

# 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**

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**EASTER  
SUNDAY**  
*He is risen*



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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



# MASST INTENTIONS

## 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

## Wednesday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Memorial Helen Buckley

## Friday, April 26

8:00 a.m. Memorial William & Rose O'Connell

## Saturday, April 27

8:00 a.m. 5th Anniversary Marie Senna Rodgers  
4:00 p.m. 2nd Anniversary Marcia Connerty and  
24th Anniversary Raymond Connerty

## Sunday, April 28 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 a.m. 7th Anniversary  
Kerri Ann Sutherland McCarthy  
11:00 a.m. Mass for the People  
5:00 p.m. Memorial Catherine & James O'Connor

## Donations:

For the week of April 21 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Catherine and James O'Connor. 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).



Parish Weekly Goal:

\$9,000.00

Weekend of April 13/14

Church Collections

\$7,897.40

On-Line Giving

689.50

**Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners**

**\$8,586.90**

Weekly Goal overage/shortage

**(413.10)**

Today's Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org). Next weekend April 27/28 there will be one collection.

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Your Prayers are Requested for:



Robert Dole, Lorraine E. (Moore) Adams 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 21 ~ Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

St. Peter reminds us today that Jesus Christ "... commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God". Who are the people you might "preach to" or speak to today about Christ? Pray for the courage to be like Peter and Mary Magdalen and tell your story – the story of how God works in your life. This is not just good news, it is Good News. Share it!

## Wednesday, April 24

8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lower Chapel  
6:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Food Pantry Open

## Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Lower Chapel  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group  
Church Hall

## Saturday, April 27

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

## Sunday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Grade 2 ONLY Religious Education  
12:00 p.m. Grade 9 (Last Class) Religious Edu.  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Divine Mercy  
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

April 21, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur, Deacon Bill and the entire Collaborative Team we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter!



A phrase has been coming to me lately: **“Know God, know peace. No God, no peace.”**

In addition to the societal struggles we read everyday in the newspaper, our own experience of life tells us that **peace is very fragile**; in our city, our neighborhood, our families, and even ourselves. I am firmly convinced, that to know God is to know a peace that surpasses understanding; a peace the world cannot give and cannot take away. **If you are feeling empty today or lack peace**, turn to the Risen Lord and invite (beg) Him to come into your life (heart) everyday, become part of our parish community, and watch how soon you will know peace.

It is such a joy for me and my brother priests and deacon to serve here in Quincy as your priests and deacon. We are so so blessed and have so much to be thankful for. We are excited for what the future holds for our Collaborative. **And please know we are here for you. If you are struggling for peace in your life, please do not hesitate to approach, call or email us. We are here for you!**

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

### 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!

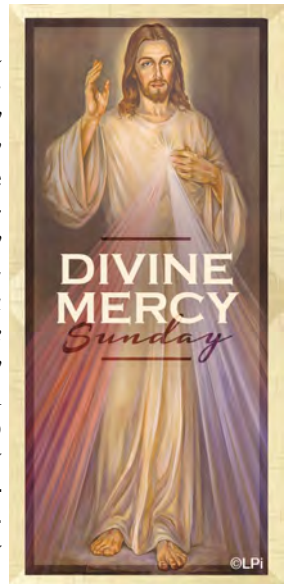
Please respond by email to restjohnquincy or by phone to 617-773-1021 letting us know if you will be attending or if you have any questions.

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

Joanne Curry

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus once said to St. Faustina (Polish nun and mystic, 1905-1938): *“Mankind will not know peace until it turns with trust to my mercy.”* **Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday**, and the Lord promised: *“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. 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!!

### Youth Group

#### April Youth Ministry Event

All elementary age kids are encouraged to join us on Friday, April 27th at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to continue the celebration of Easter. Games, food, and fun will take place in the St. John’s lower church hall. Cost is \$4 per student. Parents - drop kids off and enjoy a few hours to yourselves or lend a hand with our volunteer team.

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.

Christ Is Risen

The 2019 Annual Scouting Awards Mass All Scouts and their families are welcome to attend and celebrate the achievements of young Scouts, teen award recipients, and the adult volunteers invested in Catholic Scouting. The Mass is scheduled for 2PM on Sunday, May 19 at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham. Our Catholic Committee on Scouting chaplain, Father Paul Soper, will be the Mass celebrant. For more information on the Mass, please visit: www.bostoncatholicscouting.com.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2019-2020 dates, locations, and registration information, visit www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove; or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Forming Disciples in Mission, a workshop on evangelization, is offering workshops this spring in English, Spanish, and Portuguese! To register, visit disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples. Also, a workshop on leadership, Forming Leaders for Mission, helps you discern your gifts for leadership in your parish.

Reflections

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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.

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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