

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 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

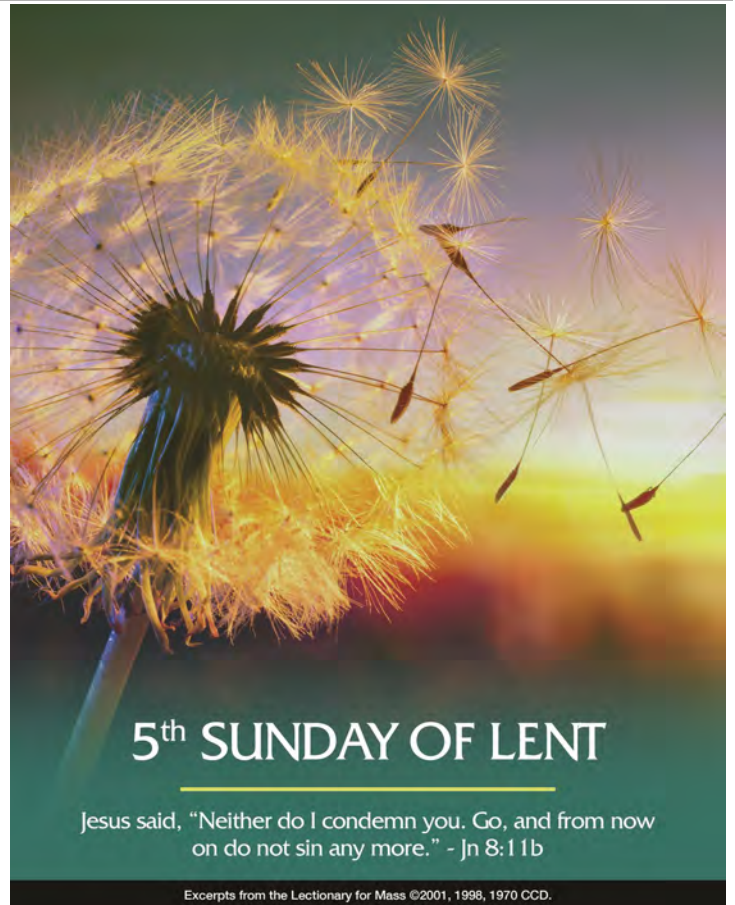
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St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908

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

Fifth Sunday Of Lent



Saturday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Memorial Joseph & Antonetta Leone
 4:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Paul R. "OKey" O'Connor
 and 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

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Memorial Salvatore & Angelina Nigro

Friday, April 12

8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Edgardo P. Hilario

Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Memorial John E. Moran
 4:00 p.m. Memorial John & Anne Morrissey and
 Ed & Kathleen Fitzpatrick

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People
 11:00 a.m.
 5:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Jane Laskey Gallagher

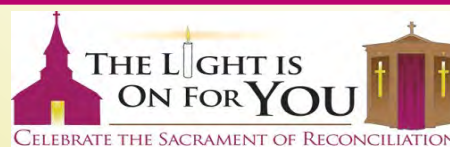
The Spirituality of Stewardship

*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 30/31	
Church Collections	\$6,813.81
On-Line Giving	724.50
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,538.31
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(1,461.69)

This weekend April 6/7 there is one collection. Next weekend April 13/14 there will this is also 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, 4/10, and 4/17.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 24th:

- Kayla Agcaioli***
- Gabriella Franceschini***
- Joseph Healy***
- Brianna Joyce***
- Colby Lai***
- Jose Maria Gabriel Loreto Las***
- Giovanni Marinilli***
- Rachel McKenna***
- Alessia Mochi***
- Anthony Morabito***
- Donovan Murray***
- Martin E. Muscato Jr.***
- Adam O'Neill***
- Patricia Parzych***
- Chloe Pierre Paul***
- Thomas Potts***
- Elysse Rucky***
- Daniel Scolaro***



Donations:

For the week of April 7th the bread and wine have been donated in memory of Caterina Iacovangelo.



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:



Joseph M. Kilrain, Mathew McDonald 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.

