

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

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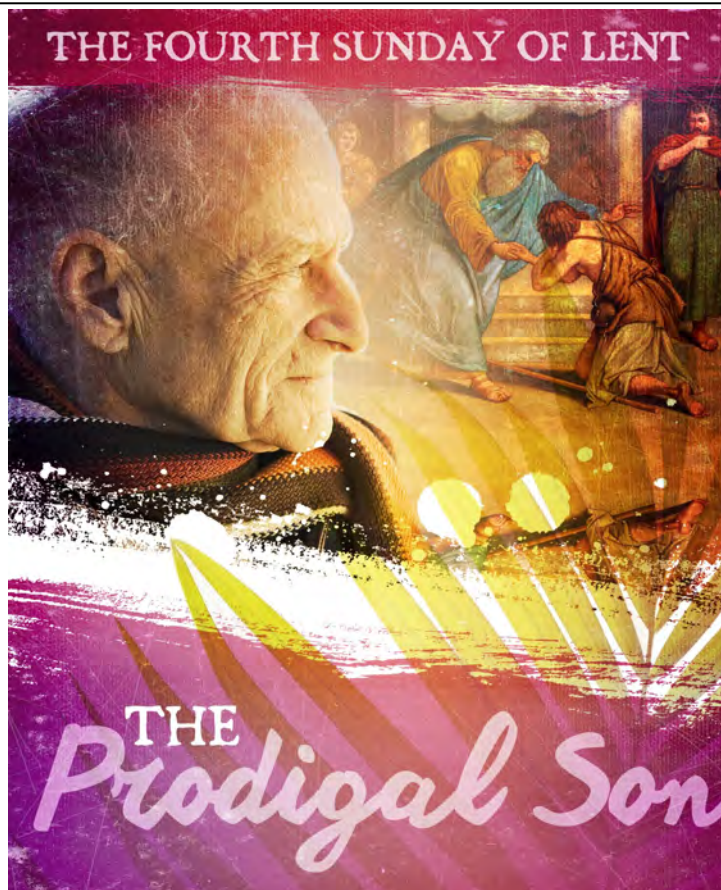
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St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908

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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

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



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.

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 5

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Memorial Joseph & Antonetta Leone

4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Paul R. "OKey" O'Connor
& 5th Anniversary Janice A. O'Connor

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary Joseph John Ferrara

11:00 a.m. Memorial Eleanor, Alfred & Donna Saluti
and Elizabeth O'Brien

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 March 23/24

Church Collections \$5,719.42

On-Line Giving 714.50

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$6,433.92

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(2,566.08)**

This weekend March 30/31 there is one collection. Next weekend April 6/7 there will also be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity



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

March 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

"A man had two sons..."

so begins today's Gospel parable. Take some time this week

to consider where are you in the story. Are you the younger son or daughter, who just wants to get away from home, but soon realizes that home is where you are loved unconditionally? Are you the disgruntled older sibling – faithful, but bitter? Are you the parent, who looked out every day, hoping for the return of your beloved child? This parable reminds us of the importance of forgiveness of self and of others, and more importantly to be open to God's mercy and forgiveness.



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 31st the bread and wine have been donated in memory of Helen Kelly's 8th Anniversary. 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:



Margaret C. Goodwin, Josephine Hajjar 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.

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

We have reached the 4th Sunday of Lent, known at "Laetare Sunday." The word "laetare" means "rejoice." We are officially more than halfway through Lent (thank God) and this particular Sunday, which is distinguished by its rose colored vestments (if we have them), and the words "rejoice Jerusalem" from the entrance antiphon (introit), are meant to communicate joy and encouragement in the midst of our Lenten penances.

Cardinal Seán always reminds us that Lent is a baptismal retreat. At the end of Lent, we the baptized, and those who will be baptized, will hopefully radiate anew the joy of knowing and loving Jesus Christ, who is THE RISEN LORD!

Here's a great reflection to both encourage and guide us on this Laetare Sunday. It is attributed to Pope Francis.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

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



Middle School Drop-In- KNOWN FRI. 4/5 Don't miss our

FIRST "KNOWN!!!!" 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: shinethelight247@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 shinethelight247@gmail.com

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.

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

Ham & Bean Social

Calendar of EVENTS

Let's Try This Again

Collaborative Ham and Bean Social
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's

When: Saturday, April 6
Where: St. John's Church Hall
Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

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

Dessert Donations would be greatly appreciated!

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. Any questions leave message for Ray at the rectory.

St. John's Senior Social Group

St. John's Senior Social Group will meet **the first** Wednesday, of the month from Noon-2:00pm in the Lower Church Hall. The next meeting is this **Wednesday, April 3rd**. We'll have a DJ and Sing-Along. The cost for lunch is \$5.00 a person, if you are able please bring a dessert.



Questions: Please call Rich Griffin at 781-363-3655

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.*

Saturday, March 30

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

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 3

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

12:00-2:00 p.m. St. John's Seniors

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**

First Friday, April 5

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

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School Drop In
Church Hall

First Saturday, April 6

8:30-9:45 a.m. 1st Saturday Devotions
Lower Chapel

10:00-10:45 a.m. RE Class Grade 1
Church Hall

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

5:30-8:00 p.m. Ham & Bean Social
Church Hall

Sunday, April 7

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

All Classes Church Hall
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
Church Hall

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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Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO