

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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.)

What a great time to make saying the ROSARY part of our daily routine.



Please remember that St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's Food Pantries are here to assist our parishioners in this time of need. Both food pantries are Open every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm.

COLLABORATIVE TEAM

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 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,

May the Lord give you His peace.

I love reading the Acts of the Apostles, especially during the Easter Season. It tells of the early beginnings of the Church, after the Ascension and Pentecost, and how faith in the Risen Lord went viral, amidst many trials and hardships.

I love the story of the **first imprisonment** of St. Peter and St. John. After healing a paralyzed man and preaching Jesus as the Risen Lord, they are arrested and put into prison. In the middle of the night an angel comes to them and sets them free and tells them: *"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life"* (Acts 5:20). Heeding the angel's words they resume their apostolic preaching, and once again they are apprehended and the high priest questions them. In the course of his interrogation he states: *"..you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching.."* (Acts 5:28).

The word "Gospel" means "Good News." The GOOD NEWS is that JESUS IS RISEN; He is the LORD and in Him is our HOPE. No matter how much the world, the flesh and the devil try to suffocate, incarcerate, oppress or frustrate the efforts of the Church to proclaim the Good News, the Gospel Message CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE DENIED! THE MESSAGE WILL GO OUT! The Gospel is POWER and this power cannot be suppressed! As St. Paul states: *"[the Gospel] is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"* (Rom 1:16).

COVID-19 has many of us feeling imprisoned, oppressed, and frustrated. The external circumstances beyond our control can begin to creep into my psyche, my heart and even my soul. Seeing the emotional and spiritual trauma, **the devil comes** prowling for the open door, seeking to weaken and ultimately ravage our faith, our hope and our love. **Faith** is tempted to doubt, **hope** is tempted to despair, and **love** is tempted to indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, sloth and hatred. How do we cope?

What we can learn from the Early Church (in a time of PANDEMIC):

Their circumstances (violent and oppressive) did not change who Jesus is, who they are AND His Love for them **(FAITH)**,

Their circumstances led them to pray more fervently, praising and worshiping the Lord **(HOPE)**,

Their circumstances lead them to get out of themselves and share the Good News with others, in word and deed: proclaiming Jesus the Risen Lord and in service to the poor, the needy and the forgotten **(LOVE)**.

May the city of Quincy be filled with power of the Gospel, alive in the people of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's, because of our fervent faith, unwavering hope, and ardent love.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Saint J's Cares:

Please remember our "St. J's Cares" email account for those in need of prayer intentions or assistance with daily needs, or if you know of someone who is isolated and alone and needs us to reach out to them. Please email SaintJsCares@gmail.com.

Live Worship Monday's:

Join our Youth Minister, Francesca, each Monday night at 8 PM for LIVE Worship and Praise. Find her on our St. John the Baptist Facebook Page or on Instagram @Shine__OFFICIAL (underscore underscore).

Live Streaming:

We will continue to LiveStream Holy Mass daily. Masses are privately said in the Convent of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. We will LiveStream a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary at 3 PM daily, Monday through Sunday. The 3 PM Holy Hour is privately prayed but made public for the spiritual well-being of the Christian faithful who long for the Eucharist.

Please Subscribe to Father Matt's YouTube channel for all live stream events.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/FrMatt2003>

Don't forget to follow us on our various Social Media handles:

- St. John the Baptist Facebook Page
- St. J's Families Facebook page
- SaintUs_Families Instagram
- SHINE_official Instagram
- Frmatt4boston Twitter

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the members of our community who have passed away since the last time we have gathered as community for Holy Mass:

Jim Lyons, Vincent Yukas, John Sugrue, Michelle Bickford, Annette Solimini, Katherine Dwyer, Mario Malvestuto, Patricia Plaziak, Patrick Kenney, Rose M. Ferris, Edward A. Mack, Arthur Crisafulli, James Hogan, Ann Jennette and Therese A. Maloney

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

FAITH FORMATION



Pope Francis wrote a letter to all the faithful, encouraging them to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May. Join us daily at 3 PM if you can.

Pope Francis also proposes two new prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. In his letter, he assures the faithful that he too will be reciting those prayers throughout the month of May, “in spiritual union with all of you”.

The Pope says, “contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial”.

He concludes his letter with the promise that he is praying for all of us “especially those suffering most greatly”; and he asks for our prayers as well.

