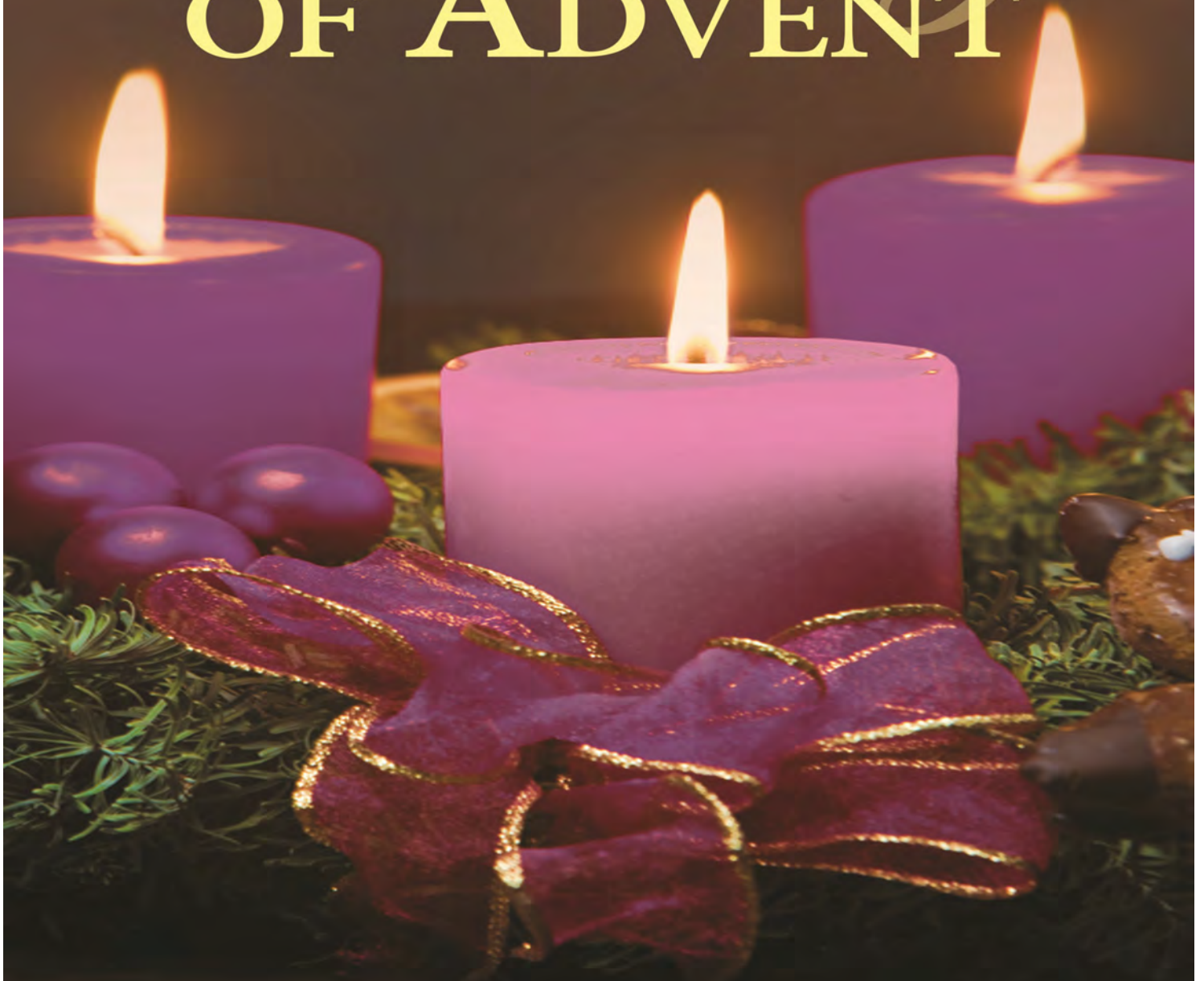


COLLABORATIVE OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT



- December 15, 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.)

#### Advent Eucharistic Adoration for Our Family & Friends

Join us December 16th at 6:00 at St. Joseph's Church for a Holy Hour to worship Jesus in His Eucharistic presence and pray for those in our lives who have fallen away from the Church. We'll pray especially that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts and enliven their faith. Prayer cards will be available to write a special note of thanksgiving and love to someone who you are thinking about during this holy season. You could even mail those as your Christmas cards! Or just come and pray and leave a name or two or three in our special prayer intention basket. In similar words, St. Augustine said he could not outrun his mother's (St. Monica) prayers for him. So we know our prayers will likewise be heard this Advent season.

#### COLLABORATIVE TEAM

##### Pastor

Rev. Matthew M. Williams

##### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Boafu

##### Senior Priest In Residence

Rev. Arthur Wright

##### Priest in Residence

Rev. Jonathan P. DeFelice, O.S.B.

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Instagram: SaintJs\_Families and-SHINE\_\_official (underscore underscore)

Follow our Pastor Fr. Matt Williams on twitter @fr matt4Boston



### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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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

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

#### COLLABORATIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

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#### BULLETIN NOTICES

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

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

# FR. MATT'S CORNER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

This Third Sunday of Advent calls us to REJOICE! **Gaudate Sunday** (Latin for "rejoice") marks a definitive turn in our Advent journey to the immediacy of the Lord's Nativity - "Indeed, the Lord is near" St. Paul writes (Phil 4:5).

**What is the ultimate cause of our rejoicing?** It's Jesus Christ in our hearts and lives, who is the reason for our HOPE and the cause of our JOY! To be in a personal friendship with Him, making room and welcoming into Him our hearts and seeking to enter into His most Sacred Heart (this is in fact what the Eucharist, Holy Communion, is all about - being united together as one). When you walk in close friendship with Jesus, walking in righteousness or right relationship with him (having confessed your sins and been forgiven and walking in His light, His Truth, His Way), allowing His Holy Spirit to come and take residence in your life, you experience a JOY and PEACE the world cannot give. Jesus says: *"not as the world gives peace do I give peace" (Jn 14:27).*

**Are there people** (family, friends, relatives, neighbors) in your life that do not know that abiding peace and joy of Jesus? We have **THE PERFECT GIFT** you can give them: a **Holy Hour of prayer for them before Jesus Christ in His Eucharistic presence**. Perhaps that person may be lost, in pain, or struggling with their faith; we will pray for the Holy Spirit to touch their hearts, enliven their faith, and renew their relationship with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Alternatively, please feel free to attend the holy hour, pray, and leave a name (or names) in our special prayer intention basket.

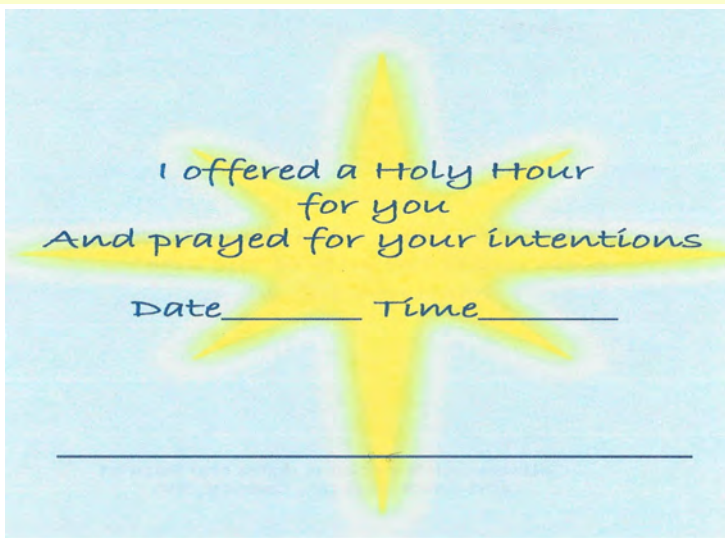
**Special Christmas prayer cards (see below)** will be available, explaining that you offered a Holy Hour of prayer for them, and giving you the opportunity to write a personal note of love and encouragement. You could even mail them as your Christmas cards! Your sacrifice of prayer and your loving words contained in the cards might be just the right gesture of spiritual outreach your friends and family need. There will also be deposit boxes in the church where donations will be collected to help cover the cost of the cards.

