

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

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,

Religious Education Telephone 617-877-5014

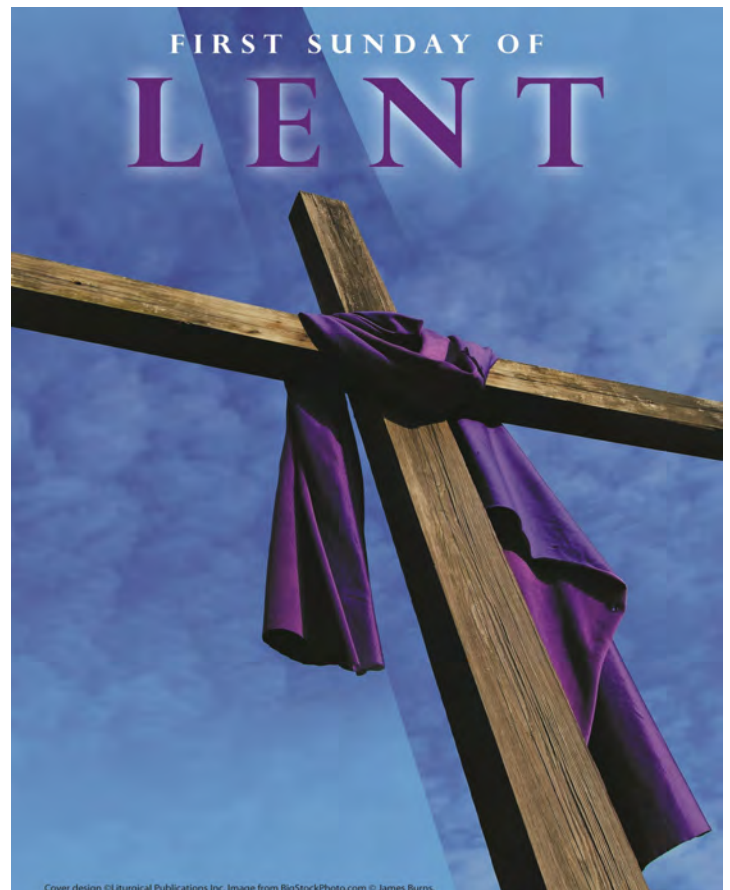
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Paul Kelly, Music Director

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

First Sunday Of Lent



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 & Richard Dhooge

5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Apter Dauphinais

Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Wilfred P. Thibodeau

Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Lucy

4:00 p.m. 6th Anniversary Kristen Mawn

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. Memorial James B. Haley

5:00 p.m.

The Spirituality of Stewardship

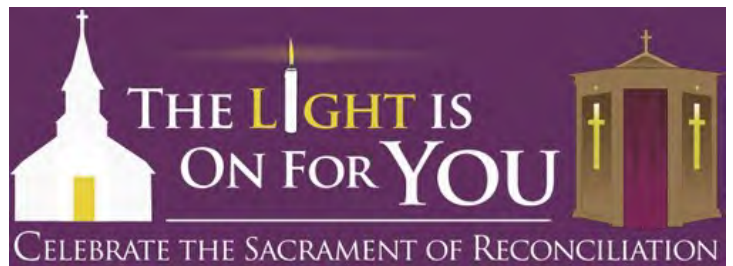
*Receiving God's Gifts gratefully;
Nurturing God's Gifts responsibly;
Sharing God's Gifts in love and justice;
Returning God's Gifts generously*

Parish Weekly Goal:	\$9,000.00
Weekend of March 2/3	
Church Collections	\$7,474.00
On-Line Giving	701.50
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$8,175.50
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(824.50)

This weekend March 9/10 there will be two collections. The second collection today is for the **Annual Parish Fuel.** Next weekend March 16/17 there will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. **For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available in the back of the Church or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal.** Thank you!



On all the **Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, St. John/St. Joseph and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confession. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please make plans to come on Lenten Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. Dates are Wednesdays are 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, and 4/17.

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:

For the week of March 10th the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Artie John DePietro and Peter Niosi, Sr. 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:

Frances A. Kabilian, Albert C. Parker

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 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a good time to reorder our lives and to focus our attention on the essentials of our faith. In the second reading today, St. Paul challenges us to make these words come alive: "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Does your way of life profess that Jesus is Lord? Do you believe in the Resurrection? This Lent take some time in prayer asking that your faith be strengthened.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

As I write this article I do so with great joy and gratitude. As you now know, I have asked Francesca Alberti, an amazing high school senior, to coordinate and lead our middle school and high school ministry until she leaves for college in the fall. This past week a family from our Collaborative approached me and said they would like to support this effort and wrote a check out for \$10,000. Praise the Lord! I know and believe with all my heart that the Lord has great things in store for our Collaborative Family!

