

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

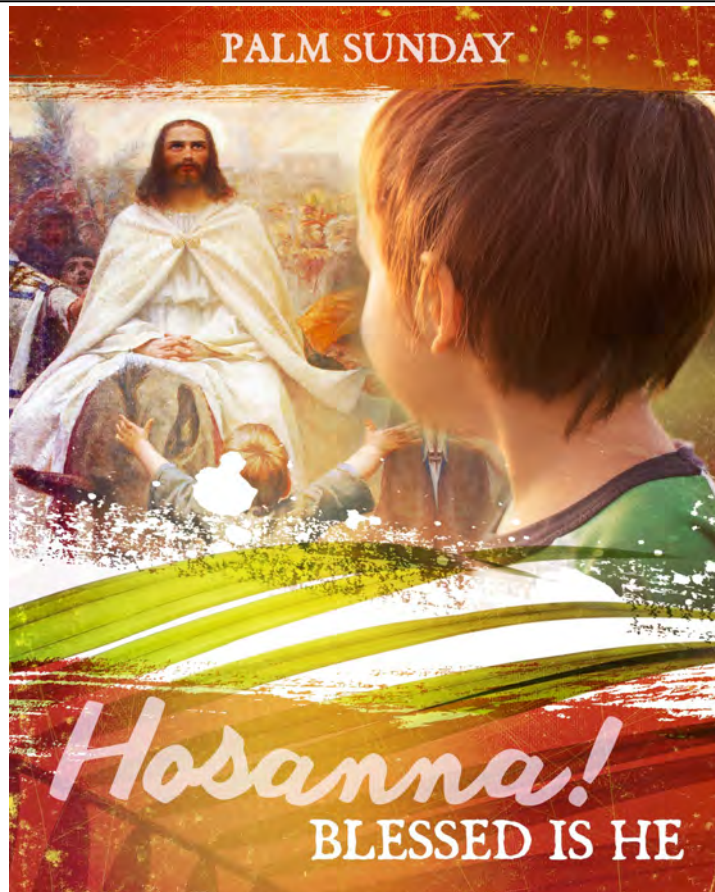
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Donna Niosi, Collaborative Administrative Assistant

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PALM SUNDAY



Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Memorial John E. Moran

Palm Sunday Vigil

4:00 p.m. Memorial John & Anne Morrissey and Ed & Kathleen Fitzpatrick

(Palms will be distributed at all Masses this weekend)

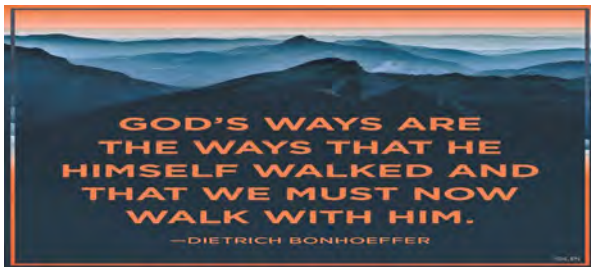


Sunday, April 14 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. 101st Birthday Memorial Mary E. Regan

5:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Jane Laskey Gallagher



Wednesday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Memorial Michael D. Callahan

Donations:

For the week of April 14th the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Dominic Lomanno and Nancy & Domenic Cicerone. 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:



Paul M. Nickolson, Mary Palmer, Serafina "Lena" Stracco 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.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: April 18

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer @ St. John's

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St. Joseph's



Good Friday: April 19

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. John's

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph's

The Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. @ St. John's

7:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph's



Holy Saturday: April 20

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer @ St. John's

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil @ St. John's

(THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS TODAY)



Easter Sunday: April 21

The Resurrection of the Lord ~ Masses

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

@ St. John's (NO 5:00 p.m. MASS)

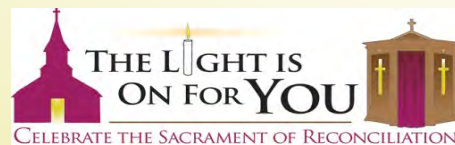
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. @ St. Joseph's



Parish Weekly Goal:	\$9,000.00
Weekend of April 6/7	
Church Collections	\$7,026.96
On-Line Giving	<u>901.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,928.46
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(1,071.54)

This weekend April 13/14 there is one collection. Next weekend April 20/21 only one collection. The whole Easter collection goes to the Clergy Benefit Trust.

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. **Wednesday 4/17.** There Will be **NO Confessions** on **Holy Saturday April 20th.**

April 14, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

I write to you about an urgent and important matter for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to two bills proposed in the MA legislature (HB 3320 and SB 1209) which have extreme consequences for the protection of life.

