



The Collaborative of  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**  
and **ST. JOSEPH PARISH**



“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” - Lk 10:8-9

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- July 7, 2019 -

**W**elcome! 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 our parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am  
& 5:00pm  
Weekday Wednesday, Friday  
& Saturday 8:00am

#### St. John's Food Pantry

p: 617.472.4908

Hours: The pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM for our neighbors in need (located in the building next to the back door of the rectory.)

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice. "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person he places in your path!

#### COLLABORATIVE TEAM

##### Pastor

Rev. Matthew M. Williams

##### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Boafo

##### Senior Priest In Residence

Rev. Arthur Wright

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Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am  
Weekday Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday 9:00am  
Rosary starts at  
8:25am

#### St. Joseph's Food Pantry

p: 617.472.6321

Hours: The pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM for our neighbors in need (located in the rectory basement).

#### COLLABORTIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

556 Washington Street  
Quincy, MA 02169-6602

PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Must be received by the Rectory no later than 4:00pm  
Monday Afternoons  
to appear in the following  
Sunday bulletin.

# FR. MATT'S CORNER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

It all began with an invitation from my father: "Matt, your mother, sister and I are going on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Would you like to come?" After pondering the exciting opportunities of flying in an airplane and traveling to another country, I said "yes," but had no idea that this response would change my life.

In June of 1994, the four of us traveled with a large group of pilgrims from Boston and greater New England to Medjugorje (small village in current day Bosnia-Herzegovina). Since 1981 six young children have (allegedly) received apparitions from the Blessed Virgin Mary, some continue to receive apparitions to this day. The Vatican is still investigating the authenticity of the apparitions but has given authorization for parishes to lead pilgrimages there.

At the time of the pilgrimage, I would say that I knew a lot about Jesus and His "rules," but I did not know Him personally. As the saying goes: "rules without relationship equals rebellion." During this pilgrimage, however, my paradigm changed through the witness of fellow pilgrims who did in fact have a personal friendship with the Lord, and as I began to pray (really pray) with the heart. My experience of prayer prior to this was to recite rote prayers (of the Rosary or Holy Mass) where my heart was in one place and my mind was in another. Lastly, my paradigm was changed through Mary, our Blessed Mother; As the visionaries describe Our Lady, one cannot help but be captivated and drawn to her. I found her more approachable than God at one point (goes to show how bad my paradigm was).

One particular day I was invited to go to Confession. I said "no." I was then offered a second time, being told that "it is part of the pilgrimage experience." I refused again. Finally on the third try I said "yes," and this changed my life as well. As I confessed my sins, it all clicked for me. I realized that Jesus was not far away watching my life from a distance, but rather knocking on the door of my heart. I realized that He sent His mom to draw her children (as only a mother can do) into a relationship of love and peace with her beloved Son. I realized that I had been living my life for me, feeding my ego, and pushing God out to the perimeters of my life. *Oh by the way, all this time I was still going to Church every Sunday, but God was on the outside of my life and I would incorporate Him as needed. Sunday Mass was done out of obligation to check off the box.*

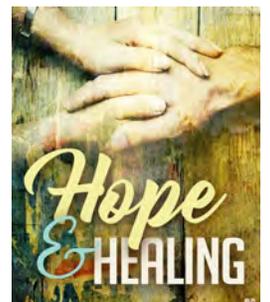
As I was confessing my sins I started to weep. I don't cry easily but this time I did. The personal love of Jesus was breaking in and I realized I had completely mischaracterized the Lord. I had Him all wrong. He was not far away. He was not merely a judge or a mere rule giver. He WAS AND IS LOVE! At the end of the confession, not only did I finally realize I was uniquely loved by God, but I also had a sense that He had a special plan for my life; the priesthood!

You don't have to go to Medjugorje to experience the personal love of Jesus and Mary. You don't have to travel far to experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You don't have to go on pilgrimage to find your calling in life. HOWEVER, pilgrimages are WONDERFUL opportunities to grow in your relationship with God. It is a sacred, special opportunity to find hope, healing, new life, conversion, extreme-personal makeover, or a quiet deepening of one's faith.

