



The Collaborative of  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**  
and **ST. JOSEPH PARISH**



# 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I  
will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

**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 or visiting our website. Your presence at our parish is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

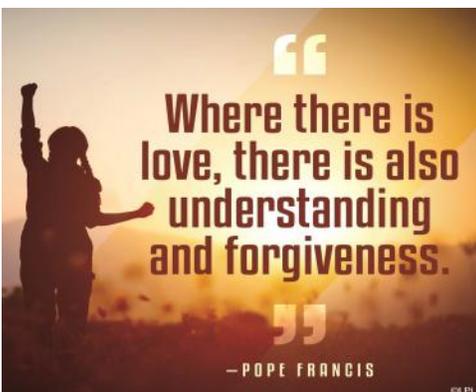
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Saturday 4:00pm (Seniors)  
Sunday 11:00am & 5:00pm

#### 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.)



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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!

Happy 4th of July! As we celebrate our independence, I am reminded that the **freedom** Americans now enjoy is **NOT free** - it came (and continues to come) at a GREAT PRICE. **Salvation** also is **not free**! It also came at a **great price**, and His NAME IS JESUS. The JOY Movement begins with JESUS! If we get Jesus right, this Movement will take off.

Our Youth Minister, Francesca Alberti, shared a personal journal entry with me last week. I asked if I could share it with you, I hope you are blessed as I was.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt+

*"I hereby resign being master of the universe, and I humbly turn my world over to you.."*

*"I Resign, I resign to the plans of your great design"*(Letter of Resignation, Bob Rice).

This song reflects upon how we make ourselves God in our own lives. I see that I do this far more often than I would like to admit. My spiritual Father would always say *"If you get Jesus right, everything else will fall into place."* You know how something means more when you get older? That was this statement. It is so true. If we are not seeing God as God and instead we make ourselves the god of our own lives, then what actually is God's job? I think that people assume that this is a problem only people who are not practicing the faith have, but we all do this sometimes. We get into such a pattern that the devil starts to use that. He's like "well you're praying everyday so why not fall into that sin" or "you go to Mass on Sunday, you can wait til then to pray" or even for people working in the church he will say: "well your work is your prayer. You don't need that private time with the Lord."

These lies cause trouble, confusion, and chaos in our lives. Whenever I get into this type of thinking I start to make excuses to not pray and I see myself get stressed out because I am taking things on that I cannot do, fix or figure out alone; like keeping peace in my family, or evangelizing the kids at my parish, or balancing all of my responsibilities while creating my own future. These are all good things, yes, but when we try to do them on our own, we push God out of the picture; the one who gives us life, the one who is our reason for doing these things, the one who is our REASON for living,

and the one who is our eternal HOME. We get burned out. I take this amazing plan God has and minimize it to a human brain. It is so funny how we trick ourselves into believing that our tiny brains can match the God of all the universe. It is only through him that all these things can come to fulfillment. It is only through him that we can travel as pilgrims on this earth to our eternal home.

**Daily prayer.** In daily prayer we have to pray for **humility** to know that we are not god. We cannot handle being our own god. It makes us feel tired, angry, sad, and confused. A deeper humility and surrender will help us to know that we are not god and that we have a loving Father in Heaven who wants to take care of us. Going to our upper room with the Lord everyday is CRUCIAL to everyone. Romans 12:2 says: *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* Without that time of allowing Him to love us and allowing Him to lead us, we make ourselves god because we aren't asking Him what he wants of us. If you don't have a daily intimate prayer life with the Lord, you have nothing. It starts with you and not with the people you're evangelizing. If you want to "talk the talk," then "walk the walk." John 17:22 says: *"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."*

We can't give what we don't have. If you don't know what the Lord's will is, ask Him and then listen. He will make it so clear in his time. Something we forget is that **our time is so different then God's**. He lives outside of time. You cannot put a time limit on God. A full "letter of resignation" from being your own god is trusting his timing and not your own. Making ourselves our own god, our life becomes chaotic and anxious. When we can center ourselves in prayer, we can then see we are doing the Father's will through the peace and joy (fruits of the Holy Spirit) we get in our lives. It doesn't mean everything is perfect but there is an underlying joy and peace from the Lord that just doesn't go away - when we are in communion with Him. The joy is unforgettable and something that fulfills every desire we have.

# FR. MATT'S CORNER

Give him your heart. If you don't know how to hand your life over or your like me and you seem to keep falling into making yourself your own god, give the Lord your heart in prayer. *"Here is my heart Lord, speak what is true."* (Casting Crowns). He wants your heart so badly that He died for it; and not for a selfish reason like people of this world can do, but to give you a life you could have never imagined in Him. The best part about God is he takes the desires He already gave us and uses them for His amazing plans. All those deep desires we have for our lives are FROM HIM! Do not forget that. Psalm 37:4 says: *"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

*"Cause He is good, and He is God, what I earned, it's not what I got. And He is just, yet also kind, what I deserve, it's not what I find, what more could I say about Him? My God is love"- ("God is Love" by Chris Renzema). HE IS LOVE! He just wants to give you that Love. That is His ONLY desire! Allow him to do that. Let him be God! Receive his Love and surrender yourself to him today!*

St. Js Cares:



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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.

# 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 OUTDOORS @  
Saint John the Baptist  
Holy Hour 3 PM  
Holy Mass\* 5 PM @ Saint John  
Youth Group 6-7:30 PM  
\*please note reservations are  
required for these Masses.

### 54 Day Rosary Novena:

We are asking everyone to please commit to the 54 Day Rosary Novena (June 23 - August 15). You can join other parishioners each day at 3 PM on YouTube or in the lower hall of Saint John's. Father Joseph also runs a Rosary Group on Zoom that you may join by emailing: [boafj91@gmail.com](mailto:boafj91@gmail.com). It is not too late to start! Begin today.

*The first 27 days of the novena we will be offering the following petition to Our Lady. Please pray this petition as part of your Rosary.*

### St. J's Cares Joy Movement Petition to Our Blessed Mother:

*Oh Most Gracious Beautiful Mother of our Savior, Spouse of Saint Joseph, Aunt of Saint John the Baptist, and Loving Mother of us all. We come before you begging your intercession for our St. J's Collaborative. We ask that you, who are the cause of our JOY, intercede for miraculous results through our JOY MOVEMENT. May every parishioner give lovingly and generously of their time, talent and treasure; making J.O.Y. the center of their lives. We pray that our churches will be overflowing with worshipers of Your SON - Our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray your children will love and care for one another and our Church, putting our faith into action. We pray for financial miracles; that as our family grows and tithes, we may be ABUNDANTLY blessed by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We pray for the Spirit's gift of NEW LIFE for our parishes and our families, to Jesus through Mary. AMEN!*



Let's EXPECT MIRACLES!  
Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Matt  
[SAINTJS.JOYMOVEMENT](http://SAINTJS.JOYMOVEMENT)

## FIRST COMMUNION DRIVE-THRU CONFESSION

July 11th, 2020

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



WHO - Those First Communicants who CHOOSE  
to come

WHAT - Walk Up Outdoor Confessions with LOVE,  
MERCY, and FUN

WHERE - St. John's Church Parking Lot

WHEN - Sat. July 11

WHY - Those families awaiting First Communion

## SUMMER AT SAINT J's:

- July 2nd BE Light Marriage Retreat
- July 3rd Mass & Movie Night
- July 10th Outdoor Adoration

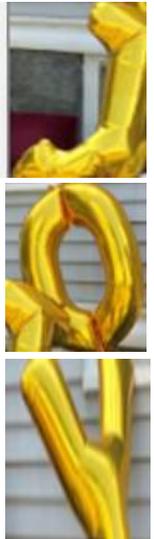
AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!



**MASS AND  
MOVIE NIGHT**  
**RESCHEDULED**  
**WHEN: Friday July  
3rd, 2020**  
**Mass Outside: 6:05pm**  
**Movie: 8:30PM -  
10:30PM**  
**WHERE: St. John's  
- 44 School Street  
- Outside on Lawn**  
**WHO: All Parish  
welcome!**

## TEEN SPOTLIGHT:

ELIZA



*Year of the*  
**EUCHARIST**  
June 14, 2020 - June 6, 2021  
Archdiocese of Boston

