

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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Mission 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS MON-FRI. 9:00-3:30pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Matthew M. Williams, Pastor

Rev. Joseph Boafu, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence

Deacon William R. Proulx

Joe Sheehan, Business Manager

Joanne Curry, Religious Education Director,

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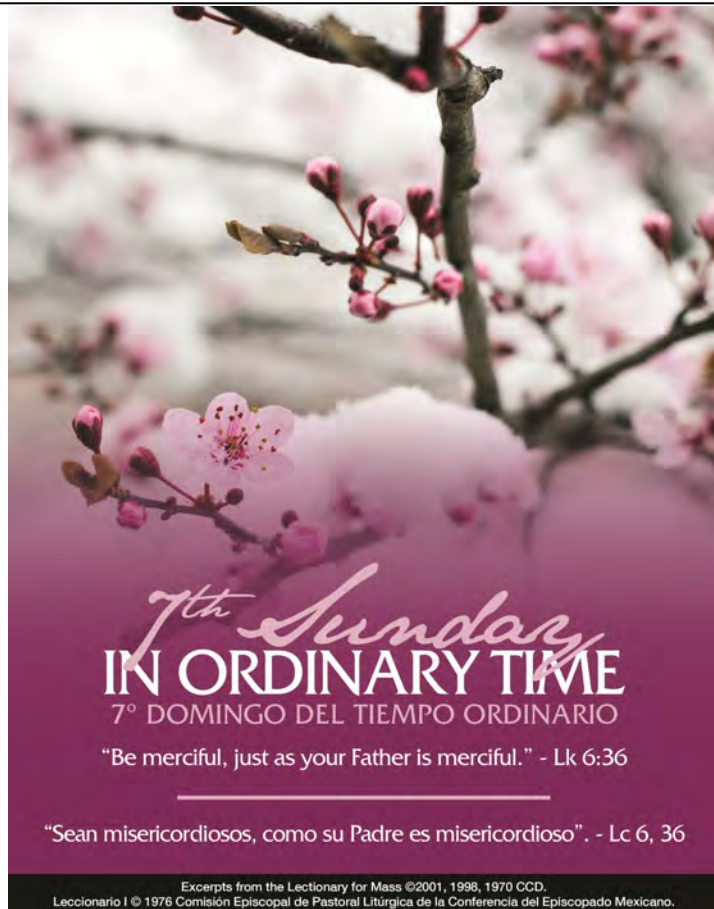
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St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908

Jini Vickery, Music Director at 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

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 23

8:00 a.m. 9th Anniversary Donna Saluti
4:00 p.m. 16th Anniversary Theresa Ann Smith

Sunday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Memorial Lou, Kay & David Napolitano
11:00 a.m. Memorial William & Joan Connell
5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. 24th Anniversary Catherine Feeney

Friday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial James Bush

Saturday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Memorial James A. O'Malley
4:00 p.m. 5th Anniversary Frank Colletta

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Month's Mind Paul Ricca
11:00 a.m. 4th Anniversary Maureen O'Neil Piccarini
5:00 p.m. 7th Anniversary Frederick Opanasets

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 February 16/17	
Church Collections	\$5,165.69
On-Line Giving (2/9-2/15/19)	<u>704.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$5,870.19
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(3,129.81)

This weekend February 23/24 there will be two collections. The second collection is for the Support of the Church around the World. This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. This collection supports 1) Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe, 2) Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, Black & Native American and 3)The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Next weekend March 2/3 there will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

APPEAL LAUNCH: ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 23-24 Save the Date! Next weekend, we will be taking important steps to enrich many life-changing ministries and our parish communities. Life Teen Youth Ministry and other religious education programs, Addiction Recovery Services, and Faith Community Nursing for our homebound parishioners are among more than 50 critical ministries supported by the 2019 Catholic Appeal. As we prepare to embark on this season of Lent, may you prayerfully consider supporting these important ministries. Your generosity provides nearly half the funding for these great efforts, and every gift makes a difference. Please find more information about this life-changing work in today's bulletin insert or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!

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: *Pray For...*

Roberta R. Kane, James V. Contrino, 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.

February 24 ~ Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus' words today make it very clear how we are live as his followers. "Love your enemies" ... "do good to those who curse you" ... "pray for those who mistreat you" ... "give to everyone who asks of you (and) don't demand it back" ... "Stop judging" ... "Forgive and you will be forgiven." Jesus doesn't lighten our responsibility, rather, he restates his teaching emphasizing that the extent to which we are willing to follow/live his words is what will be returned to us. Ask Christ to help you this week to put his words into action in your life. Notice the difference it makes in your relationships.

St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Collaborative Offices are now located at 556 Washington Street, Quincy, MA 02169. **Please Mail all your correspondents to: St. John/St. Joseph Collaborative, 556 Washington Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Also the Parish Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** We can be reached at St. Joseph's 617-472-6321 and St. John's 617-773-1021.

Pauline Books & Media Center: Join us for inspiring talks at Pauline Books and Media Center in preparation for Lent. On Saturday, March 2, Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble will be speaking and presenting her new book, *Remember Your Death: Memento Mori*. On Saturday, March 9, Sr. Maria Grace Dateno will be here and talking about her new release, *The Mass Explained*. Both talks are from 10:30am to 11:30am. We're located at 885 Providence Hwy (across from Legacy Place), Dedham, MA 02026. For more information, call 781-326-5385 or check out our website at www.pauline.org/.dedham

BULLETIN NOTICES Bulletin notices must be received by the Rectory no later than **4:00 p.m. on MONDAY, AFTER-NOONS**, to appear in the following Sunday bulletin.

