

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

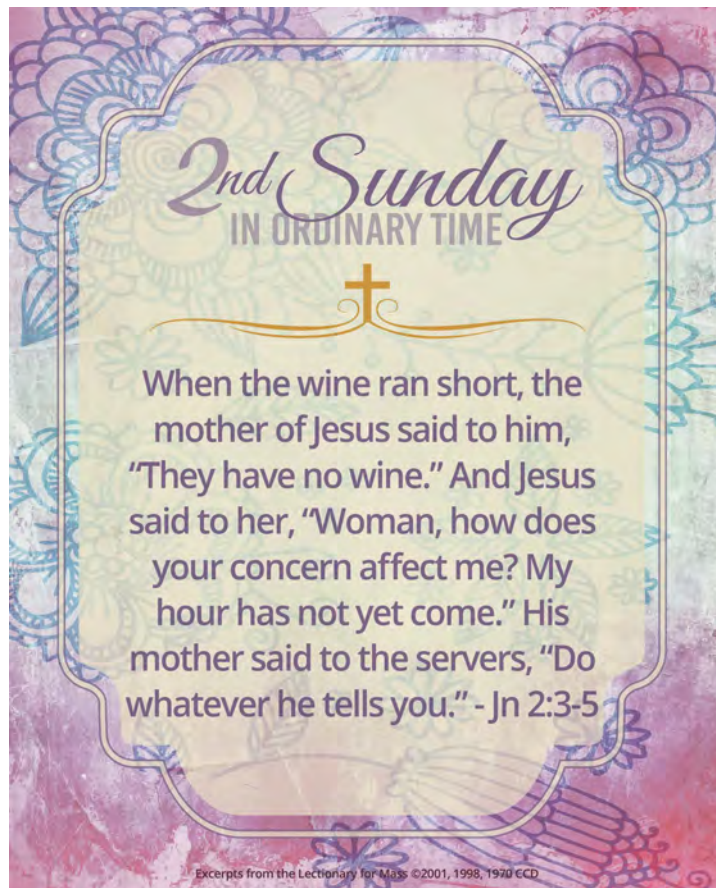
Mass Schedule at St. Joseph Church:

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 Boafu, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence
Deacon William R. Proulx
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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

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 19

8:00 a.m. 17th Anniversary Thomas J. Guerin
4:00 p.m. Memorial Dominic Lomanno

Sunday, January 20

8:30 a.m. Memorial Italia & Domenico Giannandrea
11:00 a.m. Anniversary Luis Vasquez
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, January 23

8:00 a.m. 8th Anniversary Sue Colarusso

Friday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Memorial John "Jack" Donovan, Jr.

Saturday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mary Dauphinais and
Philomene Stamand
4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Ann Kerins and
14th Anniversary Joseph Kern

Sunday, January 27

8:30 a.m. 10th Anniversary Andrew K. Taylor
11:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary Joseph N. Lenehan III
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 January 12/13	
Church Collections	\$6,592.26
On-Line Giving (1/5-1/11/19)	<u>824.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,416.76
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(1,583.24)

This weekend January 19/20 there is one collection. Next weekend January 26/27 there will be two collections. The second collection next week supports the Church in Latin America. The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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).



Our Parish Prays For Life:

A **Holy Hour for Life** will be held on **Saturday, January 19th following the 8:00 am Mass at St. Johns**. The Holy Hour is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. Led by Deacon Bill, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those facing death and for holiness in the Church. The Holy Hour for Life is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us, all are welcome. And stay for coffee and fellowship afterwards.

Your Prayers are Requested for: *Pray For...*

Marie Claudette Morisset, Kathleen F. Kenney, Silvia F. Walsh 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.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes

Due to the new way in which we are processing the weekly offertory envelopes, we feel it is best to remove the white and yellow plain envelopes in the Church pews. **The only envelopes that will remain in the pews are the tall blue ones marked SJFP (which stand for ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY). These envelopes are Strictly for donations to St. John's Food Pantry.** If you would like to receive Weekly Offertory Envelopes thru the mail, please call the rectory and we would be happy to arrange that for you.

January 20 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do whatever he tells you." These are the words of Mary at the end of today's gospel! Mary is saying these words to us too - to you and me. What is He telling us to do? The psalm gives us one response - "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations." St. Paul also reminds us that we have been given special gifts. Do you recognize the special gifts that the Spirit has given to you? Pray for the grace to use your gifts to proclaim his marvelous deeds - to family, neighbors, friends, co-workers.

Reminder : Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 21st the parish offices will be closed all day. Parish office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. Have a wonderful long weekend.

January 20, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace!

I hope and pray your New Year is off to a blessed start. I have so much I wish to share with you about our Collaborative and the great things that are happening, however the sadness of this week beckons me, indeed all Catholics, and men and women of goodwill, to pause, reflect, pray and act.

January 22nd marks the 46th Anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our country. The Church in the United States has deemed it a day of prayer and penance, in reparation for the *60 million* innocent human lives who have been lost through abortion. **Please consider going to Mass, paying a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary and/or Divine Mercy Chaplet, and fasting.** We beg God's mercy upon our nation and our Church, for our failures at protecting and standing up for life.

