

# COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



Second  
Sunday  
of Lent

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- March 8, 2020 -

**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.)



Confession, Wednesday evenings during Lent from 6:30pm- 8:00pm alternating between our collaborative parishes. St. John's on (3/18 and April 1st) & St. Joseph's on (3/11, 3/25, 4/8).

#### Stations of the Cross



St. John the Baptist  
 Fridays 3:30pm  
 St. Joseph  
 Fridays 7:00pm

#### COLLABORATIVE TEAM

##### Pastor

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##### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joseph Boafu

##### Senior Priest In Residence

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 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!

LENT 2020 IS UPON US and the beginnings of our Collaborative Lenten journey were action packed!! Over 200 people joined us for our Ash Wednesday Holy Hour **"Out of Hiding"** with Angelique Bolduc, over 30 youth and adults traveled to NH for **Snow CAMPS**, and 2 of our Catechumens attended the **Rite of Election** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross with Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

Lent, in many ways, is a **Baptismal retreat**. At the end of 40 days we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We commemorate the events that saved the world. We commemorate the **new life in Christ Jesus** that was made possible for us through His cross and resurrection. It is during the Easter Vigil that **Catechumens** (those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) are fully initiated into the Church, and the rest of the baptized renew their baptismal promises and rededicate themselves to Jesus Christ. Lent provides a "retreat" for us because each day is an invitation to draw closer to Christ (**prayer**), reorder our lives around Him (**fasting**), and to serve Him in our neighbor (**works of mercy**); thus renewing what it means to be a Christian.



On Sunday, two of our Catechumens, Sebina and Dorothy, accompanied by their godparents and members of our RCIA Team, went to the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross** for the Rite of Election. There must have been **almost 2,000 people** at this event. The Rite of Election is a special service where the Catechumens of the Archdiocese are presented by their godparents to the Cardinal, and he inquires about their preparation and resolve to enter fully into the life of the Church. Once he receives their answers he says to the Catechumens: *"I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil."*

During the service, each catechumen is **called by name**. That personal invitation is very moving, as the Elect are being invited into our Catholic family, consisting of **1 billion people** worldwide. The sight of the crowds at the Cathedral is awesome, reminding us that **we are part of a big family** ("Catholic" means "universal") and that people desire to belong to this family.

This weekend we had a number of young people and adults attend **Snow CAMPS**. Our kids were amazing! It's amazing to see that the *numbers have more than doubled* since last year. I would say that the biggest fruit of the weekend is not unlike the experience of the Rite of Election; our young people come to realize that *Jesus knows them by name, calls them by name and invites them into His family*. Of course there was great food, amazing games and new friendships made. **Thank you for making this weekend possible through your prayers and generous support.**



As you know we kicked off the **Year of the Eucharist** for our Collaborative on Ash Wednesday. The prayer was very powerful and *I continue to hear from people* how they were touched and hope we will do it again soon. Once again, like the Rite of Election, this night of prayer created an environment where we could allow ourselves to hear Jesus call us by name, tell us we are His, and commit ourselves to a Lenten retreat that will bear abundant fruit in our lives.

Lent 2020 is off to a great start. **He is calling you by name....are you listening?**

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

# FAITH FORMATION

## Teen Youth Group will meet:

Sun. March 8, 15, 22 \*Regular time 4:45pm -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.

Friday, March 27th - MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE CLASS @ Saint John the Baptist 6-8

Saturday, March 28th - GR. 1 & 2 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION @ Saint Joseph 4-7

Grade 2 will be receiving First Reconciliation at this class

Sunday, March 29th - GR. 3,4 & 5 FAITH FORMATION @ Saint John the Baptist 10-11

Sunday, March 29th - CONFIRMATION I & II @ Saint John the Baptist 5-7:30

Grade 10 will be receiving Reconciliation at this class.

*Confirmation candidates are also needed to participate in other Christian Service days IE Elementary Class, MS Drop In etc.)*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Hunger for Justice - High School Retreat

As the parish begins to prepare for Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our high schoolers are preparing for our Lenten retreat - Hunger for Justice. Our parish youth will be joining around 100 other teenagers at St. John the Baptist on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The retreat will focus on the Passion of Christ and serving Jesus & our brothers and sisters. Please keep our parish youth in your prayers throughout this Lenten season and especially during the retreat. More information about the retreat will be in the bulletin throughout Lent. Would you like to be involved? We need volunteers to help during the weekend. If you are interested in helping for a few hours please contact Andrea Alberti at (781) 346-7987. Please keep all of our youth in your



LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - LEADERS WILL RECEIVE 80 HOURS OF SERVICE (must be committed to Thursday evening Meetings.) APPLY ONLINE TODAY: <https://andreaic03.wixsite.com/hj2020stjsg> or just come to the meeting to check it out.

## Elementary Youth Group - Stations of the Cross

This Lenten event will start at the rectory with soup, bread, and games. Then students will participate in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Name Society. Cost is \$4 per student.

6pm-8pm Friday, March 13, 2020 St. Joseph's rectory and church, 550 Washington Street, Quincy

All elementary age kids and families welcome.

Parents - drop kids off and enjoy a few hours to yourselves or lend a hand with our volunteer team and join us for Stations.



## LEN + ENCOUNTER CHRIST ANEW

St. Joseph Church - Saturday, March 14th  
All Are Welcome!

PRAISE \* WORSHIP \* ADORATION \* CONFESSION

Featuring Father Matt Williams & Mike McDuffee

St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Quincy,

"Where everybody knows your name because we know HIM."

Encounter Christ Anew  
Saturday, March 14, 2020  
Begins at 7:30pm  
St. Joseph Church  
550 Washington St. Quincy

# INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Saturday, March 7

8:00am

4:00pm Memorial David Barker

### Sunday, March 8

8:30am Mass for the People

11:00am 5th Anniversary Maureen O'Neil Piccarini

5:00pm Birthday Memorial Ralph & Josephine Tutela

### Wednesday, March 11

8:00am

### Friday, March 13

8:00am Birthday Memorial Wilfred P. Thibodeau

### Saturday, March 14

8:00am

4:00pm 7th Anniversary Kristen Mawn

### Sunday, March 15

8:30am Memorial Vincent DeVecchio

11:00am Mass for the People

5:00pm Memorial Bernard Ferrao

Donations: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Vincent & Jonathan Jankord. 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 Russell Forte, Francis W. Vallier III, Joan M. Fales, Beverly Pollara and all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember in your prayers all those who are ill and the intentions of our parishioners.

### Quincy Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 10th, a prayerful journey to all seven of the Quincy Catholic Churches. The tradition of carrying the cross begins at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00am.

## MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOSEPH

### Saturday, March 7

4:00pm Memorial Mary E. & Normand "Jerry" Girard

### Sunday, March 8

8:30am 1st Anniversary Lola Heiler-Stillman

10:30am Private Intentions

### Monday, March 9

9:00am Memorial John Baptist Tai H. Nguyen

### Tuesday, March 10

9:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, March 12

9:00am Memorial Apher Dauphinais

### Saturday, March 14

4:00pm Memorial John Baptist Nguyen Cong Khanh &  
Goann Nguyen Cong Anh Tuan

### Sunday, March 15

8:30am Memorial Barbara Ann Rourke

10:30am 4th Anniversary Luigi Cannella

Memorial Donation: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory Joseph Pacetti. 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.

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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**ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence.**

**FASTING** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

# This Week

## Collaboration Offertory

<b>St. John's Parish</b> (weekend of February 29/March 1)	
Offertory	\$6,437.30
Online Giving	<u>739.50</u>
Total	\$7,176.80

Ash Wednesday for Catholic Charities \$2,965.48

**March 8 ( 2 collections) & March 15 (1 collection)**  
*Annual Fuel Collection*

## St. Joseph Parish

<b>St. Joseph Parish</b> (weekend of February 29/March 1)	
Offertory	\$4,071.00
2nd Collection Utilities	2,255.00
Ash Wednesday	<u>800.00</u>
Total	\$7,126.00

March 8 (1collection) & March 15 (1collection)

## South Shore Men's Retreat @ Miramar Retreat Center

The South Shore Men's retreat has been bringing men together on Palm Sunday weekend for over 60 years. We would like to make this relaxed and yet spiritual opportunity available to all men in the area. This years focus will be on "overcoming the pain of those that have hurt us, or we have hurt thru words or actions".

"South Shore Men's Retreat will be held at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, Mass on Palm Sunday weekend April 3, 4 and 5. This is an opportunity to gather with other men to strengthen our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. Cost is \$220 per person, all meals included (food allergies can be accommodated with advance notice). For more info please contact Ed Barkhouse @ 781 974 7641 or John Perruzzi @ 781 337 3035.

## BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!

St. Joseph's BVM Sodality will once again be holding their **Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign** beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent until Palm Sunday. The funds collected at this event help support **Friends of the Unborn in Quincy** who provides a safe haven to unwed mothers, along with the skills needed to care for and support their newborn babies. Baby bottles can be found at all entrances of the church and should be returned with your donation. This is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill your Lenten obligation while supporting a most worthwhile cause. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!



## 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@stjohnsquincy.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org). Leave your name, telephone number and email address.

## 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 **Sunday, March 8** for nine consecutive evenings beginning at 6:00pm in St. John the Baptist Upper 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@stjohnsquincy.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org)

