

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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.)



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 (3/25, 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

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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

p:617.472.6321
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COLLABORATIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

556 Washington Street
 Quincy, MA 02169-6602

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



Prayer Against Corona Virus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from the Corona Virus and all serious illness. for all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing.

For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

Pedro de la Cruz

Commitment Weekend: March 14/15

Today in every parish across the Archdiocese, Cardinal Sean calls on us to support the annual Catholic Appeal. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding the 51 central ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in this weekend's campaign is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Catholic Appeal this weekend.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE BOSTON PRAYER CAMPAIGN
You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil from February 26 through April 5 (Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday) outside Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston from 7:00am-7:00pm. In addition, candlelight vigils take place on Fridays at 7:00pm (English); Saturday vigils are at 10:30am (Spanish). Family vigils are at 2:00pm on Sundays. Praise & Worship Vigils are at 6:00pm on Thursdays. Rosary is at 2:00pm on Wednesdays. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/boston.

Year of the
EUCCHARIST

Reminder: The next meeting for the Committee for the Year of the Eucharist will be tomorrow, Monday, March 16th in St. John the Baptist Church Hall at 6:30pm.

FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN CROSSES

The High School Youth Group will be participating in a Lenten Retreat called "Hunger For Justice". During the retreat, which is from Good Friday through Holy Saturday, the high schoolers will be serving our homeless brothers & sisters in Boston and participating in service projects throughout the Southshore. In addition, the retreat is a "homeless experience" so the high schoolers will be giving up their cell phones and NOT eating the entire time! We are inviting the parish to join us in the retreat by supporting the high schoolers through the Lenten Crosses. Please take one (or more) of the purple Crosses at the entrance of the church and bring back the item next Sunday. We need many cases of bottled water for the high schoolers during the retreat, as well as socks, granola bars, and other food (purchased with the gift certificates) which we will give to our homeless brothers and sisters. All donations must be brought to the Church by Sunday 3/29. Thank you for your prayers and support of our high schoolers and our youth ministry!



3rd Sunday of Lent - March 15th

Hunger for Justice - Fasting

During the 30+ hours that our high schoolers will be participating in the Lenten retreat they will be fasting from food, cell phones and beds! After a final meal on Friday afternoon all of the participants abstain from food until after the Easter Vigil Saturday night. The retreat is also a "homeless experience" and so the teens will be going without their cell phones and ipods, as well as sleeping on the floors of the St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. Please keep all of our youth in your prayers!

Teen Youth Group will meet:

Sun. March 15, 22, 29 *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

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

Grade 2 will be receiving First Reconciliation at this class

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

Sunday, March 29th - CONFIRMATION I & II @ Saint John the Baptist *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, HFJ

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 14

8:00am

4:00pm 7th Anniversary Kristen Mawn

Sunday, March 15

8:30am Memorial Vincent DelVecchio

11:00am Mass for the People

5:00pm Memorial Bernard Ferrao

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am Special Intentions of Stella

Friday, March 20

8:00am

Saturday, March 21

8:00am

4:00pm

Sunday, March 22

8:30am Memorial Ronald J. Eaton

11:00am

5:00pm Mass for the People

Donations: The bread and wine for this week is donated in memory of Vincent J. DelVecchio. 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 Raymond Palumbo, John J. Collins and all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember in your prayers all those who are ill and the intentions of our parishioners.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 14

4:00pm John Baptist Nguyen Cong Khanh and

Goann Nguyen Cong Anh Tuan

Sunday, March 15

8:30am Memorial Barbara Ann Rourke

10:30am 4th Anniversary Luigi Cannella

Monday, March 16

9:00am Birthday Memorial Thomas "Tom" McBride

Tuesday, March 17

9:00am Birthday Memorial Edward Doyle

Thursday, March 19

9:00am Memorial Mary Joyce and Dan Dempsey

Saturday, March 21

4:00pm Birthday Jane O'Mahoney

Sunday, March 22

8:30am Memorial Louis & Norma Fiumana

10:30am Memorial Anna & Daniel O'Neill and

Margaret Reardon

Memorial Donation: If you would like to make a donation for the altar bread and /or wine please call the rectory.

Please remember in your prayers Michael W. Scanlon 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

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.

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

St. John's Parish (weekend of March 7/8)	
Offertory	\$6,443.35
Online Giving	1,031.50
Total	\$7,474.85

Second Collection ~ Annual Fuel \$3,750.47

March 15 (1 collection) & March 22 (1 collection)

St. Joseph Parish (weekend of March 7/8)

Offertory	\$3,403.00
More Utilities & Energy	459.00
Total	\$3,862.00

March 15 (1 collection) & March 22 (1 collection)

South Shore Men's Retreat @ Miramar Retreat Center

"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**. Baby bottles can be found at all entrances of the church and should be returned with your donation. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!



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

St. John's – St Joseph Bereavement Ministry

Our Collaborative will have three bereavement group sessions this year (2020).

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.

- 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. Leave your name, telephone number and email address.



Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots

Have you heard about the **Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots**?

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 for nine consecutive evenings beginning at 6:00pm in St. John the Baptist Upper Church. Next one begins **March 17th**. Call the Collaborative Office to register 617- 773-1021 or 617-472-6321 or email: stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org.



March 15 ~ The Third Sunday of Lent

We meet the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. Her conversation with Jesus put her on the 'fast track' to self-searching and repentance. Her conversation with Jesus transformed her into a great evangelizer: "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me everything I have done.'"

This week consider how your prayer, fasting or almsgiving is transforming your life. Share what God has done for you with someone.

