

# 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 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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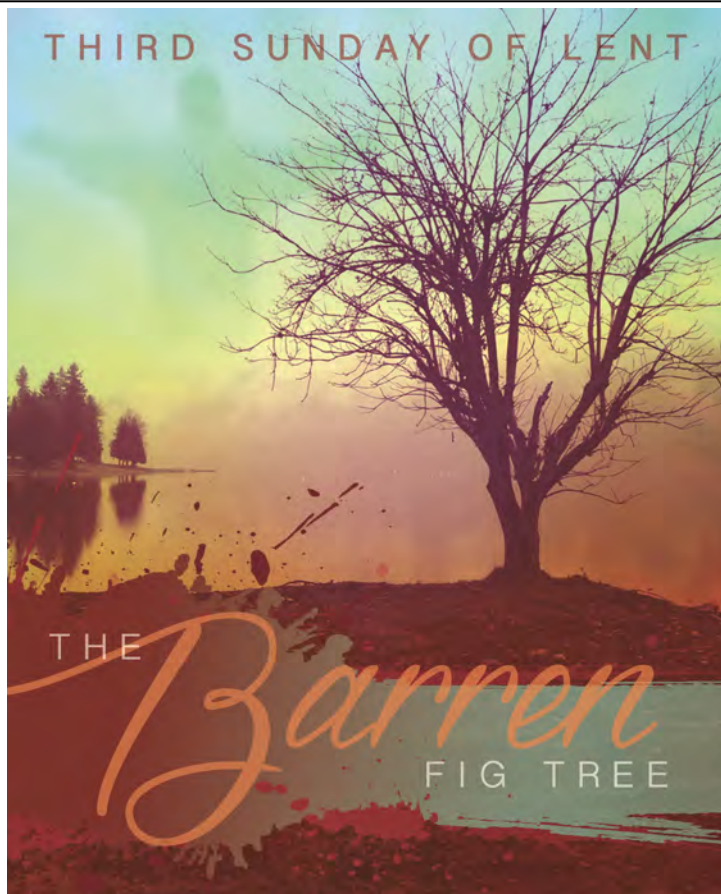
**Email:** [restjohnquincy@gmail.com](mailto:restjohnquincy@gmail.com)

**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

## Third Sunday Of Lent



### 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

### Wednesday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Memorial Thomas Buckley

### Friday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Memorial John & Ethel Kennedy

### Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Cesidia Marinilli

### Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. 3rd Anniversary Catherine A. Craig  
11:00 a.m. Memorial John & Barbara  
"Bernie" Norton  
5:00 p.m.

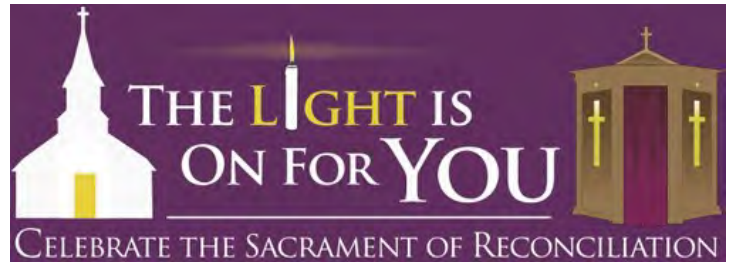
### The Spirituality of Stewardship

*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 16/17	
Church Collections	\$7,037.60
On-Line Giving	689.50
<b>Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners</b>	<b>\$7,727.10</b>
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	<b>(1,272.90)</b>

This weekend March 23/24 there is one collection. Next weekend March 30/31 there will also be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*



### Donations:

For the week of March 24th the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Esther & Francis O'Brien.



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:



Ralph A. Goodick, Martin F. Blake, QPD, Retired 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 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel presents a story of God's patience as he grants the gardener another chance to make the fig tree productive. Ours is a God of mercy and patience, who is always willing to give us second chances. Is there someone you care about who may have forgotten, or be unaware, that God is offering a second chance to come to Him? Pray for the words to share this message.