As many of you know, we had a collection stolen a few weeks ago. Although that collection did not reappear (as of yet), I was approached by parishioners who said they wanted to make a donation in the estimated amount of what was stolen. I was, once again, humbled and amazed by God's goodness flowing through very kind and generous parishioners. All they asked was that we pray for the person(s) involved.

As we enter this Lenten Season, may it be a time for all of us to be renewed in the Father's love for us, His children. May the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to know we are loved with an everlasting love, and to allow our hearts to find rest and peace in His; for we know that our hearts will always be restless until they rest in Him.

May we claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, Friend and Brother, and the foundation upon which our lives are built. May we ponder the mystery of His Cross and experience anew how good He is. May this Lent afford us the time to enter into His gaze, and allow our eyes to meet His eyes, and to be drawn into the depths of His heart. May this gaze help us to recognize Him in our neighbor and move us to generously serve our brothers and our sisters.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr Matt+

Hunger for Justice Giving Cross

St. John's and St. Joseph's is so blessed to have incredible teens who are participating in a heroic retreat this Easter Weekend. The Hunger for Justice Retreat is a 40 hour retreat with hundreds of youth giving up food, phones and shelter spending their entire Triduum in service, prayer and fasting. Our own Pastor, Father Matt has been the spiritual director of this retreat for many years and Father Joseph has led the teens on Holy Saturday in meeting greeting and giving out sandwiches and socks to our homeless brothers and sisters in the streets of Boston.



Some of our Youth are participating in AMAZING

Holy Week. The preparation for this faith-filled event is well underway and takes support from every member of the parish to make it successful. Along with your prayers, we are asking that you take a small purple cross from the "Giving Cross" located in the back of the Church. The "Giving Cross" will work just like the Giving Tree at Christmas. We ask that you chose a cross, take it with you, then purchase and return the donation prior to Sunday, April 14, 2019.

The youth of our parish will not only fast for the 30 hours, but will sleep in cardboard boxes on the parish hall floor, feed the poor, clean and repair a shelter in need and raise money for the poor; all on their own and without ALL of the comforts of home. They are giving their time, service and faith to so many in need and we ask for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Francesca Alberti. With in our Hunger for Justice Program, we have raised over \$700,000 for those in need in third world countries, specifically Ecuador and Haiti. Thank you for your love support and prayers.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Do you know of a Catholic who has been Baptized and received First Communion, but postponed receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? The Spring Adult Confirmation program begins on Sunday, March 24 with the 5pm Mass at Saint Jerome Parish. Class follows in the parish hall. Please email Mary Ellen Cassani at adultformation@catholicweymouth.org or call 781-335-2038 for further details or just to have your questions answered.

The Adult Confirmation program is for adults who have already been baptized and received First Holy Communion.



The Senior Social Group Luncheon will be Wednesday, March 13th. We will have Bob Sylvia, Quincy's "One Man Band" to play and sing Irish Oldies and American nostalgia. It will be a fun time as we enjoy the "music we love to hear" LIVE!

Luncheon from 12 noon till 2:00 p.m. 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 April, we return to the 1st Wednesday of the month schedule and will have it on April 3rd.

QUESTIONS: Call Rich Griffin at 781-363-3655.

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.

Two Classes being offered during the Lenten Season

Lectio Divina is an ancient way to read the scriptures slowly and prayerfully, listening for what the Word of God has to say to each of us personally. Please join us for a time of faith sharing, scripture reading and discussion focused on the Gospels of Lent in the tradition of Lectio Divina. St. Joseph's Rectory Monday, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Gospel of Luke: This five week study will look at the Gospel of Luke with a special emphasis on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. Held at St. John the Baptist Church Hall Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10th.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5
All Classes Church Hall

Monday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 13

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
12:00-2:00 p.m. Senior Social Group
Church Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open
7:00-8:30 p.m. The Gospel of Luke Study
Church Hall (Barbara Sullivan)
6:30-8:00 p.m. The Light Is On &
Upper Church

Friday, March 15

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 16

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

Sunday, March 17

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Class Grades 2-5
All Classes Church Hall
12:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Group
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 priests or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.

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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