

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



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that  
I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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-June 14, 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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w: stjohnsquincy.org  
e: stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org

Saturday 4:00pm (Seniors)  
Sunday 11:00am & 5:00pm

#### 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.)

*Please remember during this difficult time 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.*



**Happy Flag Day!!** Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14.

#### 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)

Follow our Pastor Fr. Matt Williams on twitter @frmatt4Boston

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Saturday 4:00pm (Seniors)  
Sunday 8:30am

#### St. Joseph's Food Pantry

p: 617.472.6321

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

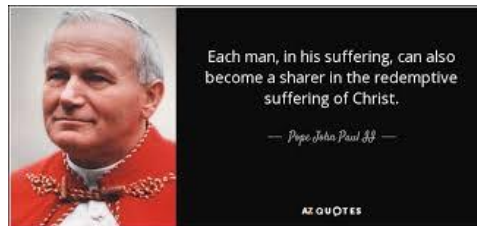
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

This weekend we celebrate **Corpus Christi** ("Body of Christ"), the annual Solemnity which honors the true presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in the Holy Eucharist; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Catechism paragraph 1323 teaches: *"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"*

These past two months, as difficult and trying as they have been, I have witnessed these very fruits of living the Eucharist shine forth from St. Js Collaborative! WE ARE A LIGHTHOUSE SHINING IN THE DARKNESS! There are so many reasons to have HOPE and JOY. As you know, I have asked the members of our team to share reflections on where they have seen HOPE alive in YOU, brothers and sisters in the St. Js Collaborative. I am happy to share this inspiring article, composed last month, by **Andrea Alberti, our Director of Evangelization and Outreach.**



"Life is never made unbearable by suffering but only by lack of **meaning** and **purpose**" (Victor Frankl). There is no greater gift nor anything more humbling than walking with God's Beloved (ie. you) which I am blessed to do each day as Director of Evangelization and Outreach. I am in awe as I have the opportunity to encounter you, who are sharers in the redemptive suffering of Christ, because you see

the PURPOSE AND MEANING behind your sufferings and sacrifices. This is what I see in our parish family, in the people of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's amidst difficult times.

I offered some administrative assistance to Father Matt with a zoom RCIA meeting recently. These beautiful candidates are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church as Adults - seeking out the Faith, the Truth and the Love of Jesus...and instead of receiving the sacrament as planned at Easter Vigil 2020, because of the pandemic, they are still waiting. I was struck when Father Matt addressed this "waiting"... "There is no such thing as wasted time with God. Nothing is wasted with God!" I immediately thought of YOU. I thought of this time in quarantine, and our suffering brothers and sisters - "Nothing is wasted with God." I contemplated all the redemptive suffering in those that are battling this virus (and their families). I contemplated the intercession of those who have passed from the virus. I contemplated all the prayer power in our Daily Mass with Father Matt and our parish family praying the Mass together virtually from the live stream at the Convent. I thought of the Daily 3pm Holy Hours celebrated by Fr Joseph and Father Matt where you are "live chatting" prayer intentions, and the priest is presenting them before our Eucharistic Lord and we are petitioning the Lord on behalf of one another I thought of Daily adoration of Our Lord made possible through Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary Nazareth who sacrifice/suffer so much for God's Kingdom. I thought of our parishioners who are out of work and still tithing to our suffering parishes. I thought of our parishioners who are essential medical and beyond and sacrificing and heroically serving, even though scared. I thought of my colleagues who are working incredibly long hours to serve you (some of whom are giving back their paychecks). I thought of each of you living out your daily vocation (maybe trying to homeschool your children or be patient with family members or clean and fix up home projects - all sacrifices we can OFFER up) .

As I was contemplating all this, writing this article, I received an email from a Parish family member who is homeless living at YMCA, unable to get out, and let us know she is offering up countless daily prayers for you, our Parishioners and our world. They wrote: "Nothing is ever a complete waste of time, with the Spirit of Mission planted firmly in our hearts and souls." And I thought of Father Matt saying "Nothing is wasted with God" - and I know Our Good Lord didn't cause this suffering (he died to save us from it). He

didn't cause it and He won't leave us alone and He won't waste it! No.. He makes all things new and He will use it to sanctify us and save us. I see Him doing just that - in YOU.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

# FR. MATT'S CORNER

## St. Js Cares:



What is the St. Js Cares: JOY Movement?