As we know, **abortion does violence to an innocent human life.** *We know that the life in the womb of her mother, is a child of God, a human being, a unique, unrepeatabe gift whose quality of life DOES NOT affect or change her inalienable dignity, worth and value.* Life is precious, it is a gift, it must be protected. The circumstances surrounding a crisis pregnancy or a pregnancy where the baby's health is severely compromised, even in danger of death upon delivery, does not give us a right to determine which lives are worth living and which are not. All life is precious.

It is also important for us to be aware of how abortions take place and the pain they cause innocent children. I recall the first time I saw the groundbreaking work from Dr. Bernard Nathanson, **The Silent Scream**, which showed an abortion being performed through an ultrasound. Nathanson presided over 60,000 abortions, however once he saw how a baby recoiled and resisted being aborted in her mother's womb, he was converted, and dedicated his life to protecting the unborn. Abortion DOES VIOLENCE to an innocent human life, and she does feel pain!

The current bills in the MA legislature would produce the following consequences:

- Allow abortion in Massachusetts during all nine months of pregnancy,
- Eliminate any requirement that even late-term abortions be performed in hospitals,
- Eliminate the requirement to make efforts to care for a child who survives an attempted abortion, and
- Eliminate any requirement that a pregnant minor (under 18) have any adult consent (parental or through the courts) before undergoing an abortion.

I would like to highlight two:

- A child, a teenager, who is not old enough to vote, would be able to undergo an abortion without the consent of mom or dad. A child would be making a decision that will affect the rest of her life and not be required to seek counsel from her own mother and father. Let's not allow the extreme cases of family challenges affect what is good, holy and true: **a child needs mom and dad in their lives to make critical life decisions when they arise.** These bills eliminate this.
- If a child survives an abortion, as rare as this is, the doctors are not required to treat or care for this child. **It is absurd and crazy to think, that a doctor, one who goes into a profession to care for and support human life, would merely stand by and DO NOTHING!** Sure they can reduce the pain, but **they also go against their human and (I would hope) professional instincts of caring for those who suffer.**

I would ask you to prayerfully consider contacting our State Representatives (by email, phone or letter) and let your voice be heard on behalf of those who do not have a voice. We wish to discourage them from supporting these bills.

Vote No on H3320 & S1209

“Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access”

Senator John Keenan

John.Keenan@masenate.gov

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617-722-1494

Representative Ronald Mariano

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Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Disciples in Mission and the Collaborative Writing Team

Disciples in Mission is the Pastoral Plan promulgated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley in 2012.

It is founded on the recognition that our parishes are Eucharistic communities of God's faithful people, entrusted with carrying out the mission given by Jesus Christ to the Church.

The creation of a **pastoral plan** is an essential part of Disciples in Mission, and will provide a roadmap for our Collaborative for the next five years. This work is entrusted to a **Collaborative Writing Team**.

Their task is to engage and assess the community and create a 5 year pastoral plan that will help to renew, strengthen and grow the parishes of our Collaborative.

The members of our **Collaborative Writing Team** are:

- Mike Collins - St. Joseph
- Mike Connelly - St. Joseph
- Joe Desmond - St. Joseph
- Kathy Garity - St. John
- Joey George - St. John
- Jackie Kilrain - St. Joseph
- Ruel Las - St. Joseph
- Tom Lester - St. John
- Tess Panizales - St. Joseph
- Andrea Alberti - Collab. Team
- Joanne Curry - St. John & Collab. Team
- Deacon Bill Proulx - St. John & Collab. Team
- Fr. Joseph Bofo - Collab. Team
- Fr. Matt Williams - Collab. Team

In the next month the Collaborative Writing Team will engage our community in the following ways:

- **Table Talk Sundays** : On the weekends of April 27&28 and May 4&5, members of the Collaborative Writing Team will speak at Mass and be present to meet, engage and listen to parishioners concerns, fears, hopes and dreams,
- **Meet with the combined Finance and Parish Councils** on Wednesday May 1st at 7pm (lower church of St. John the Baptist),
- Create a Collaborative Writing Team **Email** so that parishioners are able to offer feedback and engage the process, and
- Review and assess all of the notes from the **Visitation 20:20** gatherings.

There is much more to come. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to grant us His vision.



Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14 ~ Palm Sunday

12:30 p.m. Baptisms
Upper Church
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
Church Hall

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Upper Church

Wednesday, April 17

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open
6:30-8:00 p.m. The Light Is On Confession & Special Lenten Adoration
Held in Upper Church

Holy Thursday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lower Chapel

Good Friday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lower Chapel
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Upper Church
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord Service
Upper Church

Holy Saturday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lower Chapel
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Upper Church

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses for Easter 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. No 5:00 p.m.

Parish Office will be **Closed** on Monday, April 15th due to the Patriots Day Holiday. The offices will open gain on Tuesday, morning April 16th. Have a great weekend.

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. # _____
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Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO