

COLLABORATIVE OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord.” —Lk 2:11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

- December 22, 2019 -



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 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.)



COLLABORATIVE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019

Christmas Eve Masses

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

COLLABORATIVE TEAM

Pastor

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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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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Fr. Arthur, Deacon Bill and the entire Collaborative team, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas. May this be a time of peace, joy and love in Him.

For those who may be visiting our parishes for Christmas, you are so welcome here. Great things are happening in our community, as it is my fervent hope, dream, desire and prayer that we will become a community *where everyone knows your name because we know Him*.

Jesus is the reason for the season. We are here to celebrate what God has done for us in His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. I am struck by the hymn *Noel*, by Chris Tomlin and sung by Lauren Daigle (you must check it on YouTube, it will move you deeply). The refrain goes like this:

*Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel*

This hymn, indeed our community of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph, is able to sing and proclaim "*come and see what God has done*" because OF WHAT GOD IS DOING NOW IN OUR MIDST! We do not sing an empty hymn about a God who worked in history and has now left us out on our own, all alone, RATHER we sing this hymn with power and conviction because HE IS ALIVE, HERE AND NOW, IN OUR COMMUNITY! People's lives are being changed.

I read recently that 18% of Americans have been diagnosed with anxiety disorder, and that suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged 10-34. These two statistics are deeply disturbing, not to mention the drug epidemic and the battles with addictions that many people face. I would never dare to make generalities, as each situation is uniquely different, however, I can boldly state this: A COMMUNITY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHO KNOW YOUR NAME, WHO CARE FOR YOU, LOVE YOU, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU, WALK WITH YOU, THAT IS..THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OUR COLLABORATIVE IS BECOMING, IS EXACTLY THE MEDICINE, THE BALM, THAT CAN CHANGE, HEAL AND SAVE A LIFE.

Jesus, the child born for us today, the savior of the world, is alive and touching lives in our community! We proclaim Him. We celebrate Him. We represent Him. And because of that, **people are coming back to church**, our **religious education numbers are up**, and **new families are coming** to our parishes. We are creating opportunities for people of all ages to encounter Christ and come together in authentic community. Speaking of wonderful opportunities **don't miss our upcoming, exciting, and first ever Epiphany pageant**: January 4th | St. Joseph | 4pm & January 5th | St. John the Baptist | 11am. Your child can still join, please email Andrea at AndreainQuincy@gmail.com. We are also offering SNOW CAMPS for all our youth (Feb.28-March 1); I will be hosting a Medjugorje reunion on January 4th, open to all parishioners to hear about this remarkable place; in February we will be offering our first ever **St. Valentine's Dinner for Married Couples**; and the 5:00pm Mass at St. John's is attracting more youth and young adults.

Can't wait to see [insert your name here] at our next event!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

PS: Take a picture of our Collaborative's Advent Christmas events schedule and text it out to all your loved ones and friends, and help us build up our community of brothers and sisters in Christ.

PPS: Follow my Twitter handle: FrMatt4Boston

Medjugorje Reunion January 4th St. John the Baptist

All are welcome to join Fr. Matt and pilgrims as they share stories and pictures of their recent pilgrimage. Mass at 8:00am, First Saturday Devotions (lower church), followed by fellowship and conversation about the pilgrimage.

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

8:00am & 11:00

Friday, December 27

8:00am 6th Anniversary Charles Sullivan

Saturday, December 28

8:00am
4:00pm Birthday Memorial Doris Crean

Sunday, December 29

8:30am 11th Anniversary Leslie DeThomaso
11:00am 7th Anniversary Venera Donato
5:00pm Lauren McLoughlin

Donations: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Sr. M. Angellita, CSJ and Sr. M. Roberta, CSJ. 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 David Tucker, Joseph Connolly, Irene F. Keenan, James P. Uvanitte 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 21

4:00pm Memorial Lonnie & Johnnie Dunn

Sunday, December 22

8:30am 25th Anniversary John & Barbara Chiasson
10:30am Anniversary Alexander Hutton

Monday, December 23

9:00am Thomas Ryan

Tuesday, December 24

9:00am 22nd Anniversary Mary Dauphinais and
Birthday Memorial George St. Amand

Thursday, December 26

9:00am Christopher Ukonu

Saturday, December 28

4:00pm Anniversary Memorial
Marian & George Penney

Sunday, December 29

8:30am
10:30am Mass for the People

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

Please remember in your prayers Philomena Ritchie, 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

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 or 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

FULL HOUSE at St. John the Baptist for LIFT on December 13. An amazing night of praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and beautiful Advent Reflection about Anticipating Christ's Coming from Dr. Bob Rice from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

If you missed it we will be going to another LIFT in August at La Salette, with Father Matt, who has been the Chaplain of this incredible ministry for 13 years. Check it out at <https://www.liftedhigher.com/>.

CHILDREN SING!
Christmas Eve
TUESDAY, 12/24
4 PM MASS
St. John the Baptist
6 PM MASS
St. Joseph



ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO SING WITH US! SIMPLY SHOW UP 1 HOUR BEFORE MASS.

At St. John the Baptist and Saint Joseph Collaborative we want you and your family to know that YOU ARE WELCOME HERE !!

We see Children as a GIFT FROM GOD and value your participation in our Parish Life. We want to make it possible to have for your children and family to take part in Worshipping our LORD at our Parish. PLEASE bring them, PLEASE LET them be a part

All Children 2-20 (: are welcome. Report to the front of the Church an hour before Holy Mass and your child will be taught a simple song and be a STAR(: Your Child is also invited to be a part of our Epiphany Pageant Jan. 4 St. Joseph 4:00pm, Jan. 5 St. John the Baptist 11:00am



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

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 Boafa explains and blesses the Advent Wreaths you make.
- Fri. Dec. 5** 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** 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
- Sat. Dec. 14** Christmas Mingle Jingle, St. John the Baptist 5:00-7:30 pm. Collaborative Christmas get together for fun, food see flier for details.
- 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.

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SAINT J'S FAMILIES

This Week

COLLABORATIVE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2019



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4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:30pm

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



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St. Joseph
9:00am

City of Quincy Mass of Blessing 2020

The Sacred Heart Men's Prayer Group will host a Mass of Blessing for the City of Quincy on Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, North Quincy. Many local priests will concelebrate as we pray for the Lord to continue to guide and bless our city's leaders, employees and residents. Following Mass, a collation will be held in the Lower Church at Sacred Heart. All are invited to attend.

December 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent Today's readings offer us great hope: "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." This name means "God is with us." It is important that we remember this especially when the world is calling us to move faster - to shop more, to buy more. Don't let the noise of the world drown out what you heard in today's readings. Amid your busyness this week repeat these words - "...they shall name him Emmanuel - which means God is with us." God is with YOU!

All are invited to begin the New Year in prayer with Cardinal Sean at the annual New Year's Eve Vigil and Mass on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine Church, 1105 Boylston Street, Boston (at the corner of Ipswich Street). Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions begins at 10:30 pm. Rosary at 11:00 pm. Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 11:30 pm. Special prayer intentions for life, love and vocations. For more information, contact the Pro-Life Office at (508) 651.1900 or ProLifeOffice@rcab.org.

BANNS of Marriage

III Thomas Conley /Amelia Pepe



Collaboration Offertory

St. John's Parish (weekend of December 14/15)	
Offertory:	\$11,389.41
Online Giving	929.50
Grand Annual	<u>102.00</u>
Total	\$12,420.91

December 22 (1 collection) & December 29 (1 collection)

St. Joseph's Parish (weekend of December 14/15)	
Offertory:	\$3,431.00
Christmas Flowers	474.00
Grand Annual	<u>95.00</u>
Total	\$4,000.00

December 22 (1 collection) & December 29 (1collection)

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust Special Christmas Collection

Whether they are working to enrich our parishes or seeing to the needs of the broader communities in which they serve, priests have dedicated their lives to helping all of God's children. Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the special collection benefitting the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community.

Please support our priests, who through their ministry create stronger communities for all, by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection.

This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust - an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.