**An invitation to all parishioners, past, present and future  
to make JOY the center of their Christian lives:**

**Jesus - Others - Yourself (by sacrificially giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure)**

### WHY Do We Need a JOY MOVEMENT?

There are **many forces mitigating against our JOY**: unemployment and **financial struggles**, parishioners struggling with **isolation, loneliness, depression and fear**, as well as longing for the sacraments but unable to leave their homes. Parishioners and neighbors who have **lost faith** in God and/or the Church, who are suffering from an **illness** or who have family members who are very sick and **cannot accompany** them due to COVID-19 restrictions, or who have **lost a loved** one during the past two months and have not been able to have a funeral Mass. Parishioners and neighbors who are working on the front lines of the healthcare and emergency response systems, **exhausted and having a hard time**. Parishioners and neighbors who have experienced **racism** or other forms of **discrimination**. Parishioners and neighbors who are **good and heroic law enforcement officials** who are **unfairly labeled** or held in **suspicion**.

### For our parishes, the financial impact of COVID-19 is a hardship:

**St. Joseph's will no longer be viable after 10 months** if online giving and weekly donations do not increase

**St. John the Baptist will no longer be viable after 23 months** if online giving and weekly donations do not increase

The Archdiocese has made it clear; **borrowing is NOT an option**

### Let's Start with our "Y"

"Y" stands for **YOURSELF**. It also represents our "**WHY**;" the reason for our existence and the reason for our JOY. Our "**WHY**" is **JESUS**, who calls us to **KNOW Him, LOVE Him and SERVE Him**.

**Our "WHY" convicts us to take our "Y" (Yourself) and make a gift, a total gift, a sacrificial gift of self to Him (JESUS) and our neighbor (OTHERS).** You are a **GIFT** and that **GIFT** is meant to be **GIVEN AWAY**: to **JESUS** and **OTHERS**.

**TIME (for JESUS):** Offer a *sacrifice of praise* as we beseech the Lord to guide us and provide for the needs of our parishioners and our parishes.

We are asking everyone to **PLEASE COMMIT** to **The 54 Day Rosary Novena (June 23 - August 15)**, and to pray daily the Prayer of St. Francis for peace.

**TIME & TALENTS (for OTHERS):** Offer a *sacrifice of praise* in the way we spend our time and talents in loving, serving and sharing our faith with our neighbor, fellow parishioners, and parish. There are many parishioners and neighbors who have needs, our city has needs, and our churches have needs. Committing to the JOY MOVEMENT will help us unify our Collaborative family, and bless and impact lives.

*Serving and giving to others is proven to be one of the best remedies for anxiety, sadness, complacency—serving and giving to others brings JOY!*

**TREASURE (for your PARISH):** Offer a *sacrifice of praise* through sacrificial giving. Each of us is asked to pray about the blessings we have received from God and how He may be calling us to sacrificially give back to our parishes. If you are in a position to help, please consider giving generously to compensate for our brothers and sisters who cannot give at this time due to Covid-19.

Signing up for **online giving is an absolute game changer. Your commitment today will have the highest impact on our parishes viability.**

If each family were to **increase their weekly offertory** by \$10, we would be able to balance our budget and bring our JOY to the next generation.

### Where do I go from Here:

Commit to praying the **54 Day Rosary Novena (June 23-August 15)**

**Email** [SaintJsCares@gmail.com](mailto:SaintJsCares@gmail.com) to let us know that you would like to be involved in the movement

**Sign up** for online giving (or weekly envelopes) and **pray** to the Lord about tithing in support of your parish.

St. John the Baptist: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1527>

St. Joseph: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/1893>

# This Week at St. Js

## SATURDAY

Daily Mass 8 AM @  
Saint John the Baptist  
Drive Thru Confession  
12-2 PM (note time change)  
Holy Mass\* 4 PM @ Saint Joseph  
(65+)  
Holy Mass\* 4 PM @ Saint John  
(65+)

## SUNDAY

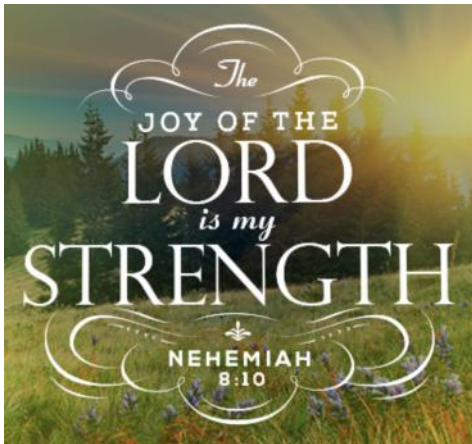
Holy Mass\* 8:30 AM @ Saint  
Joseph  
Holy Mass\* 11 AM @ Saint John  
Holy Hour 3 PM  
Holy Mass\* 5 PM @ Saint John  
Virtual Youth Group 6:30-7:30 PM  
(email [shinethelight247@gmail.com](mailto:shinethelight247@gmail.com)  
to join)