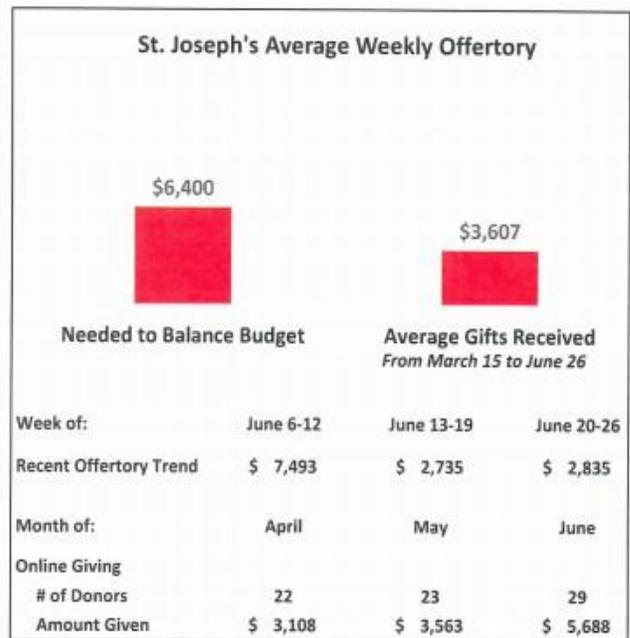
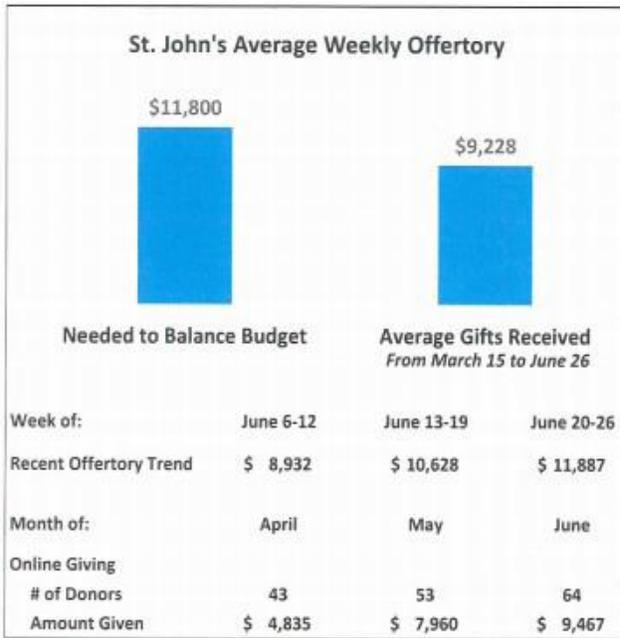
*"And behold I am with you always,  
until the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:20*

**The Joy  
Movement**  
St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's Collaborative

St. John the Baptist  
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**saintjs\_families** Hi I'm Eliza Grace and one thing I participated in school is school My favorite color is blue and my favorite ice cream is s'mores from frozen Freddie's Before Jesus I was sad and confused on why bad things happen to good people. After having a relationship with Jesus I am happy and joyful and not lonely anymore. I have met the best friends I will ever have. Jesus to me is the best friend you will ever have and he is always there and always listen to you. He's helped me so much and he will help you too!

# This Week



## Weekend Mass Intentions

**Saturday July 4th @ St. Joseph's**  
4:00pm ~ Memory of Heriberto Martinez  
**Saturday July 4th @ St. John's**  
4:00pm ~  
**Sunday, July 5th @ St. Joseph's**  
8:30am  
**Sunday, July 5th @ St. John's**  
11:00am ~ Wedding Anniversary  
Infanta & Naveen  
5:00pm ~ Mass for the People

**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 7/4 ~ For All Veterans  
Past & Present

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

**Monday 7/6 ~** Birthday Nancy Dougan  
**Tuesday 7/7 ~**  
**Wednesday 7/8 ~**  
**Thursday 7/9 ~** Memorial John Baptist  
Tai H. Nguyen  
**Friday 7/10 ~** Birthday Memorial  
Eleanor A. McBride

**Donation: The bread and wine  
for the week of July 5 - July 11  
is donated in memory of:**

**St. Joseph's:**  
Birthday Memorial  
Eleanor A. McBride

**St. John the Baptist:**  
Esther & Francis O'Brien



We are currently hosting Adoration Daily from 3-6PM in the lower Church of Saint John the Baptist. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS.** If you are interested in committing to an hour or more hours each week, please call Donna at the Rectory (617-773-1021). Ideally, we would like to host Adoration from 12-6PM Daily.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the members of our community who have passed away since the last time we have all 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, Dorothy M. Bricker, Michael S. Calabro, Jr., Maria Eleuteri, Roy Richards, Rosemarie O'Rourke, Elliott R. Whyte, Loretta F. Palmacci and Eleanor "Ginny" Brosnan

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