

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

-July 26, 2020 -

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.



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

***Please note, reservations are required for all masses.**

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.)

DAILY MASS

8:00am, Saturdays (Only)

6:05pm, Monday-Friday

St. John the Baptist

ADORATION W/ HOLY HOUR

3:00pm- 6:00pm, Sunday-Friday

St. John the Baptist Lower chapel

DRIVE THRU CONFESSION

Wednesday, 6:45pm-7:45pm

Saturday, 12:00pm- 2:00pm

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, 6:00pm- 7:30pm

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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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 us His peace!

The JOY continues!!! We are in the midst of a wonderful sacramental/evangelization run with First Communions and Confessions, weeklong Vacation Bible School, Pandemic Baptisms (7 babies/families) and this

Saturday we are celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation for two of our Catechumens, the Rite of Baptism for two more children, the Rites of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for two adults, and then the Rite of Confirmation for six adults. So exciting!



J IS FOR JESUS

The JOY Movement **must begin with Jesus**. If we get Jesus right (and take care of His children), He will take care of us. He will provide. I believe this with all of my heart!!

Beginning with Jesus means offering **1% of your day, approximately fifteen minutes**, to knowing and loving Him in prayer (we start with 1% and build on that to 2%, 3%, etc). At the present time we have been giving that 1% to Jesus through our participation in the **54 Day Rosary Novena**. Thank you for all who have been doing it, it's never too late to jump in.

I was very inspired by a passage from John Eldredge's book, Moving Mountains. He gives a GREAT INSIGHT into the movements of prayer and confirms that 1% of your day is TRULY NEEDED in order to align our hearts with God's; so as to enter into His gaze, and find true peace and joy in Jesus. He writes:

An old saint who first taught me to pray—may he be blessed forever—would often say, “When you think you are finished praying, you are probably just getting warmed up.”

*Often when we first turn to prayer we are coming in out of the Matrix—that whirling, suffocating Mardi Gras of this world—and it takes us some time to calm down and turn our gaze to Jesus, fix our gaze on him. We begin to tune in and align ourselves with God as his partners. That itself takes some time. Much of the early stages of our praying involves not so much interceding but **getting ourselves back into alignment with God and his kingdom**. Once in that place we can begin to be aware of what the Spirit is leading us to pray.*

*Furthermore, as we “press into” prayer, we are not simply begging God to move, but **partnering with him in bringing his kingdom to bear on the need at hand**. Enforcing that kingdom often requires much “staying with it,” and repetition.*

*This is so important, and hopeful, because many dear folks have given up on prayer, having concluded it doesn't really work, **when in fact quick prayers often don't work**; simple little prayers aren't sufficient to the needs of this world. There is a way things work.*

WAR ROOM (PRAYER SPACE)

A few weeks ago we showed an outdoor movie, **The War Room**. It's about an elderly woman of God who mentors another woman in the faith, and through the power of prayer and knowing Jesus, the woman's life and family situation are radically transformed. At the center of the movie is an invitation to learn about and create a “war room.” A **War Room** is a prayer closet. It is a place where you go to pray, in your home. In the movie, the holy women literally designate a closet to prayer; posting pictures, bible quotes and prayer petitions. They spend hours in prayer in their prayer closet. *I personally know a few people who have taken this idea and made it their own. It's powerful!*

