weekend of their lives!" (*you could even "sponsor" a young person you don't know to go)!!**Special St. Joseph-St. John Religious Ed note:** On January 7, 2019 6,7,8 and 9th graders will hear from teen staff from Snow CAMPS for a fun-filled info session during Religious Ed from 6:30 to 7:30. Parents - are asked to please pick up your student(s) early at 7:15 and come into the basement of church for cocoa and final info. To clarify class is at regular place, Saint John the Baptist lower church hall, and regular time, 6:30-7:30, and **we are asking parents to come early for pick up January 7, 2019 and join us in Church hall at 7:15** to hear the end of the presentation.

The Senior Social Group Luncheon will be Wednesday, January 9th **which is the 2nd Wednesday in January.** We will have a guest speaker. Luncheon from 12 noon till 2:00pm in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall.



Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. 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.

NOTE: In February, we return to the 1st Wednesday of the month schedule and will have it on February 6th.
Questions: Call Rich Griffin at 781-363-3655."

St. John/St. Joseph Religious Education Classes are starting back up. January schedule:



- Grade 1 - January 5 - 10am-10:45am
- Grades 2-5 - January 6, 13, and 27 - 10:10-11:00am
- Grades 6-8 - January 7, 14, and 28 - 6:30-7:30pm
- Grade 9 - January 7(Monday 6:30-7:30pm Special Class) & January 27th
- Grade 10 - January 6 (Retreat (9:00am-5:00pm) & January 13th

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.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Events

First Saturday, January 5

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. 1st Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. Class for First Grade & Parents
Church Hall
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Sunday, January 6

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. Class for Grades 2-5 (Grade 2 student with parent) Church Hall
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Conf. II Retreat @ La Salette

Monday, January 7

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Class for Grades 6-9
Church Hall

Wednesday, January 9

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
- 12:00-2:00 p.m. Senior Group Meeting
Church Hall
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13

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

St. John's Christmas Flower list is included in this weeks bulletin. As Always we try our best to include all the names and the correct spelling. If there is a mistake kindly give us a call and we will happy to make a correct. Names received after the list had gone to print:

Nancy A. Kovalski,

Stanley J. Kovalski, Sr.

Mary Jane Kovalski



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