

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Matthew M. Williams, Pastor

Rev. Joseph Boafo, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Arthur Wright, Senior Priest In Residence

Deacon William R. Proulx

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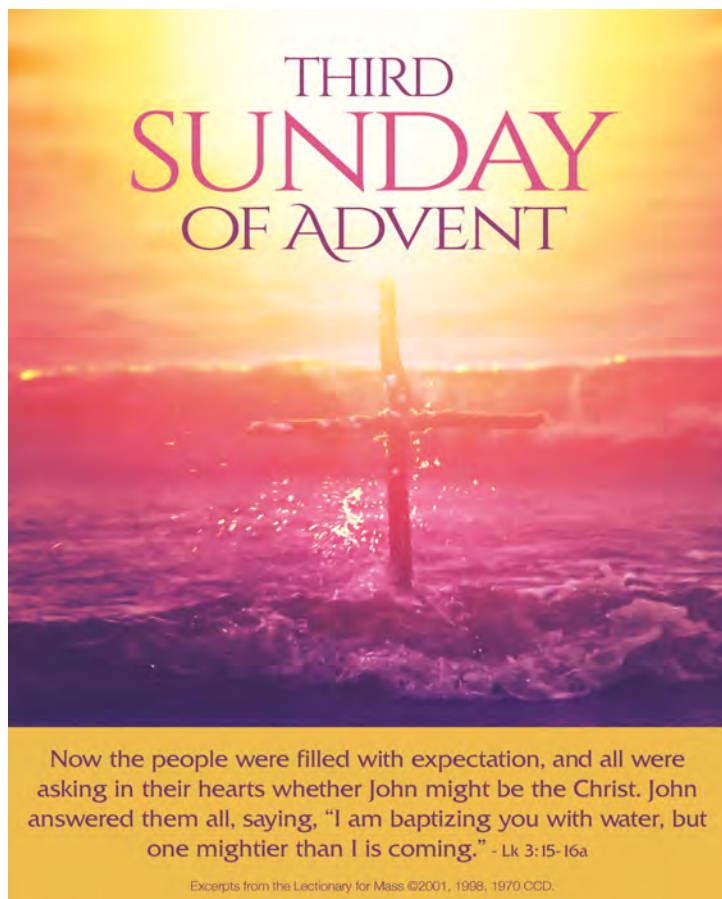
Donna Niosi, Administrative Assistant

Paul Kelly, Music Director

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

Jini Vickery, Music Director at St. Joseph

Denise Patts, Parish Office Manager, 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

Third Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 15
 8:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial Albina "Bea" Lindewall
 4:00 p.m. 8th Anniversary Costanzo Ranalli

Sunday, December 16
 8:30 a.m. 10th Anniversary Leslie DeThomaso
 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass Joseph Tuong Pham,
 Etienne Chan Tin and all His Brothers
 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Wednesday, December 19
 8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary Gino Ranalli

Friday, December 21
 8:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Kyle Sullivan

Saturday, December 22
 8:00 a.m. Month's Mind Marie R. Maurano
 4:00 p.m. Birthday Memorials
 John Kearns & Louise Kearns

Sunday, December 23
 8:30 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Anna E. Barra,
 Memorial Annina & Antonio Carlucci and
 Month's Mind Lucien Theberge
 11:00 a.m. 22nd Anniversary Marion G. Horne and
 16th Anniversary Gertrude Harkins
 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 December 8/9	
Church Collections	\$7,516.47
On-Line Giving	<u>906.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$8,422.97

Weekly Goal overage/shortage **(577.03)**

Holy Day ~ Immaculate Conception
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$2,269.07

This weekend December 15/16 there is one collection.
 Next weekend December 22/23 there is also one collection

Thank you for your generosity

**Clergy Health & Retirement Trust:
 Christmas Collection 2018**

Among the gifts you give this Christmas season, please consider contributing to a **special Christmas collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing** in our Archdiocese. Amid these difficult times for our Church, our hardworking priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests, including our senior priests, who have devoted their lives to our Church...and to all of us. To donate online, please visit clergytrust.org or text the word **PRIEST 25** to 20222 to donate \$25. *Msg. and data rates may apply.*

Visit clergyfunds.org for a heartwarming testimony from a family about our priests.

Donations:

For the week of December 16 the bread and wine have been donated in Memory of Donna Saluti and Bea Lindewall. 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: *Pray For...*

Joan M. Pelletier 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.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:
 NEW WINTER
 WEATHER POLICY**



ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES & MASSES will be cancelled for the day/evening whenever there are Quincy School cancellations (except for funerals which might be rescheduled). This will allow for the safety of parishioners and parking lot snow removal.