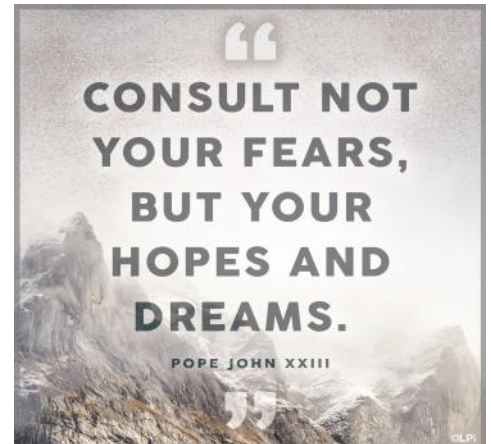
All are welcome for Praise and Worship and a Eucharistic Procession to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary next Friday, June 19th at Saint John's. 7-8 PM Praise & Worship 8-9 PM Eucharistic Procession w/ Rosary

Please continue to follow us on our Social Media handles:

- a. St. John the Baptist ~ St. Joseph Facebook Page
- b. St. J's Families Facebook page
- c. SaintJs\_Families Instagram
- d. SHINE\_\_official Instagram
- e. Frmatt4boston Twitter



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



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# This Week

## MASST INTENTIONS

### Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday June 13th @ St. Joseph's  
4:00pm

Saturday June 13th @ St. John's  
4:00pm ~ 1st Anniversary  
George B. Murphy

Sunday, June 14th @ St. Joseph's  
8:30am ~ Mass for the People

Sunday, June 14th @ St. John's  
11:00am ~ 4th Anniversary Brian  
Stuart & Daniel Murphy and 3rd  
Anniversary Michael Regenes

5:00pm ~ Healing of Social Justice

**Week Day Mass Schedule  
And Adoration Monday-Friday  
@ St. John the Baptist  
Lower Chapel**

3:00-4:00pm Holy Hour  
4:00-6:00pm Adoration  
6:05pm Daily Mass

**Adding Saturday Morning Mass  
@ St. John's @ 8:00am**

Saturday 6/13

**Daily Mass Intentions @  
St. John's @ 6:05pm**

Monday 6/15

Tuesday 6/16

Wednesday 6/17 ~ For the Sick

Thursday 6/18

Friday 6/19 ~ 36th Anniversary Wilfred  
P. Thibodeau and 13th Anniversary  
James E. Thibodeau

### St. John's Food Pantry

For over 40 years, Saint John's Food Pantry has helped numerous families based on the love, support and dedicated work of its parishioners. The current Covid-19 pandemic has severely diminished the amount of financial donations the food pantry is receiving. This hardship, along with the fact that once the church reopened we can no longer provide donation envelopes in the pews, puts families who need our help at even higher risk.

Without your continued support and generous contributions, we will not be able to continue to help the countless number of families who are in need in our parish. We ask that you please take a moment and make your donation directly. Donations should be made **payable to "Saint John's Food Pantry" (on your check line) and mailed** to Saint John's Food Pantry, **556 Washington Street, Quincy, MA 02169.**

The many parishioners, volunteers and the families that receive the assistance thank you for your kindness and continued support of Saint John's Food Pantry.

**Confessions** are held at St. John the Baptist in the parking lot.

Wednesday evenings 6:45-7:45pm

Saturday afternoons 12:00-2:00pm

**Donation: The bread and wine for the week of June 14th - June 20th is donated in memory of:**

**St. Joseph's:**  
*Thomas A. Foley*

**St. John the Baptist:**



Ongoing  
Novena  
To  
Our  
Lady  
Untier  
of Knots  
At 7:15pm.  
Contact  
The  
Rectory  
For  
Details.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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, Therese A. Maloney, Filomena A. Ricci, Dorothy F. LeBlanc, Shirley J. Gilbody, Vincent Villard, Doris Rucker, Marie L. Petrell, Marion M. Ricca, Gerald E. Loiselle, Richard Omwenga, Edith B. Palumbo, Mabel Lombardo, Amelio Recupero, Vincent A. Cristiani, Fred Abdallah, Jean Genereux, Mary E. Duross and Dorothy M. Bricker

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