

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 deacons. 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

Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM
Weekdays 8:00AM Mon.-Sat.
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Cullen, Administrator
Rev. W. Chris Palladino, J.C.L., in Residence
Dn. Paul A. Lewis
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St. John's Food Pantry 617-472-4908



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Lower Chapel, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00am;
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30pm or call the rectory to make
an appointment with a priest.

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



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

Saturday, March 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day

8:00 a.m. 5th Anniversary Umberto DiPaolo
4:00 p.m. 4th Anniversary Frank Colletta

Sunday, March 18

8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Birthday Memorial
Ralph & Josephine Tutela
5:00 p.m. Memorial Edgar Abordo & Teresa Chu

Monday, March 19 ~ St. Joseph's Day

8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 20
8:00 a.m. Memorial Carmine, Carmela
& David Solimini

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 22
8:00 a.m. Memorial Mary Tieso

Friday, March 23
8:00 a.m. Memorial Tony Polese

Saturday, March 24
8:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass
Michael & Catherine McGonigle

4:00 p.m. Memorial Cesidia Marinilli
Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m. Memorial John & Barbara "Bernie" Norton
11:00 a.m. 16th Anniversary Cosimo Donato
5:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary Danielle M. Creighton

Parish Weekly Goal:	\$9,000.00
Weekend of March 10/11	
Church Collections	\$6,932.60
On-Line Giving	<u>1,023.50</u>
Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners	\$7,956.10
Weekly Goal overage/shortage	(1,043.90)

This weekend March 17/18 there are two collections
Today's second collection is the St. John's Fuel Collection. Next weekend March 24/25 is will be one collection.

Thank you for your generosity

March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus presents us with an amazing paradox in today's Gospel. He is telling us that only by death comes life; only by spending our life do we preserve it; and only by service will come greatness. In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to live in a way that goes counter to what the world preaches. We find life, if we live by his word. In the remaining days of Lent, pray for the grace to make necessary changes in your life so that you can live in imitation of Christ.

Infant Baptisms: The Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the rectory for registration and further information at 617-773-1021.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please contact the Rectory to set up an appointment (617-773-1021) A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust:
Easter Collection 2018**

This Easter, our parish collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our 590 priests. **Our priests are always there for us;** they share Christ's good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "**@ClergyTrust**." Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Donations:

For the week of March 18 the Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of Helen Kelly on her 7th Anniversary. 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).



Pray For... Your Prayers are Requested for:

Jeanne T. Rowell, Stephen Calabro, Robert D. Nickerson 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.

Holy Week is quickly approaching. It begins next Sunday, March 25 with **Palm Sunday**. To help families plan their schedules below is the list of services for Holy Week here at St. John's:

Sunday, March 25th



Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass -Monday, March 26 8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass -Tuesday, March 27 8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass -Wednesday, March 28 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 28 @ 8:30-9:00 a.m. & 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 29
Begins our
Easter Triduum**



Holy Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer @ 8:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer @ 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord @ 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31

Morning Prayer @ 8:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil @ 7:00 p.m.
(No Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass today)**



2018 CORI CHECKS

At St. John the Baptist Parish we are committed to keeping our children and all parishioners safe. CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) annual background checks help us to assure a safe environment. Each parish is mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to complete CORI forms each year for all clergy, religious, all paid parish staff (full and part time), and all parish volunteers who have any contact with children or our homebound parishioners. This year we have been reminded that this includes all Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult Choir Members.

You may ask questions about this process and/or complete a CORI form at the following times:

Sunday, March 18 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Lower Church Hall
Monday, March 19 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. Lower Church Hall
Monday-Friday, March 19-23 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Rectory

It is necessary to bring a driver's license or Mass ID with you to complete this form.

Easter Flower Envelopes:

Donations for Easter Flowers may be made in memory of loved ones by using the Easter Flower Envelopes in the back of the Church or the ones that come in your monthly envelope packet if you receive envelopes through the mail. Your donations help to decorate our Church for the Easter Season. Please try to Print Clearly the names of your loved ones on the envelopes and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you!



2018 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all those involved in making our kick-off of the 2018 Catholic Appeal such a success. Thank you to Deacon Bill and Joe Stevens for all their assistance at the Masses. As of March 8, 2018 St. John's has received \$22,495. towards our goal of \$49,810. The funds so far were received from 86 direct mail-ins, putting us at 45% of our goal. If you were unable to make a pledge last week, please consider making one today there are envelopes at the back of the Church. Thank you to all of you who have pledged already. Hopefully we can reach our goal soon. Thanks again!!

Saint John's Food Pantry

The St. John's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the building located next to the back door of the rectory. If you have any questions or need assistance please call 617-472-4908.

For those who are so generous to the important work of St. John's Food Pantry please send donations directly to the rectory or use the blue envelopes marked SJFP and drop them into the regular parish collection. Our pantry is sustained through the generous donations of our parishioners.

Thanks for all your support!

Receipt for Tax Purposes

If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory. Thank you!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

TELEPHONE: _____

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent



“Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’” It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don’t know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: “he said this indicating the kind of death he would die.” A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten “deaths”--death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other’s pain --can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

**Calendar of St. John’s Upcoming
Dates and Events**

Saturday, March 17 ~ Happy St. Patrick’s Day

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lower Chapel
5:00 p.m. Baptism Instruction
Upper Church

Sunday, March 18

10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
Upper Church
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confirmation I Class
Church Hall
12:30 p.m. Baptisms
Upper Church

Monday, March 19 ~ Happy St. Joseph’s Day

6:30-7:30 p.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 6-8
Church Hall

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
Church Hall
4:30-6:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Church Hall

Friday, March 23

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Lower Chapel
3:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
Upper Church

Saturday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

10:00-10:50 a.m. Religious Ed Class Grades 2-5
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: _____

Name: _____ Tel. # _____

Address: _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Check if address change

Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO