

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 Boafo, 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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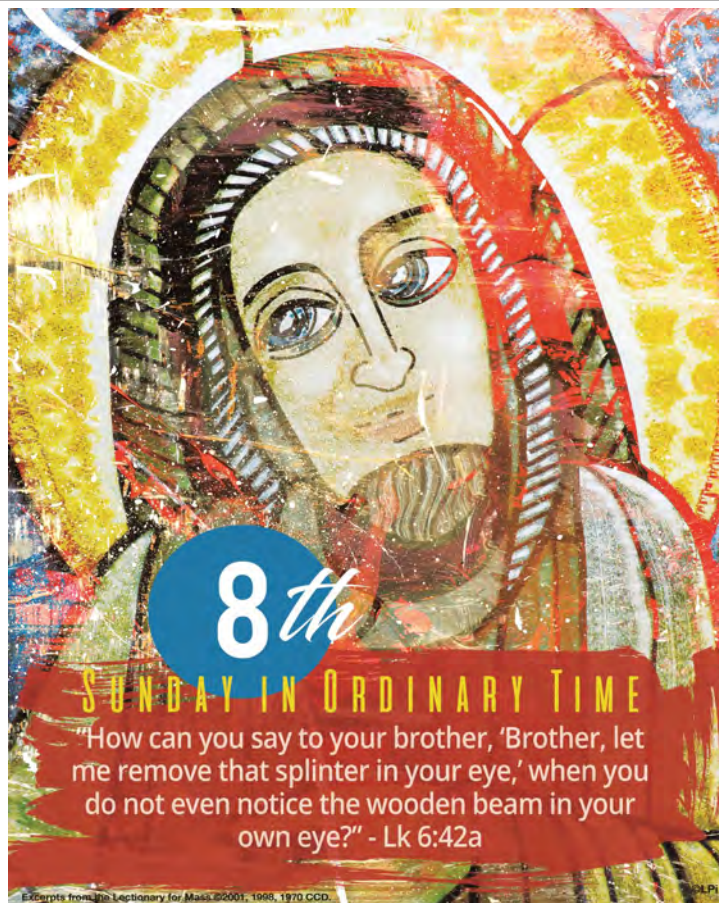
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Donna Niosi, Collaborative Administrative Assistant

Paul Kelly, Music Director

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

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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



Wednesday, March 6 ~ Ash Wednesday
Masses with Ashes

8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial
Ralph & Josephine Tutela
4:00 p.m. Memorial Mary Heavey

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Memorial Carmen DiSciullo
11:00 a.m. Memorial Louise Fruth and
Richard Dhooge
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 February 23/24	
Church Collections	\$5,695.91
On-Line Giving	<u>769.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$6,465.41
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(2,534.59)

Second Collection ~ Church Around the World

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$2,378.30

This weekend March 2/3 there will be one collection.
Next weekend March 9/10 there will be two collections.
The second collection is for the Annual Parish Fuel.

Thank you for your generosity

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

COMMITMENT WEEKEND: MARCH 2-3 In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that we are known by the fruits of our generosity. In opening the doors of our hearts to this season of Lent, may we consider supporting those who turn to the Church for assistance, through life-changing ministries such as Addiction Recovery Services or the Faith Community Nursing program. **Your gift to the 2019 Catholic Appeal provides half of the funding for many important programs that enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of many. Every gift has an immediate impact in our parish communities.** Please find more information about this life-changing work in the envelope in your pew or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time This Ash Wednesday, a special collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities of Boston. Catholic Charities works to serve more than 185,000 families and individuals annually throughout the Archdiocese and help put them on a path to self-sustainability. Programs including food and utility assistance, adult education, temporary and transitional housing, at risk youth development, child care, and refugee and immigration services provides support to individuals for their most basic needs while charting a path to a living wage. We invite you to begin your Lenten almsgiving journey with us this Ash Wednesday. On behalf of those we serve, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.ccab.org.

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.

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:

Richard L. Robinson, Eugenia S. Seoane, Olga L. Conti, Christine M. Canavan, John E. Francil Sr. 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.