First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

INTENTIONS

*St. Joseph Parish 2020 Easter Flower List
In Memory / In Honor of the following:*

*Mary K Scanlon
Chris Rigby
Joseph F. Lasko, Sr
Joseph F. Lasko, Jr
Cooper Richards
Albert & Eleanor Paluzzi
Dwyer Family
Fr. Joe Downey
Fr. Jack Roach
Jolena Driscoll
Delia Curran
Francis J. Curran
Richard Curran
Francis T Curran
Mr & Mrs. Peter J Quinn
Tom & Nellie Quinn
George, Patrick & Peg Doherty
Tomaso & Filomena DiTullio
& their Deceased Children: Louis,
Hazel, Antonio, Susan, Andy, John,
Victor & Peter
The St. Peter Family
The Sylvester Family
Daniel Shinkwin
The Caliri Family
The Bosio Family
The Donnelly Family
Elizabeth Mulloy
The Barkhouse Family
Joseph F. Murphy
The Donovan Family
The Dearden Family
Priscella Family (Deceased)
Finn Family (Deceased)
Family & Friends
Joseph Walsh
Mary Walsh
The Meehan Family
The McGroarty Family
William J Welch
Brenda Welch Villa
The Foley Family (Deceased)
Frances Andronico
Gemma Fertile
Manny & Gilda Andrews
The Grazioso Families
The Faiella Families
Louis Faiella*



*Thomas A Foley
Frank & Helen Cosgrove
Mary Cosgrove Watson
Mary R Banks
Mary, Edward, James,
Michael & Joseph Doyle
Michael, Thomas, MacDara,
Mary, & Patrick Flaherty
Anne Marie Gagne
Bobby Smith
Craig Smith
Steven Parker
John F. Painley
Zavatchan-Tajc Families
Solarchick-Fisher Families
Julia & Anthony Trubiano
James Trubiano
Luc Theberge
Joseph & Margaret Gatto
George Faulkner
Joseph & Grace Manning
Barbara & Cosmo DeFlumere
Joseph Manning
Helen Manning
John McTigue
Peg McTigue
Scolaro Family
Barbara Jean Scolaro
Bernadette Lundgren
Canton Family
The Devlin Families
The Fandl Families
The Hanna Families
The Falconia Families*

Lectio Divina, or “divine reading” is a traditional way of listening and talking with God through Scripture. There are four movements:

(1) **Lectio (reading)** Read a short scripture selection. Less is more with Scripture prayer. Digest it slowly. “Listen with the ear of your heart” (St. Benedict) for a word, phrase, or verse that stands out to you—perhaps ever so slightly.

(2) **Meditatio (meditation)** Think about whatever grabbed your attention. Ponder that word or phrase. Ask questions about that word.

(3) **Oratio (prayer)** Talk to God about this passage as you would to any person. If it helps, think of God as a parent, sibling, or trusted friend. He is your Father, Jesus has called you his friend, and with him, we are beloved children of God.

(4) **Contemplatio (contemplation)** Rest in God’s presence for a few minutes of silence. This allows the Lord to work on you in unseen ways.

I am grateful for Evangelical Catholic’s “1% Challenge Lectio Divina” resource. For more information please visit: <https://www.evangelicalcatholic.org/lectio-divina-2/>

This Week



Hello Parishioners and friends of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph!



We hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well. Please see below for our Collaborative updates for this week (4/27 - 5/3):

The doors of our churches will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following schedule:
 St. John the Baptist: Daily, Mon-Sun, 12-6 PM
 St. Joseph: Sunday, 8:30 AM-12 PM

MONDAY-SATURDAY
 Daily Mass 8 AM

MONDAY-SUNDAY
 Adoration 12-6 PM @
 Saint John the Baptist
 Holy Hour 3 PM

MONDAY
 Live Worship 8 PM

WEDNESDAY
 Confession 6:30-7:30 PM

SATURDAY
 Confession 2-4 PM

SUNDAY
 Adoration 8:30-12 @
 Saint Joseph
 Holy Mass 11 AM

We are so incredibly grateful to Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary Nazareth who keep Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, allowing parishioners the opportunity to come and leave their burdens at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord.

Confessions:

The (CAR) Light is on for You
 We are taking extra precautions for the safety and well-being of our parishioners and priests. Our Collaborative will continue to host outdoor, drive-through Confessions at St. John the Baptist on:
 Wednesday, April 29th, 6:30-7:30 PM
 and
 Saturday, May 2nd, 2-4 PM



MARIAN CONSECRATION

Join us for the next 33 days as we deepen our devotion to and relationship with Jesus through Our Lady. For more information, please email: jacolantonio36@gmail.com



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

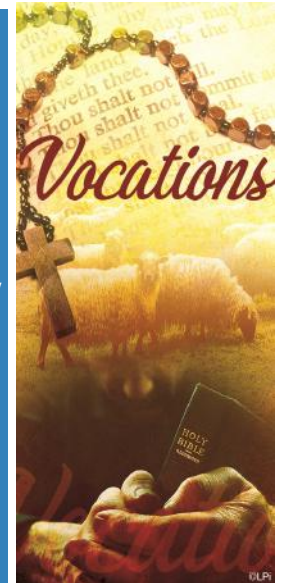
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name. Amen.



Please note, we continue to celebrate all Mass intentions that were booked without a congregation present. Know that your loved ones are being remembered as well as all those affected by the Coronavirus.



Today is also known as World Day of Prayer For Vocations