Reverence and respect for human life and acknowledging the dignity of every human person, from the first moment of conception to natural death, begins with the lives that God puts right in front of us. The reason for the introductions before every Mass is a first step in creating a culture in our parishes where all are known by name, welcomed, loved and **our human dignity is honored.** Jesus' incarnation, life, death and resurrection proclaims God's love for all human life. You are worth Jesus! Think about that for a moment: from the Heavenly Father's perspective, your worth is Jesus Christ, whom the Father sent to be the expiation, the atonement, for your sins and mine. Our value, the value of every human life, in the womb and those who are terminally ill, is on display and proclaimed on the Crucifix, in the Gospels and celebrated in every Mass. We are a people for life because God is for life and His command is clear: "*thou shalt not kill,*" and "*love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Being a people for life shapes and inspires all that we do: The way we love and care for our family and our neighbors, the way we pray for our enemies and forgive those who have hurt us, the way we visit the sick, imprisoned and elderly, the way we discern candidates for our elections and what their stances are on abortion, as well as our involvement in the political arena. As Catholics, with the Gospel in one hand and the Catechism in the other, we engage in political discourse, seeking to shape the common good so that it reflects the fundamental principles upon which the **Declaration of Independence** is written: "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter..*"

I would like to share a prayer I have been praying for the unborn for over 20 years on a daily basis. May this prayer become part of your daily prayer routine and inspire you to be a champion for life:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

As I write this I am very much aware that most of us have been affected by abortion, whether personally ourselves, with a family member or a friend. God's mercy endures forever. There is no sin that he cannot forgive. Psalm 51 states that God will never turn away a heart that is humble and contrite. We are here for you. We love you. Jesus loves you and is calling out for you. Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur and myself are here for you to listen and accompany you on a journey of healing. The Archdiocese also has a beautiful healing ministry for women who suffer from abortion known as Project Rachel. For more information: www.projectrachelboston.com and 508-651-3100.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Q & A With Bishop Mark O'Connell

Have you ever wanted to ask a Bishop (or priest) a question but never had the right opportunity? On Thursday January 24, Bishop Mark O'Connell will be at the new Shrine of Our Lady of Good Voyage in South Boston's Seaport District from 6pm-7pm. It's an opportunity to come with your burning question or to meet and hear from one of Boston's newest auxiliary bishops. For more information: 339-201-1184.

St. John/St. Joseph Religious Education Classes

No Classes this weekend January 20th and 21st due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

Youth Group - Pot Luck to celebrate World Youth Day Panama

Next night of fun and games will take place on Friday, January 25th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. John's lower church hall. Cost is \$4 or bring a dish to share. Take part in videos from World Youth Day in Panama, games, discussion, and food from around the world.

Special note: For the first time, we are expanding to middle school aged kids as well. Separate activities for older students. We encourage 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to join in and tell us what you would like our middle school program include. All elementary and middle school age kids welcome.

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.

St. John the Baptist Parish

Save the date for the Archdiocese of Boston's 2nd Annual Intentional Discipleship Conference: CALLED, Saturday, March 2 at Fontbonne Academy. This year's conference will feature keynote speakers Hosffman Ospino, Gina Bauer, and Scott Powell. Mass will be celebrated at 4PM with Bishop Robert Reed, followed by dinner and another keynote by Katie Prejean McGrady. For more info, visit disciplesinmission.com/conference.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep – Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018-2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove; or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Saint John's Food Pantry

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to making Thanksgiving and Christmas possible for families, who were in need. We understand times are tough, it's through your generosity that 65 families were given Thanksgiving Dinners and 330 Children and their families were given Christmas gifts and food. To all our special "Angels" who give from their hearts each week, you are a gift from God.

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.

Baptisms

Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following children who were baptized in December:

*Maeve Elizabeth Conley
Forde Edward O'Mahony*

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.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20

No Religious Education Class Holiday Weekend

Monday, January 21

No Religious Education Class Holiday Weekend

Wednesday, January 23

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open

Friday, January 25

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

6:00-9:00 p.m. Collaborative Youth Ministry
Church Hall @ St. John's

Saturday, January 26

11:00 a.m. 2nd Grade First Reconciliation
@ St. John's

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

Sunday, January 27

10:10-11:00 a.m. Class for Grades 2-5

12:00-1:00 p.m. Class for Grade 9

All Classes in Church Hall

St. John's Senior Social Group

St. John's Senior Social Group meets the first Wednesday, of the month from Noon-2:00pm in the Lower Church Hall. For Questions please contact Rich Griffin at 781-363-3655. **Next Meeting February 6th.**



Meeting Christ In Prayer

An eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius will be held during Lent. Sister Anne D'Arcy, CSJ will lead a group at Fontbonne Convent 444 Centre Street, Milton, MA on Tuesday evenings March 5- April 23 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. For further information and to register call 617-433-5085 Or email darcy@csjboston.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.

Would you like to have the bulletin emailed to you? If you would, please give us your email: _____

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