

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH

15th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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 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.)

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+)
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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.

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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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 us His peace!

Do you believe Jesus Christ is Lord?
Do you believe Jesus can work miracles?
Do you believe Jesus knows exactly what you need?

Objectively speaking, these questions can all be answered in the affirmative. The Sacred Scriptures and the living Tradition of the Church proclaim them to be so. The question always remains: is this true for me? The Christian life is a life of faith, marked by a lifetime of conversion in our knowing, loving and serving Him. And the more we live by faith, we discover two things: our God loves when we trust Him, AND He really knows how to do things (i.e. provide for what we need). As Mother Olga likes to say: *"I am not surprised by what God does, because our God is a God of surprises, but I am always amazed at how He does it."*

One of the most powerful acts of faith is the sacrificial act of tithing. Tithing is a spiritual habit of giving back to God the firstfruits, the first 10% of what He has blessed us with (i.e. of what we make and receive). The God of the Bible, the God of Jews and Christians alike, as He enters into covenant relationship (think family bond) with His people, invites them to worship Him alone and to trust Him with all of their hearts (which includes their temporal welfare). Tithing is an act of faith because we are stepping out with no guarantees other than God's word. Tithing is also an act of hope because we are trusting God at His Word, clinging to His promises that He will provide for us. Finally, tithing is an act of love because we are responding in obedience to our Father, fully trusting Him as we offer Him worship through this sacrificial gift of giving back from our blessings.

Here are some Scriptures that speak about the holy act of tithing:

*"And Mel-chiz'edek * king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"And Abram gave him a tenth of everything"(Genesis 14:18-20).*

"All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD"(Leviticus 27:30).

"As soon as the command was spread abroad, the sons of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything"(2 Chronicles 31:5).

"We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD.."(Nehemiah 10:35).

Giving God **"firstfruits"** is another way of saying that God gets our best. The first fruits of our harvest we give back to him as an act of thanksgiving, trust, faith and worship, knowing He will take care of our needs.

I have been blessed with the knowledge about the Biblical act of tithing since the beginning of my seminary days, thanks to Fr. Tom (who has run a radio show, In Season and Out of Season, for 36 years, with bills exceeding \$300k and always tithing 10% of the donations back to the Lord). Fr. Tom would often say: "I can't afford not to tithe." In my own journey, I have seen God ALWAYS provide as I tithe. He never gets outdone in generosity. As I was praying to the Lord about writing this (difficult) article, I was asking Him how I would do it and what could I use to help demonstrate/illustrate the power of tithing and God's fidelity. AND GUESS WHAT? He literally dropped the best story at my doorstep Monday afternoon. Let me explain.

I was meeting with someone and had another appointment to follow when I was told I had two visitors. I went to meet my unexpected guests and found out they were two men from the Neo-Catechumenal Way, and were sent on mission for one week to a number of parishes in the South Region; to share with us their story, to give witness to what Jesus had done in their lives. They were dropped off in Braintree on Sunday, with no money, no cellphone, no second set of clothes. I found out that on Sunday night they slept at Quincy T-Station. They were to go out, just like Jesus did with the Apostles, and announce the Good News and Trust that the Lord would take care of them.

So invited them to stay and have lunch and it just so happens that Andrea made a Roast Beef that morning that she wanted to share with staff and priests, and guess what, these "homeless" missionaries ate the fattened calf for lunch. But there is more!!!

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They tell me that at 7/8am Monday morning they went to our St. Joseph parish looking to see if there was anyone there whom they could share the Good News with. They were also starving and exhausted (you don't sleep too well at the T-Station). So they decided to sit on the front steps of St. Joseph Church and pray. They prayed specifically to the Blessed Mother that she would provide for them, especially some food. In less than one minute, a homeless woman named "Christina" (interesting that her name has "Christ" in it) walks by and starts speaking with them. She hears their story and shares some of her food with them and actually gives them money. The men didn't want to take it but they knew it was from God (answered prayer) and knew they were supposed to take it. The story of the widow's mite in Mark 12:41-44 jumps out here.

ISNT THAT UNBELIEVABLE? YES and..or...that's our God! That's our Jesus. He is the Lord! He is a miracle worker! He knows what we need!

"Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine"(Proverbs 3:9-10).

"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing"(Malachi 3:10).

Please prayerfully consider joining me in this act of faith - tithing 10% of the firstfruits of your blessing, and let us watch what God does.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

p.s. Thank you so much to all of you who signed up for online giving this weekend. This is a game-changer for our JOY Movement!

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: boafu91@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.Q.Y. the center of their lives. We pray that our churches will be overflowing with worshippers 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!

The JOY Movement

Let's EXPECT MIRACLES!
Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt
SAINT J'S JOY MOVEMENT

The **JOY** Movement



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. Fmatt4boston Twitter

This Week at St. Js

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

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ST. J'S LIVING WATER WEEK 2020
 JULY 13TH-17TH
 AGES 4- 11
 TRACK 1: 8AM-5PM
 TRACK 2: 8AM-12PM



This is a very special weekend for our First Communion Class. They will be receiving two Sacraments. The Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday and the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday at the 11:00am Mass. Please continue to keep our young children and their families in your prayers. May Jesus continue to strengthen all of us in our lives.

OUTDOOR ADORATION
 JULY 10, 2020 ~ 7-8 PM
 SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

OUTDOOR ADORATION

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 JESUS**

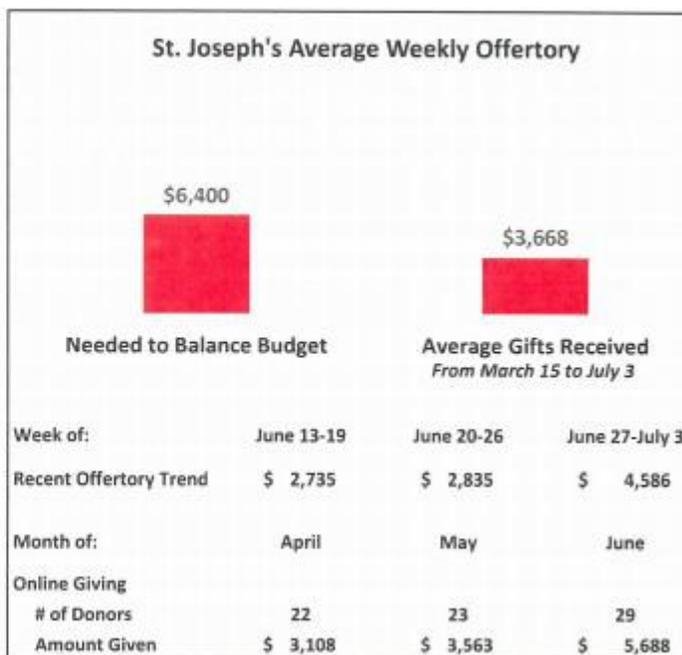
St John The Baptist, Quincy
 Friday, July 10th
 After the 6pm Mass
 Please bring a lawn chair

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, Eleanor "Ginny" Brosnan, Lauretta B. Todesca, Kevin Sullivan and Ann Marie McBride

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

This Week



MASST INTENTIONS

Weekend Mass Intentions:

ST. JOSEPH'S

Saturday July 11th @ St. Joseph's
4:00pm ~ 1st Anniversary
Ena DiSalvio

Sunday, July 12th @ St. Joseph's
8:30am ~ Memorial
The Nocera Family

Saturday, July 11th @ St. John's
4:00pm

Sunday, July 12th @ St. John's
11:00am ~ Memorial
George & Rina Tarchi, and
Richard, Michael & Maureen Piccarini
5:00pm ~ 1st Anniversary
Anna Aliberti

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.

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

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

Saturday 7/11 ~ Memorial
Fr. Coln Whalen

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

Monday 7/13 ~ Memorial
Pietro & Caterina Rizzo

Tuesday 7/14 ~

Wednesday 7/15 ~ Memorial
Fr. Maurice O'Connor

Thursday 7/16 ~ Memorial
John Dougan

Friday 7/17 ~ Memorial
Charlie Lopesti

Donation: The bread and wine for the week of July 12 - July 18 is donated in memory of:

St. Joseph's:

St. John the Baptist:
Caterina Iacovangelo