March 3 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Remove the splinter in your own eye first, then you see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's [sister's] eye." These words from today's gospel may be difficult to hear yet they remind us to take time to reflect on our attitudes and behaviors and how blinded we can become to their adverse effects. One good way to deal with the "splinter in our own eye" is to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

March 3, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

Lent comes at a great time! Amidst all the troubles and concerns that the daily news reports (globally, locally and most especially ecclesially) Jesus is eager to draw near, and Lent gives us the powerful means to encounter Him anew.

I would like to share a prayer with you that I would like us to pray during these 40 Days of Lent. It was composed by Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, a healing priest who belonged to a religious order known as the Servants of Mary. He passed away in 2014 but I remember meeting him in Medugorje in 1991, and watched how God worked through him to bring healing and freedom into people's lives.

He wrote this powerful prayer which has been called a "Miracle Prayer." Fr. Peter said about it: "Say this prayer faithfully, no matter what you feel, when you come to the point where you sincerely mean each word, with all your heart, something good spiritually will happen to you. **You will experience Jesus, and HE will change your whole life in a very special way. You will see.**"

I invite you to pray this prayer every day during the 40 days of Lent. **We will pray this prayer at our Lenten Masses** throughout the Season of Lent. Let's seek the Lord as His children and as a parish and collaborative family to know, love and serve Him more and more.

Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In your name I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give you my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever. I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus, cover me with your precious blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I Love You, Lord Jesus. I Praise You, Jesus. I Thank You, Jesus. I shall follow you every day of my life. Amen.

Mary, my mother, Queen of Peace, all you Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Prayers of the Faithful Ministry

Each day, many of our parishioners declare their personal and heartfelt prayers in our parish Book of Intentions. As a collaborative, we mention those prayers faithfully during the Mass. This coming Lenten season, we would like to do more by expanding the opportunities to pray and intercede for these and other prayers of our faithful. We are at our best when we are praying for each other, and letting God do the rest.

Please join fellow parishioners on the Thursday nights of Lent, beginning on Thursday, March 7 and concluding Thursday, April 11. The services will be at St. Joseph's Church at 7:00 PM and should not be more than one hour.

During the evening, the rosary will be dedicated to the prayers of not only our faithful but also the prayers of anyone choosing to attend. Please feel free to invite anyone, Catholic or not, to come along with you so that they too can experience the love and prayerfulness of our community.

Ash Wednesday
Schedule for our Collaborative



St. John's ~ All Masses with distribution of Ashes
8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
No Morning Confessions this week
Stations of the Cross for Lent start Fri. March 8th @ 3:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's ~ All Masses with distribution of Ashes
9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross for Lent start Fri. March 8th @ 7:00 p.m. (weather Permitting)

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.

Thanks to these amazing middle schoolers and teens, some wonderful parents, Joanne Curry, our Holy Spirit Inspired Pastor, Fr. Matt Williams, and OUR AMAZING PARISHES, our first Cookie Sale was a huge success! Thank you so much for all your donations and prayers! We raised enough to cover all 14 of our Snow Campers/staff fees all the while witnessing, praying, and drawing nearer to one another and to JESUS! Please pray for us March 1-3 while we attend Snow CAMPS, we will be praying for you!



Francesca "Chessie" Alberti

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.

15 Minutes of Faith Fun



All preschool and kindergarten children and their parents are invited! No registration Necessary. Sunday March 3 following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass at St John's Church Hall

Calendar of EVENTS

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

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 Classes Grades 2-5

12:00-1:00 p.m. RE Class Grade 10

All Classes Church Hall

Monday, March 4

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

Church Hall

Wednesday, March 6 ~ Ash Wednesday

Masses with Ashes at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

There is **NO** Sacrament of Reconciliation or Senior Group

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

Friday, March 8

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

Lower Chapel

3:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross for Lent**

Upper Church

Saturday, March 9

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

Lower Chapel

Sunday, March 10

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

12:00-1:00 p.m. RE Class for Grades 9 & 10

All Classes Church Hall

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 priest or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

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.

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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