April 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our first reading from Isaiah the Lord tells us, "see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" As disciples of Christ, speaking about our faith and the importance of prayer and sacraments is a new experience. While it can be difficult and takes practice, it is worth the effort. Saint Paul's goal and the goal he encourages the Philippians to adopt should be our goal as well: "I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus". How willing are you to pursue to goal of living a life rooted in Christ Jesus?

April 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I am love and mercy itself" (Diary of St. Faustina, 1074). These words, spoken by Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a Polish mystic and religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, capture the essence of who God is and what he wishes to pour forth upon the world today: **Divine Mercy**. These private revelations were to **awaken us** to the power of God's mercy revealed in the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition, and to make us aware of **special graces of mercy** the Lord is pouring forth upon the world at this hour. One of the extraordinary, extravagant graces of Divine Mercy that I would like to share with you in this article is that of Divine Mercy Sunday.

During his pontificate, following Jesus' request to St. Faustina, **Pope Saint John Paul II** declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as: **Divine Mercy Sunday**. On this day, Jesus promises great graces: *"On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (D. 699).* The Lord goes on to state: **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"** (D. 699). It basically means that everything of our past is washed away. We get a clean slate; if we were to die, we would go right to heaven with NO PURGATORY. Receiving this grace is not contingent on a specific act or our level of detachment from sin and its affections. **It's so easy to receive**, all you have to do is:

1. Go to Confession before or on the Feast (Lent suffices, but need to be in state of grace with no mortal sin),
2. Receive Holy Communion with the intention of obtaining graces of Divine Mercy, and
3. Resolve to be merciful: forgiving those who have hurt us, praying for those in need, intending to be more merciful to our neighbors.

That's it. Follow these three simple steps, and you will be like a newly baptized child of God. No guilt, no shame, no sins, no past, no purgatory! Thank you Lord!!!!

Next week I will continue to expound on this great grace of Divine Mercy. I am grateful to the work of Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC and his booklet, [Divine Mercy Explained: Keys to the Message and Devotion](#), which I utilized for parts of this article. For more information, please visit: www.TheDivineMercy.org.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

P.S. Please join us on Sunday April 28th at 3pm for a special Divine Mercy celebration at St. John the Baptist Church.

Collaborative Celebration of Divine Mercy

April 28, 2019 | 3pm | St. John the Baptist

- Adoration,
- Confession,
- Divine Mercy Chaplet,
- Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy &
- 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina

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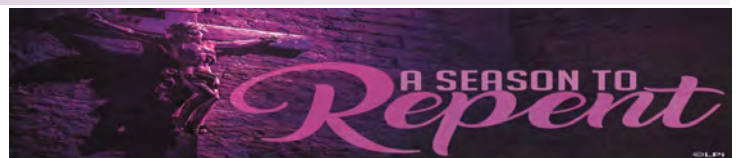
Miracle Prayer by Peter Rookey

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 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

Annual CORI Background Checks

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, 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



St John ~ St Joseph Bereavement Ministry

Walking together with Jesus we help and support each other as we seek to heal from our losses.

We appreciate that you have taken the time to complete a survey to help in the planning for this bereavement ministry. Wednesday afternoon was the preferred choice by most who replied. Our new St John – St Joseph Catholic Collaborative Bereavement Ministry will begin its first group on Wednesday May 1. We will be meeting for seven weeks at St John Lower Church Hall 2pm-3:30pm. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Please respond by email to restjohnquincy or by phone to 617-773-1021 letting us know if you will be attending or if you have any questions.

Please know that your parish is here for you during this difficult time.
Joanne Curry

Calendar of **EVENTS**

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
- 2:30-3:30 p.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 Classes Grades 2-5
- 12:00-1:00 RE Class Grade 9
- All Classes Church Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Upper Church

Monday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 10

- 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, April 12

- 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, April 13

- 2:30-3:30p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Baptism Class Upper Church

Sunday, April 14

- 12:30 p.m. Baptisms Upper Church
- 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: _____

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