**December 16 ~ Third Sunday of Advent
 (Gaudete Sunday)**

"Shout for joy." "Sing joyfully." "Be glad and exult with all your heart." "Rejoice, in the Lord always." The message this week is clear, joy must be a sign of our life in Christ. We need to bring the light of Christ to these dark December days and speak a word of hope to our world - "the Lord is near." With each remaining day in Advent make this your prayer and your intention: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

December 16, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“YOU ARE LOVED” Part II!

The reality behind the statement, “YOU ARE LOVED”, is that we need to hear it over and over again: YOU ARE LOVED! We also need to say it, over and over again, in word and deed: “YOU ARE LOVED!” We who have been so deeply loved by Jesus need to remind each other and share with our family, friends and neighbors this great truth: “YOU ARE LOVED!”

Last weekend I was **overwhelmed by the outpouring of love** in the form of Christmas presents overflowing into our sanctuaries! The last couple of weekends **HUNDREDS OF PARISHIONERS** from both parishes GENEROUSLY gave a **Santa’s workshop full of toys, games, and clothing**, etc for those most in need this Christmas. Because of your TREMENDOUS efforts, **hundreds of families will know THEY ARE LOVED; that someone cares for them!** I can only imagine what the faces of some of the children will look like on Christmas morning because of you!

As a Collaborative Family, we helped serve the following agencies, who in turn were able to make Christmas very special for our brothers and sisters in need:

QCAP Head Start Program
Friends of the Unborn
My Brothers Keeper
St. John the Baptist Food Pantry

Great work everyone! Job well done! **Special thank you to the parish leaders, volunteers and staff** who helped support this massive effort. YOU ARE LOVED!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

P.S. Please continue to carry the “YOU ARE LOVED” message forward by thinking of three people (family, friends, neighbors) who have been away from the Church and pray for them continuously. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage to invite them to join you for Christmas Mass. You could simply say: “I (or our family) am planning to attend the 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph’s/St. John’s. Would you (and your family) like to join me (us)?”

November Baptisms

Please welcome into our parish and faith community the following children who were baptized in November:

Dayandre Lind
Brooklyn Elyse Savage

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Notice for Parishioners who receive monthly envelope packets: The envelope company omitted the Christmas Flower envelope in error. There are Christmas flower envelopes at the rear of the Church. You are more than welcome to take an envelope for your Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones. They were going to put a line in for you to put your envelope number so you will be credited. As always we ask for you to Print clearly all the names of your loved ones. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Christmas Mass Schedule 2018



So you may plan for your holiday gatherings below is a list of the Christmas Mass Schedule for our St. John the Baptist / St. Joseph Collaborative:

St. John the Baptist

Monday, December 24th ~ **Christmas Eve**
Masses @ **4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.** (The Choir will start singing before the 10:30 Mass @ 10:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, December 25th ~ **Christmas Day**
Masses @ **8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

St. Joseph

Monday, December 24th ~ **Christmas Eve**
Masses @ **4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.** Family Mass with Youth Choir
Tuesday, December 25th ~ **Christmas Day**
Mass @ **9:00 a.m.**

St. John the Baptist Parish

SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

St. Joseph's BVM Sodality will be hosting their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Jan 5th, 2019 from Noon until 4 PM at the Common Market Restaurant in Quincy. The cost is \$25.00. Please mail payment, along with your meal selection, to Sue Weliver, 62 Edison Park, Quincy, MA 02169 and **RSVP by Sunday, Dec 30th at the latest.** Hope to see you there!



Wishing everyone a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Holiday season. Just to let you know the St. John and St. Joseph collaborative office hours are as follows:



Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve and Monday, December 31st New Year's Eve the office will Close both days at 12:00 Noon.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan. 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at: <https://wwmema.org/>.

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.

Vocation to the Priesthood

Please pray for vocations; we are in need of a few good men! I am confident that the Lord is raising up men in this hour to heroically offer their lives in service of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, have questions, or know of someone who is thinking about it, please contact Fr. Matt at the rectory or email: Fr.MattinQuincy@gmail.com.

Calendar of St. John's Upcoming Dates and Events

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

10:10-11:00 a.m. RE Classes Grades 2-5
Church Hall
12:00-1:00 p.m. Class Confirmation I & II
Church Hall

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

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

Friday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23 ~ No Religious Education

Infant Baptisms: The procedure for our Baptisms has changed with the new collaborative. To arrange for a Baptism and receive information, please call the rectory at least a month ahead of time and we would be happy to assist you.

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. Weeks with a holiday, notices must be received by the Tuesday before by 3:00 p.m.

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 _____

Check if address change

Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO