

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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.)



Snow Policy Reminder:
If the Quincy Public Schools cancel school for snow on any day Monday thru Friday, our Collaborative Daily Mass will also be cancelled.



COLLABORATIVE TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Matthew M. Williams

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Boafu

Senior Priest In Residence

Rev. Arthur Wright

Priest in Residence

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Facebook: Saint J's Families

Instagram: SaintJs_Families and-SHINE__official (underscore underscore)

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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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COLLABORATIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

556 Washington Street
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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,

May the Lord give us His peace.

Great things are happening in our Collaborative! I am humbled and overjoyed by God's ABUNDANT BLESSINGS upon our community, especially through you; the dear parishioners of our Collaborative who give of your time, talent and treasure to help fulfill the mission Jesus Christ has entrusted to us.

Yes, *we hold these treasures in earthen vessels* (2 Cor 4:7), yet God's glory shines through you! To those who give sacrificially to help fund our mission, THANK YOU! To all those who give of their time and talents to beautify our churches; worship Jesus at Eucharist; visit and care for Christ in the person of our neighbor; accompany, mentor, teach and inspire others in their faith journey; participate on teams, councils and committees to assist me in building viable communities of Disciples in Mission; THANK YOU! To all those who joyfully and lovingly participate in the life of our community, doing the little things that only God knows, THANK YOU!

I am so blessed to be your pastor! I am inspired by your holiness, love and devotion to God, our parishes, each other, your priests and those outside the walls of our churches. God is so good! Thank you for blessing my life with yours!

Please allow me to share some important updates affecting our Collaborative:

- I have asked **Mr. Paul Kelly** to become the **Interim Collaborative Director of Music**. As you know, Jini Vickery retired last September after more than thirty years of service at St. Joseph's. I am grateful to Paul for stepping in to help anchor (coordinate, oversee) the praise and worship of Jesus in our Eucharistic celebrations at St. Joseph. I am extremely grateful to Joanna and Kathryn McGroarty (and Jini behind the scenes) for their very generous gift of time and talent in helping to bridge the music ministry these past five months. May God bless them abundantly.
- We will be having our next **Collaborative Pastoral Council (CPC)** meeting next Monday, February 10th at St. John the Baptist. CPC Meetings are open to the parishioners of our Collaborative, and all are welcome. We begin with Adoration in the lower church at 6:30pm. Notes from the first meeting (January 13th) will be approved and then published for the Collaborative.
- The **Collaborative Writing Team (CWT)** had its sixth meeting last week, Wednesday January 29th. The mission of the CWT is to write a 3 year pastoral plan that will help to strengthen and grow our parishes. The CWT had been working on a Vision Statement the past couple of months and the following was finalized: ***"Where Everyone Knows your Name Because We Know Him."*** Next we will be working goals for the following three key areas: **Vocations, Small Groups, and Sacramental Life**. A member of the CWT will attend the CPC next week to give an update.
- **Cardinal Seán O'Malley** has announced a **Year of the Eucharist** to bolster the faith of those who already believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and to encourage those who struggle with this belief. The Year of the Eucharist begins on Holy Thursday 2020 and concludes on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2021. I have asked **Fr. Joseph** to chair a **Year of the Eucharist Committee** that will help us to renew and encourage all to a deeper knowledge and love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested in assisting with the Year of the Eucharist please contact Michaela at the Collaborative Offices (617-773-1021 or MichaelaInQuincy@gmail.com).

Lent will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars for a very special **Lenten Prayer Experience on Ash Wednesday**. We will be having a special Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, reflection and beautiful music offered by **Angelique Bolduc**. I have known Angelique for a number of years, and she has a special gift to lead people in prayer and reflection before the Eucharistic Lord. Ashes will be distributed after the Holy Hour. This is not a Mass, however you are welcome to do both: attend one of our Masses and then join us for the Holy Hour.

Ash Wednesday | February 26, 2020 | 7:30pm | St. John the Baptist

That is all for now. Have a blessed week everyone!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, February 8

8:00am

4:00pm 2nd Anniversary Francis Murray

Sunday, February 9

8:30am 3rd Anniversary Anthony Rubino

11:00am Memorial Joseph N. Lenehan

5:00pm 2nd Anniversary Rosemary Greenwood

Wednesday, February 12

8:00am Memorial Lorenzo & Maria Francesca Polese

Friday, February 14

8:00am

Saturday, February 15

8:00am

4:00pm 2nd Anniversary Joan M. Denaro

Sunday, February 16

8:30am 8th Anniversary Michael W. Norton

11:00am 16th Anniversary Aurora Casinelli

5:00pm

Donations: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Edward & Anna Gentile. 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 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, February 8

4:00pm Memorial John Baptist Tai H. Nguyen

Sunday, February 9

8:30am 3rd Anniversary Al Devera

10:30am Memorial The Bianco Family

Monday, February 10

9:00am

Tuesday, February 11

9:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 13

9:00am

Saturday, February 15

4:00pm Memorial Bridget & Patrick Kenny and
Ellen Wilcox

Sunday, February 16

8:30am Memorial Nancy & Keith Douglas

10:30am 3rd Anniversary Theresa J. Powers

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 Arlene P. Mattie 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



Please join us for a romantic Valentine's dinner to celebrate your LOVE with wonderful food and Friends of Faith!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH at 6:30pm
St. John's/St. Joseph's Collaborative Valentine's Day COUPLES DINNER
at Gennaro's Eatery in Quincy!

Buffet Dinner will include:
Chicken Parmagiana, Cheese Lasagna, Meatballs, Tortellini Carbonara,
Sausage with peppers & onions
Garden Salad, Caesar Salad, Roll Basket, Foccacia Bread with olive oil dip
Dessert: mini-pastry and cupcake tower
Coffee and tea

Price: \$40 per couple, including gratuity.
Gennaro's Eatery is located at 12 Blanchard Rd.

Sign up sheets are available in the back of both Parishes.

Middle and High School Youth

Group Sun. Feb. 9, 16, 23 *Regular time
4:45-7:30pm

We start at 4:45 pm in the lower church of St. John's and go until 7:30 pm. We all attend the 5:00 pm 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.



COOKIE SALE to benefit SnowCAMPS: ALL MASSES: February 8th & 9th!

SnowCAMPS season is upon us!! The Middle Schoolers are so excited and we cannot wait to see them grow in Faith even more and to see new kids encounter Christ for the first time!!! We are going to have a **cookie sale on February 8th and 9th at all the masses**. We will be in the back of the church with warm cookies accepting donations of any amount to help some of the middle schoolers who cannot afford SnowCAMPS to still be able to go and attend this amazing experience. We appreciate any donation and if you could also pray for the middle schoolers, teen staff, and adults from the parish on the weekend itself.

Full tuition scholarship would be \$230.00 and we would be so grateful if you were able to give a scholarship!

The SnowCAMPS weekend will be February 28th through March 1st. If you know a middle schooler who is interested in attending SnowCAMPS you can reach out to andreainquincy@gmail.com for more information!! We are so excited and will be praying for you!

There are still spots available for 7th and 8th graders.

Upcoming Events:

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH - Soup & Stations Parish Event

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH - Middle School Edge Class @ Saint John the Baptist

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH - Gr 1 & 2 Family Faith Formation @ Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH - Grade 3, 4, & 5 Faith Formation @ Saint John the Baptist

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH - Confirmation I & II @ Saint John the Baptist

Confirmation candidates are also needed to participate in other Christian Service days (i.e. Elementary Class, MS Drop In, Snow Camps!)

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SAINT J'S FAMILIES

This Week

Welcome! Parish Registration Form

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

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

Address:

Telephone: _____

Email address _____

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? Yes No

Collaboration Offertory

St. John's Parish (weekend of February 1/2)

Offertory	\$6,837.65
Online Giving	<u>749.50</u>
Total	\$7,587.15

February 9 (1 collection) & February 16 (1 collection)

St. Joseph's Parish (weekend of February 1/2)

Offertory	\$3,186.00
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February 9 (2 collections) & February 16 (1 collection)
(Parish Maintenance)

Thank you for all your support!!

Tax Statements: Our parishes use Our Sunday Visitor for processing the weekly contributions. OSV has contacted us to let us know all contributions have been entered. If you need a copy of your contribution statement for 2019, please contact the Collaborative Parish Office and we would be happy to get a copy mailed to you.
Thank You!

February 9 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Winter's darkness still enfolds us and so the theme of light and darkness in today's readings is very apropos for us to ponder. In the first reading, Isaiah gives us an antidote, reminding us that performing works of mercy can bring light into the darkness. In the Gospel, "Jesus said to his disciples... **You** are the light of the world.... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Are your words and actions pointing people to Jesus? If they are not, what will you do to be a light in the darkness this week?

Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots

Have you heard about **Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots**? Are you facing personal difficulties beyond you in your family, or places of work? Or do you know anyone who is tied down by knots that keep them from uniting themselves to God?

Please join other parishioners who turn to Our Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede to free us from what binds and confuses us. We can always ask her motherly help to resolve our difficult problems, the obstacles and knots we face in our lives that seem to be irresolvable. The Virgin Mother unties the knots that we cannot untie by ourselves and that prove to be roadblocks in our lives.

Father Joseph warmly invites you to a thirty -minute novena prayer to start on Monday, February 10th for nine consecutive evenings beginning at 6:00pm in St. John the Baptist lower church. Please call the Collaborative Office to register for the **Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots:** 617- 773-1021 or 617-472-6321 or email: stjohns@stjohnsqincy.org



St. John's – St Joseph Bereavement Ministry

New Year blessings to all. Our Collaborative will have three bereavement group sessions this year (2020). We invite all those experiencing losses to take advantage of all this program offers.

The program includes:

A welcoming, safe, confidential, empathic, compassionate, and nonjudgmental setting for sharing experiences of grief and loss.

Scripture and prayer, art and music, meditation, journal writing, poetry, etc.

Listening with compassion and empathy as we tell our stories.



Each session consists of 8 weekly meetings of 8-10 participants who are expected to attend all sessions. Early registration is encouraged to ensure a place.

- Next session is Tuesday April 21 - Tuesday May 26 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in St. Joseph's Rectory (the Parish Offices.)
- Summer session is Tuesday July 7 - Tuesday August 25 from 2:00PM to 3:30 PM and will meet in St. John's Rectory.
- Fall session is Tuesday September 29 – Tuesday November 3 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in St. John's Rectory.

REGISTRATION: Call the Collaborative Parish Offices at 617-773-1021 or email us at: stjohns@stjohnsqincy.org. Leave your name, telephone number and email address.