St. Augustine once said he could not outrun his mother's (St. Monica) prayers for him. So we know our prayers will likewise be heard this Advent Season!

Join us December 16th at 6:00 at St. Joseph's Church.

I would also like to thank Marisa DeAngelo for the gift of her time in designing art work and prayer card.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+



# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, December 14

8:00am

4:00pm 9th Anniversary Costanzo Ranalli

Sunday, December 15

8:30am Memorial Mary, John and Anna Aliberti

11:00am 15th Anniversary William E. Tompkins

5:00pm Memorial Guise Tuong Pham, Kham Pham,  
and Binh Pham

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am 2nd Anniversary Gino Ranalli

Friday, December 20

8:00am

Saturday, December 21

8:00am Memorial Beverly McDonald

4:00pm 4th Anniversary Eugene W. Creedon

Sunday, December 22

8:30am

11:00am 23rd Anniversary Marion G. Horne and  
17th Anniversary Gertrude Harkins

5:00pm Mass for the People

Donations: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Dominic Lomanno, David, Domenic & Nancy 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.

Your Prayers are requested for Richard "Dickie" Calabro and all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember in your prayers all those who are ill and the intentions of our parishioners.

## MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 14

4:00pm Mass for the People

Sunday, December 15

8:30am Memorial Anna and Denis Cronin  
and Denis P. Cronin

10:30am Memorial The Bianco/Nocera Families

Monday, December 16

9:00am Syliva Ukou

Tuesday, December 17

9:00am Memorial John & Julie Morrissey

Thursday, December 19

9:00am Birthday Anniversary Barbara Jean Scolaro

Saturday, December 21

4:00pm Memorial Lonnie & Johnnie Dunn

Sunday, December 22

8:30am 25th Anniversary John and Barbara Chiasson

10:30am Anniversary Alexander Hutton

Memorial Donation: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Eleanor McBride. If you would like to make a donation for the altar bread and /or wine please call the rectory.

Please remember in your prayers all our relatives and friends who passed away recently. May their souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest In Peace. Amen

**CELIAC'S DISEASE** If there are members of our community that have gluten allergies, please know that we have low-gluten hosts (<.01 percent gluten), and that we can also provide special communion cup for consumption of the Precious Blood. Please contact Fr. Matt for more information.

**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

## The most ADVENTurous & Meaningful Christmas Ever

WATCH FR MATT'S WEEKLY ADVENT VLOGS AT FRMATT4BOSTON

**Tues. Nov 26** Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, Quincy Point Congregational Church 7:30

**Thurs. Nov. 28** Collaborative Thanksgiving Mass, St. Joseph 9:00am

**Sat. Nov. 30** Advent Wreath Making/blessing, St. Joseph, 4:00-7:00 pm. Following the 4:00 pm Mass, stay and join our first communicants and their families as Fr. Matt explains and blesses the Advent Wreath you make.

**Sat. Nov 30** Parent Appreciation, St. John the Baptist, 7:30 pm St. J's Youth Group is honoring their parents with a thank-you meal.

**Sun. Dec. 1** Advent Wreath Making/blessing St. John the Baptist 10:00 am All ages, individuals, and families are welcome as Fr. Joseph Bofo explains and blesses the Advent Wreaths you make.

**Fri. Dec. 6** MS Drop-In Santa's Workshop Gone Wrong, St. John the Baptist, 6-8 pm A fun safe place for ALL middle schoolers to have pizza, and prayer \$5.00

**Sat. Dec. 7** Christmas Mingle Jingle, St. John the Baptist 5:00-7:30 pm Collaborative Christmas get together for fun, food see flier for details.

**Sat. Dec. 7** Holy Name Wreath Sales, St. Joseph, after all Masses

**Sun. Dec. 8** Holy Name Wreath Sales, St. Joseph, after all Masses

**Fri. Dec. 13** LIFT, St. John the Baptist, 7:00pm A dynamic night of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Confession and fellowship.