February 24, 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

Amazing!! I am so happy to say that last weekend's Snow CAMPS chocolate chip cookie fundraiser, run in both of our parishes, brought in over \$4500. Your TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY helped to fund **nine middle schoolers, two parents, one high school staff and two children under 11** from our Collaborative. *All of them will now have the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a deeply personal and life changing way.*

It was so wonderful to see the outpouring of support, affirmation and encouragement coming from our communities. The young people felt loved, accepted and affirmed. This is the beginning of affiliative faith, where young people feel proud to be connected with a church community. Thank you for your beautiful witness and generosity.

Another tremendous fruit of the day's activity was the beginning of an intentional middle school community that included parents, children and other parishioners. These young people worked together for almost twenty-four hours, and had a lot of fun in the process. They worked hard, played hard, prayed hard, and shared a meal together.

Recruiting this many middle schoolers would not have been possible without the leadership and guidance of Francesca Alberti. She is a high school senior from St. Mary's in Lynn. I have worked in ministry with her mother for many years, and known Francesca for her entire life; she is a special young lady. In order to keep the momentum of our (beginning) middle school ministry, along with the hopes of beginning a high school ministry, I have asked Francesca to take a lead role in developing our youth ministry efforts before heading off to Franciscan University to study psychology and youth ministry in the fall. We are blessed to have her (look at the fruit already), and I am happy to say that she wrote the Snow CAMPS thank you in this weekend's bulletin.

That is all for now. Thank you again for making last weekend so special.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Hunger for God, Longing for Community~ The Future of the Church, Part 3, a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, March 13 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. (Coffee and pastry at 9:30) Pre-registration is required. \$25 fee can be paid on arrival. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

Women's Retreat: Bless It All will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, MA April 12-14, 2019. For more information contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or visit her website: www.timeoutretreats.com.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. John the Baptist,

In the midst of a very special, uplifting weekend for our youth, we were sadly made aware of humanity's fallen nature. I am sorry to say that the 8:30am collection was stolen from our church. Running out of time between the morning Masses, I decided to hide the 8:30am collection rather than run it over to the rectory safe. After Mass, the money bag was gone. Please pray for this person. It saddens me that one of our very own (most likely) would do such a thing. If they only came to us, I am sure, between our wonderful food pantry and the very generous parishioners we have, we could have helped this person. Father forgive them, they know not what they do.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr Matt+

Collaborative Ham and Bean Social

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Why wait for Easter for delicious ham ?

Come join us on Saturday, March 2 from 5:30 pm until 8:00 PM for Ham and Bean Social in the *St. John's the Parish Hall*.

Whether you are coming for the ham, beans or to catch up with old friends, this is an event you will not want to miss!! We will be having a door prize as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Dessert Donations would be greatly appreciated

Tickets: \$5 per person (Maximum \$20 per family)

We hope to see you there.

Any questions, please leave a message for Ray at the Collaboration office.

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.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms: Second Sunday of the Month alternating between St. John's and St. Joseph's at 12:30 p.m. The procedure for setting up a Baptism has changed. Please call the rectory at least a month in advance and we would be happy to assist you.

Marriage: Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment with a priests or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

St John ~ St Joseph
Catholic Collaborative
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

“Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend. Let me, also, Lord, share my grief with you. Release the tension bottling up inside me, and grant me freedom from pain and new life in healing with each tear I shed. Each teardrop of pain is precious in your sight, O Lord. I offer my tears in honor of my loved one and for love of you. Bless all who mourn, that they be comforted.”

We are in the process of beginning our St John~ St Joseph Catholic Collaborative Bereavement Ministry. Our wish is to reach out to all in our parishioners that have experienced a loss. The plan is for a seven-week program which meets weekly for one- and one-half hours. An important piece of our planning is to inquire what day and time best meets the needs of our parishioners. If you are interested and feel a bereavement group would be of benefit to you or someone you know you will find at the rear of the church a brief questionnaire regarding preferred days and times for these meetings. You can return completed questionnaires in the box at the door of the church or you could mail your completed questionnaires to St. Joseph Parish at the address given on the form. Or, if you wish, you can send your replies and any questions you may have to the email address at the bottom of the form.

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.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Catholic Appeal Announcement Weekend

Saturday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 24

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5
12:00-1:00 p.m. RE Class Grade 9
All Classes Church Hall

Monday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 27

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

First Friday, March 1

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

First Saturday, March 2

10:00-10:45 a.m. RE Class Grade 1
Church Hall
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel

Sunday, March 3

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Class Grades 2-5
12:00-1:00 p.m. RE Class for Grade 10
All Classes Church Hall

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season are fast approaching. Ash Wednesday starts the Lenten season a week from Wednesday on Wednesday, March 6th. We will be offering various programs through the Season in our St. John / St. Joseph Collaborative. Watch the bulletin for more details.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

St. John’s Masses with Ashes
8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph’s Masses with Ashes
9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John’s Friday’s at 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph’s Parish
All are invited to come and listen to the words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (rotating weekly)
Friday nights @ 7:00 p.m. from March 8 until April 19



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