

# 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**

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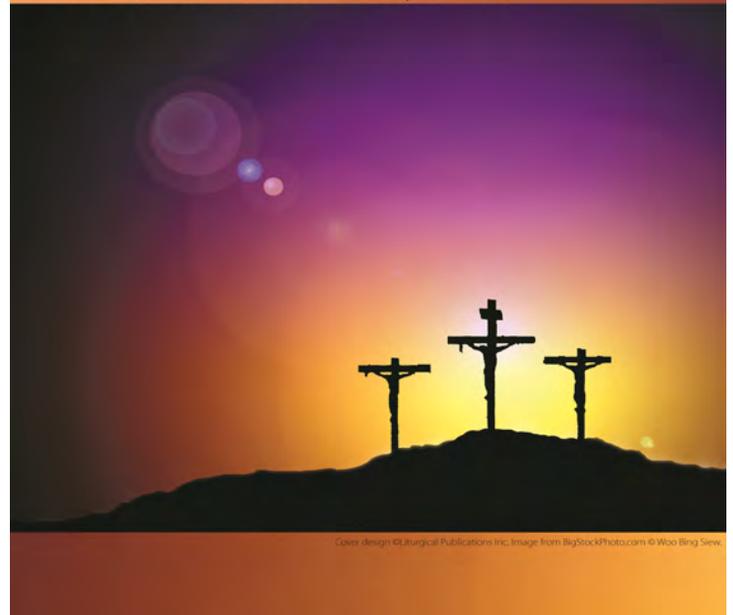
**Paul Kelly, Music Director**

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

**Jini Vickery, Music Director at St. Joseph**

SECOND SUNDAY OF

# LENT



## **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 Of Lent*



**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.

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Stephen Calabro

**Friday, March 22**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Tony Polese

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Stella  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Carmine, Carmela & David  
Solimini and Maureen Burnet

**Sunday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. 17th Anniversary Cosimo Donato  
5:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Danielle Marie Creighton

**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 9/10	
Church Collections	\$5,470.84
On-Line Giving	869.50
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$6,340.34</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(2,659.66)</b>
<b>Second Collection ~ Annual Parish Fuel</b>	
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$4,210.75</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday Collection</b>	<b>\$3,999.88</b>

This weekend March 16/17 there is one collection. Next weekend March 23/24 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Donations:**

For the week of March 17th the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Vincent Jankord & Jonathan Jankord. 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).



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

- Haley Gilcoine*
- Taylor Marie Ha*
- Arthur Russell Spargo*



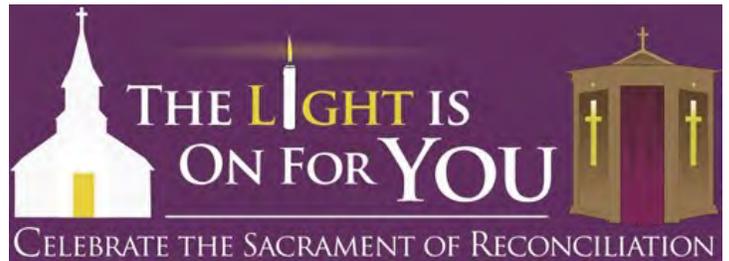
**Your Prayers are Requested for:**

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 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent**

Luke's account of the Transfiguration is rich with meaning. Peter recognizes this special moment with Jesus: "Master, it is good that we are here." We don't have to go up the mountain to be with Jesus. We can say those very words of Peter every day when we are united with Jesus through sacraments and daily prayer. Listen to what God says, not just to the Apostles, that were on that mountain, but to each of us: "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him." Pray in a special way this Lent to hear Jesus' voice and pray particularly for the courage to share your faith with others. Introduce a friend to Jesus.



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](http://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 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!** It's amazing to think that the faith that so many of us enjoy as "Irish Catholics" traces its spiritual lineage back to this man. May this great saint and the patron of the Archdiocese of Boston pray for us, that we may *generously share our faith* with others, and build up the Body of Christ.



Speaking of sharing the faith, this past Sunday was the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** for the Archdiocese. It takes place on the First Sunday of Lent, and it is a special gathering and prayer service with the Cardinal, and all of those who will be welcomed into the Catholic family as Catechumens (those to be baptized) or Candidates for Full Communion (a baptized Christian who is becoming Catholic), and those Catholics who are completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). It was amazing to see hundreds of people gathered for this event.

I am so happy to share that **our Collaborative has three Catechumens:** Steven Polanski, Chelsey Sulham and Yen Tran.

We also have one **Candidate for Full Communion** with the Catholic Church: Mark Warner.

Finally, we have two **Candidates who will be completing the Sacraments of Initiation:** Bryan Balonis and Hope Murray

We have a great **Collaborative RCIA Team** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) that has been meeting with and accompanying these Catechumens and Candidates. I am so grateful for their generous gift of time and willingness to share their faith. *Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers.*

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

Miracle Prayer by Peter Rookey

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 Savior. 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.

*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.*

**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.



**March Youth Ministry Event**

This Lenten event will start at 6:00 p.m., March 22nd at the St. Joseph's rectory with soup, bread, and games. At 7:00 p.m. the students will go to the Church to participate in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Name Society and the entire parish. Students will lead the readings and the carrying of the cross. Parents encouraged to attend.

Cost is \$4.00 per student. All elementary age kids and their families are welcome. Parents-drop kids off and enjoy a few hours to yourselves or lend a hand with our volunteer team.



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Let's Try This Again

Collaborative Ham and Bean Social

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Why wait for Easter for delicious ham ?

Come join us on Saturday, April 6, 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.

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 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 20, 27, April 3 and 10th.

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17 ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day

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

All Classes Church Hall

12:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Group ~ Church Hall

Monday, March 18

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

Church Hall

Tuesday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 20

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

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 Confession & Special Lenten Adoration

Held in Upper Church

Friday, March 22

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

Lower Chapel

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

Upper Church

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, March 23

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

Lower Chapel

Sunday, March 24

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

All Classes Church Hall

4:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Church Hall

2:00 p.m. Confirmation

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.

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.

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