**Sat. Dec. 14** Holy Name Wreath Sales, St. Joseph, after all Masses Sun. Dec. 15 Holy Name Wreath Sales, St. Joseph, after all Masses

**Mon. Dec. 16** Holy Hour for Loved Ones, St. Joseph 6:00-7:00 pm Holy Hour to worship Jesus in his Eucharistic presence and pray for those in our lives who have fallen away from the Church. We'll pray especially that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts and enliven their faith. Prayer cards will be available to write a special note of thanksgiving and love to someone who you are thinking about during this holy season.

**Sat. Dec. 21** Advent Fun Day, St. John the Baptist, 9:00am-4:00pm A wonderful day of fun, crafts and songs for your little ones as parents do their errands.

**Sat. Dec. 21** La Salette Shrine: Collaborative trip to see Christmas Lights 4:00 pm Please look for sign up sheets and fliers

**Tues. Dec. 24** 4:00 Children sing, St. John the Baptist ALL families and children are invited to be part of our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany celebrations.

**Tues. Dec. 24** 6:00 Children sing, St. Joseph. ALL families and children are invited to be part of our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany celebrations. Sun.

**Sun. Jan. 5** Epiphany Pageant TBA "Children Sing" kids (all our Parishes' children) are welcome to all events and encouraged to be a part of this Pageant.

### JANUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE PROGRAM; JANUARY 24TH

6-8 @ STJOHN

GRADES 1&2; JANUARY 25TH 4-8 @ ST JOE'S

GRADES 3,4,5; JANUARY 26TH 10-11 @ ST JOHN

CONFIRMATION I & II; JANUARY 26TH 5-8 (GRADE 10 PARENTS MEETING) @ ST JOHN

## Advent Fun Day

December 21st, St. Johns, Quincy  
ALL ARE WELCOME

FREE BABYSITTING from the  
ST. J'S YOUTH GROUP  
(Donations Welcome)

Collaborative Trip to La Salette Shrine for the Christmas Festival of Lights. All youth, families and seniors of St. Joseph's and St. John's are invited on this special trip to see the over 300,000 lights and the beautiful shrine in Attleboro. On Saturday, December 21st, @ 4:00pm we will make a bus trip to the Shrine. In order to save a seat please sign up today on the sign up sheets on the back of the Church or email: [Andreainquincy@gmail.com](mailto:Andreainquincy@gmail.com)



St. Nick gave gold coins to save 3 girls from being sold-he paid their price!  
Jesus paid the price for your SIN-  
that's why Christmas is MERRY

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# This Week

## COLLABORATIVE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019



St. John the Baptist  
4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:30pm

St. Joseph  
4:00pm and 6:00pm



Christmas Day Masses  
St. John the Baptist  
8:30am and 11:00am

St. Joseph  
9:00am

## BANNS of Marriage

|| Thomas Conley /Amelia Pepe



## Collaboration Offertory

St. John's Parish (weekend of December 7/8)

Offertory:	\$6,567.31
Online Giving	941.50
Total	\$7,508.81

Grand Annual \$476.00

December 15 (1 collection) & December 22 ( 1 collection)

St. Joseph's Parish (weekend of December 7/8)

Offertory:	\$3,230.00
Monthly Maintenance	1,439.00
Christmas Flowers	560.00
Total	\$5,229.00

December 15 (1 collection) & December 22 (1collection)

3rd Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:10-18

Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?"



The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money.

And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Wreath Sales Sponsored by the Holy Name Society** They're Back!! St. Joseph's Holiday Wreath Program is back for its eighth year. Be the first on your block to have one of these hand-decorated wreaths!! Holidays wreaths will be on sale outside the church after all the weekend masses from December 7-13th. If you would like to order directly from the Holy Name, please call Bob Allison @ 617-773-9668. The cost of the wreaths is \$20 per wreath. All proceeds will assist in funding the 2020 Jim McGroarty Service Awards.

As always, thank you for your generous support. The Men of the Holy Name Society