I am happy to announce that I will be leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje this coming October, 13-21, 2019. There are flyers at the back of the Church and you can also go online [crystalpilgrimages.com](http://crystalpilgrimages.com) or call 1-888-327-2862. I am excited and I hope many of you will be able to join me this October.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr Matt+

**"Project Rachel** led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."— A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 28, October 19 and November 16 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, July 6

8:00am Geraldine DeBeneditis (Memorial)

4:00pm

Sunday, July 7

8:30am Barbara Smyth (6th Anniversary)  
& Carol Campbell (Birthday Anniversary)

11:00am Nora & John McDonough  
& Mary Dillion (Memorial)

5:00pm Mass for the People

Wednesday, July 10

8:00am

Friday, July 12

8:00am

Saturday, July 13

8:00am Serafina Stracco (Month's Mind)

4:00pm Alexander Gillis (Memorial)

Sunday, July 14

8:30am Ronnie Glennon (2nd Anniversary)

11:00am George & Rina Tarchi & Richard, Michael  
& Maureen Piccarini

5:00pm Charlaïne Draicchio  
and William Draicchio (5th Anniversary)

Donations: 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.

Your Prayers are Requested for: Anna C. Calabraro 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, July 6

4:00pm Catherine & Guerino Tocchio  
(Memorial)

Sunday, July 7

8:30am Eleanor A McBride  
(Birthday Memorial)

10:30am Anna Pham Mui (Memorial)

Monday, July 8

9:00am Pietro & Caterina Rizzo (Memorial)

Tuesday, July 9

9:00am John the Baptist Taih Nguyen  
(Memorial)

Thursday, July 11

9:00am Thomas McDonagh (Memorial)

Saturday, July 13

4:00pm Ralph Buckley (10th Anniversary)

Sunday, July 14

8:30am Mass for the People

10:30am The Nocera Family (Memorial)

Memorial Donation: The bread and wine were donated in memory of Jack Booth. If you would like to make a donation of Altar Bread and/or Wine for a week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the rectory.

Please remember in your prayers:

Theresa Calvi, Jennie Durante and all our relatives and friends who passed away recently. May their souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Matt Williams at least six months prior to the wedding date.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** Please contact the rectory if a member of the parish is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass.

**RCIA** Adults interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults interested in the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion are invited to call the rectory for information. on Stotts, 615.292.2884

**BAPTISMS** Congratulations on your baby! This Sacrament is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Parents are asked to call the rectory for information

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Confession: Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00am at St. John the Baptist Lower Chapel 2:30-3:30 PM Saturdays in both churches.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm & 1st Saturdays: 8:30am-9:45am at St. John the Baptist Lower Chapel

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (YOUTH)** Grades 1-9 and Confirmation. The program is a collaborative Religious Ed. program. For information contact the R.E. department at 617-877-5014. Registration information is available online - [www.stjosephsquincy.org](http://www.stjosephsquincy.org) or [www.stjohnsquincy.org](http://www.stjohnsquincy.org)

**SODALITY** Meets the 1st Monday of the month (Sept -June) at 6:30 PM at St Joseph's Church for the Rosary & Benediction, followed by a meeting in the church.

**HOLY NAME** Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the 8:30 AM Mass (Sept.-June) followed by a meeting.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Youth Information Contact

If you have any questions, inquiries or registration forms pertaining to a Youth Ministry Event please reach out to Francesca Alberti at the following email or Instagram.  
shinethelight247@gmail.com  
or  
DM her on instagram at shine\_\_official (two underscores).

## CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS and THOSE WHO WANT TO BE- TO CANOBIE LAKE PARK TRIP

**July 18th** Anyone is welcome!! For anyone under 6th grade needs a parent in attendance at Canobie. We will be leaving on a bus from St. John's at 11:00 am for Canobie Lake Park and will be leaving the park at 8:00pm. Permission Slips and more information will be available at the back of the church. You don't have to BE an altar server or lector to come - You just have to WANT to be (((:



## LIVING WATER WEEK (VBS) JULY 22-26 - SPREAD THE WORD - ALL WELCOME

Track 1: 8am-12pm

Track 2: 8am-5pm

An incredible, fun, wet and wild week for children from grades pre-k to 5th. They will learn about the living water of BAPTISM and being a CHILD OF GOD. There will be slip and slides, games, and amazing Bible stories like

Noah's Ark and Jonah and the whale. Children will sing and dance through their lessons and ending with a show for parents family and friends. ALL Parishioners are welcome to

THE "show" (singing three songs (: ) on Friday, July 26th at 12 noon matinee or at 5:00pm for Pizza and show.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD - we hope this to be outreach to our greater community. Hence the price (: \$40.00 for track 1 (\$60 with unlimited sibs) \$80.00 for track 2 (\$100.00 with unlimited sibs) To be a teen helper and get Christian Service Hours, email Francesca Alberti.

## Upcoming Sunday Youth Group Dates: Sunday July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 11th



Come join us at youth group Sunday nights!

4pm-6pm!

St. John's in Quincy MA

Sp Adobe Spark

## We have some really fun opportunities coming up again!

Almost every Sunday we have Sunday Youth Group. We start at 4:00 p.m. in the lower church of St. John's and go until 6:00 p.m. We all attend the 5:00 p.m. mass as a youth group, and we want you to join us!! We play games and learn about our Faith. Parents, please ask your son/daughter to try this! Youth Group will be an amazing community for your child to navigate life with friends in Christ, and with Christ as an intimate friend.



## On Point Fire Pit: July 20th

After the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Father Matt will be having a fire pit outside the St. Joseph's rectory with food and music. He will be answering boring questions about the Catholic faith. It will be a very fun night for anyone of any age to attend.



## CAMPS:

August 5th-10th

A week full of games, competition, music, and getting to know Jesus as your personal Savior. This week will be one of the best of your life and it is definitely worth going.

This event is for High Schoolers. \$489.00



## Steubenville East-- From July 12th to July 14th

A conference with over 3,000 teenagers at UMASS Lowell with all different kinds of interactive workshops to learn more about the Faith and a life changing night of Adoration. WE HAVE THREE BOYS SPOTS LEFT! Ask someone who has attended one of these conferences and they will tell you it is a LIFE CHANGING opportunity to come face to face with Christ Jesus...if you are searching OR if you know and Love Him - you will LOVE Steubenville East. To sign up please contact us at shinethelight247@gmail.com. Do not let finance be the reason to not attend!

# This Week

The St. Joseph's food pantry is requesting non-perishable items. At the present time we are in need of mustard-relish-ketchup-jelly-peanut butter-fluff-pasta -pasta sauce-cereal tuna fish-and individual toiletries.



**St. John's ~Votive Candles**  
We still have a few St. Theresa votive candles available if you would like to purchase a candle in memory of a loved one or special intention. Please call the rectory at 617-773-1021 and ask for Donna. The Votive Candle runs from June 1st to May 31st and is \$100.00 for the year. Thank you.



**July 7 ~ Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." We know all too well the reality of Jesus' words from today's gospel. The number of priests and lay leaders is at a crisis point. By virtue of our baptism, we are sent out as "laborers for his harvest." How will you respond to Jesus' words, "Go on your way. . . I am sending you. . ."? Pray for the grace to be a courageous disciple!

### The Vocational Crucifix ~ St. Joseph

July 7th: Rita McGowan  
July 14th: Patty Naughton  
July 21st:

If you wish to take the vocational crucifix for the week, there is a sign up sheet in the back of St. Joseph's church. The purpose of this Vocational Crucifix is to pray for vocations into the religious life.



**13 Year Anniversary Celebration**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH  
OUTDOOR CHAPEL @ LASALETTE SHRINE  
947 PARK STREET // ATTLEBORO, MA

MASS @ 4PM  
BBQ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS  
LIFT @ 7PM



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

Our St John – St Joseph Catholic Collaborative Bereavement Ministry will begin a new **evening session** on Tuesday, July 9th. We will be meeting at St Joseph's rectory at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in registering for this program please call the Collaborative Offices at 617-773-1021.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.



### Welcome! Parish Registration Form

Circle One: St. John the Baptist / St. Joseph

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. or Mr. & Mrs.

Address:

Telephone:

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? Yes No

### Collaboration Offertory

<b>St. John's Parish</b> (weekend of June 29/30)	
Offertory:	\$6,478.18
Online Giving	<u>809.50</u>
Total	\$7,287.68
Mission Appeal Collection	\$3,478.28
<b>St. Joseph's Parish</b> (weekend of June 29/30)	
Offertory:	\$3,768.00

**Thank You!**