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 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, and 4/17.

### South Shore Men's Retreat

"South Shore Men's Retreat will be held at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA on Palm Sunday weekend April 12, 13 and 14. This is an opportunity to gather with other men to strengthen our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. Cost is \$220 per person, all meals included (food allergies can be accommodated with advance notice). For more info please contact Ed Barkhouse @ 781-974-7641 or John Peruzzi @ 781-337-3035.

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.

March 24, 2019

CONFIRMATION this Sunday, March 24th at a 2pm at St John the Baptist Parish  
We welcome Bishop John Dooher to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our confirmandi from St Joseph and St John the Baptist parishes. Please keep these amazing young people in your prayers.  
Over the past dozen years Bishop Dooher has presided at ten Confirmations at St John and St Joseph parishes conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on more than three hundred of our children. We are blessed to have Bishop Dooher with us again this year!



## Annual CORI Background Checks

Mindful of protecting our most vulnerable populations – children, youth, and the elderly the Archdiocese of Boston has adopted policies and procedures to assure their protection. Yearly CORI background checks are required for all volunteers who minister in areas that have contact with children, youth, and elderly.

St John and St Joseph parishes have been assigned the months of March and April for our volunteers to complete CORI forms. Please see the following times and places where you might complete your CORI form. Please bring your driver's license or Mass ID for required verification. Forms will be submitted as a Collaborative so you may complete them at either parish. If you have any questions about CORI forms please contact Joanne Curry at restjohnquincy.org or 671-773-1021.

Monday, March 25	St John Lower Church 5pm-6pm
Saturday, March 30	St. Joseph Sacristy following 4pm Mass
Sunday, March 31	St John Sacristy following the 8:30am and 11am Masses
Monday, April 1	St Joseph Rectory 10am-5pm
Saturday, April 6	St John Sacristy following the 4pm Mass
Sunday, April 7	St Joseph Sacristy following the 8:30am and 10:30 Masses
Monday, April 8	St Joseph Rectory 10am-5pm

### *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.*



### 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 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 27, April 3 and 10th.

### 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.

**Let's Try This Again~ Ham and Bean Social**

**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.**

Calendar of **EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Sunday, March 24**

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5  
 All Classes Church Hall  
 2:00 p.m. Confirmation  
 Upper Church  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group  
 Church Hall

**Monday, March 25**

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

**Wednesday, March 27**

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 29**

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 Lower Chapel  
 3:30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross for Lent**  
 Upper Church

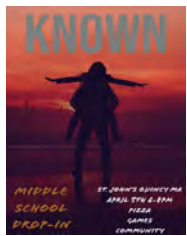
**Saturday, March 30**

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

**Sunday, March 31**

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

**Middle School Drop-In- KNOWN FRI. 4/5**  
 The KNOWN event is a monthly "drop in" for ALL 6-8th graders and their friends. It is a time to hang out and have fun together! Come Join us at St. John's Hall Friday, April 5th 6pm -8pm. For more information or questions please contact Francesca at [shinethe-light247@gmail.com](mailto:shinethe-light247@gmail.com)



**Hunger for Justice - GIVING CROSSES ITEM RETURN SUN. 4/7**

Thank you for your generous donations to our giving cross program for the upcoming Hunger for Justice Retreat. If you still have Gatorade, water, socks or other items to donate, please leave them at the base of the large wooden giving cross by Sunday, April 7.

Any High School teen interested in registering for this amazing retreat (when we will bring these items into our homeless brothers and sisters living on the streets of Boston with our very own Fr Joseph) Please contact Francesca at [shinethe-light247@gmail.com](mailto:shinethe-light247@gmail.com)

**Lent Sat. Night - ENCOUNTER CHRIST ANEW 7-9pm SAT. 3/30**

Join us for a powerful encounter with our Merciful Lord and Savior next Saturday night in a unique experience of Eucharistic Adoration and Worship. Come and receive Jesus's healing love and presence and worship Him. Invite a friend or come and meet a new one.

Where two or more are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20



**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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