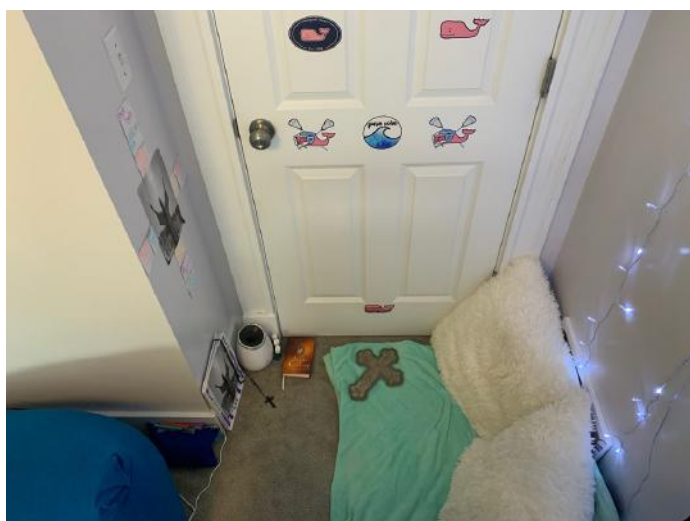
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I remember going to Medugorje a number of years ago and Fr. Jozo (pastor when the apparitions began in 1981) telling all those gathered to **create a prayer space** in your home. He encouraged having a little table and designating it as an altar, with a statue, the Holy Bible, a crucifix, prayer cards and holy images, etc. He even encouraged putting a nice cloth on it to give it that sacred feel. One could also designate a corner of a bureau to this holy endeavor. The point being: create a place where you can go to pray and meet Jesus (and Momma Mary) everyday. This is your sacred space. **My parents did this, and this "altar" became a place where we gathered as a family to pray the Rosary each evening.**

We introduced this idea to our teen leaders after Vacation Bible School last Sunday night, and a number of them have taken up the idea already. We encouraged them to keep the prayer disciplines they learned at VBS; they don't need to wait until next youth gathering nor a visit to the chapel to pray. **You can seek God in your own room/home every day** and have **your own space** where you can meet Him. I am happy to share, with their permission, some of the creative prayer spaces our teens have made.

J is for Jesus! If we get Jesus right (and take care of His children), He will take care of us. He will provide. **Will you join our young people and create a prayer space in your home?** If you do, please email us and send a picture. We would love to share and encourage all of our parishioners to sanctify their home in this special way.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+



PRAY ALWAYS

RCIA 7/25/2020



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Full Initiation:
Dorothy Noble
Sebina Shrestha

First Communion and
Confirmation:
Rhealynne Almquist
Melody Sanchez

Confirmation:
Samantha Mangum
Michael Horrigan
Thomas Eaton
Angel Luis Hernandez
Geyllen Qinsky
Kevin Sylvia



This Week at St. J's

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



ROSARY NOVENA

The second 27 days of the novena **begins on Sunday, July 19th**. We will be offering the following prayer of Thanksgiving to Our Lady. Please pray this petition as part of your Rosary:

St. J's Cares Joy Movement prayer for Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..for He has done great things.."

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord, Mary Our Mother, THANK YOU for all the ways you are interceding for us so that all may be done unto us according to our Lord's WILL.

Thank you dearest Mother of our Savior, for the parishioners we have welcomed back and the new parishioners you are bringing to worship and receive Your SON, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for the ways our St. J's Collaborative is growing and loving and caring for one another and our Church; putting our faith into action. Thank you for the financial miracles you are going to bring to us especially through our sacrificial tithing. Thank you for the ABUNDANT blessings and the NEW LIFE that we are receiving through your intercession before the Throne of the Most Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



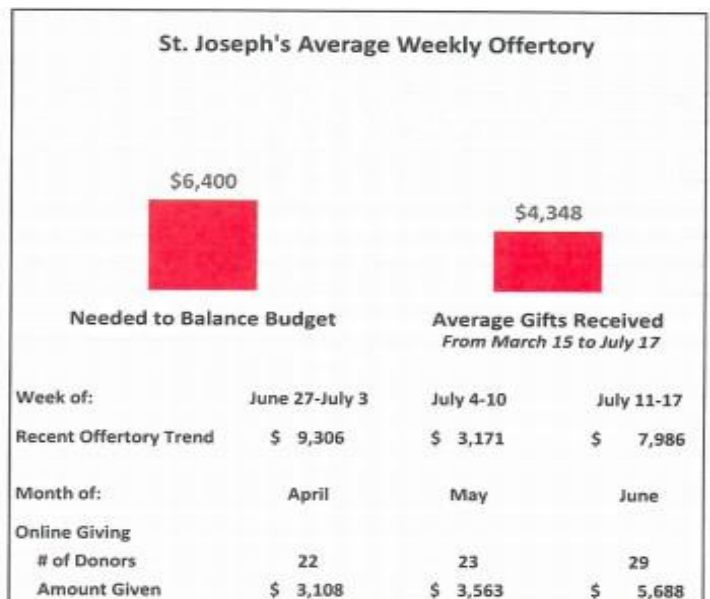
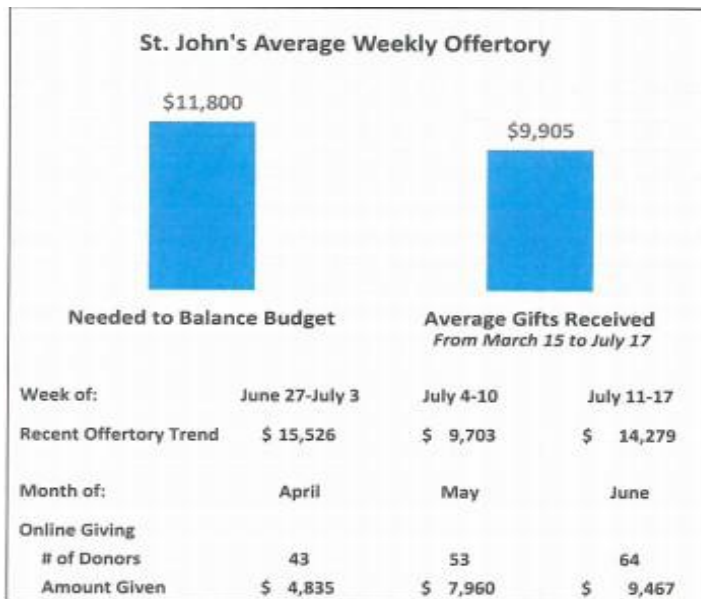
Let's EXPECT MIRACLES!
Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt
SAINT JS JOY MOVEMENT

BAPTISM SUNDAY 7/19/2020

This Sunday we welcomed seven new babies into our Saint J's Family. May God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism guide you throughout your life.



This Week



On August 4th our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

Your Prayers are Requested for:
Please remember in your prayers all our relatives and friends who passed away recently, especially Mary C. MacKenzie, Elizabeth McGonagle, and Alice A. Battista. May their Souls and the Souls of All the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen



Weekend Mass Intentions:

ST. JOSEPH
Saturday July 25th
4:00pm ~ Barbara Galvin & her special intentions

Sunday, July 26th
8:30am ~ Deceased Members of the Cacciatore Family

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Saturday, July 25th
4:00pm ~ 50th Wedding Anniversary Michael & Pat Dembowski

Sunday, July 26th
11:00am ~ 11th Anniversary Jill Williams
5:00pm ~ Mass for the People

Daily Mass Intentions:

Monday - Friday @ 6:05pm
Saturday Morning - 8:00am
St. John the Baptist

Saturday, 7/25 ~

Monday 7/27 ~ 3rd Anniversary Diane Burke

Tuesday 7/28

Wednesday 7/29 ~ Memorial Fanny Love Ward Zambuto

Thursday 7/30 ~ 1st Anniversary Harold Flater

Friday 7/31

Donation: The bread and wine for the week of July 26 - August 1st is donated in memory of:

St. Joseph's: Mary K. Scanlon

St. John the Baptist: Jill Williams

ADORERS NEEDED: We are currently hosting Adoration Daily from 3-6pm in the lower Church of Saint John the Baptist. If you are interested in committing to an hour or more each week, please call Donna at the Rectory (617-773-1021). Ideally, we would like to host Adoration from 12-6pm Daily. **We are primarily in need of adorers for the 12-1pm, 1-2pm and 2-3pm time slots.**