

COLLABORATIVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. JOSEPH



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

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. We encourage you to register in the parish by calling the rectory or visiting our website to fill out a registration form. 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 (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 6:30-7:30 PM 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 Chapel

ADORATION W/ HOLY HOUR

3:00pm- 6:00pm, Monday-Friday
St. John the Baptist Lower chapel

Sunday Holy Hour 3:00-4:00pm

DRIVE THRU CONFESSION

Wednesday, 6:45pm-7:45pm
Saturday, 12:00pm- 2:00pm

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, 6:00pm- 7:30pm

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Matthew M. Williams

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph Boafu

Senior Priests in Residence
Rev. Arthur Wright
Rev. Tom DiLorenzo

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Rev. Sebastian Varghese, CMI

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

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COLLABORATIVE OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

556 Washington Street
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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-2:30pm

FR. MATT'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give us His peace.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22-23).

Jesus is very clear in the Sacred Scriptures, people will know us by our fruits (Matt 7:20). A good tree bears good fruit. A rotten tree bears rotten fruit.

I love the anecdotal question: *"If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to find your guilty?"*

There's another anecdotal line that I'd like to share: *"Be careful not become that which you hate!"*

I was asked by a mother not too long ago to speak with her young adult son; he had stopped practicing the Catholic faith and had decided that all religions are really the same and it just doesn't matter. As she introduced us, and I had less than 45 seconds to think how I wanted to respond, I was inspired by my many years of working with Andrea Alberti (our Dir. Of Evangelization and Outreach) and my many years of studying Pope Saint John Paul II's approach to accompanying young people. I asked him: *"do you seek truth? Do you desire to live your life in accordance to what is really true, or does it just not matter?"* Is there such a thing as objective truth or is it all relative? Of course we don't have to look past math to know there is objective truth: $3+5=8$. No matter how much I may personally believe it equals 11, I am wrong. Math has an inner logic, a truth, that cannot be denied or contradicted.

So the young man said he desires truth and I told him I desire truth as well. I wish to live my life in the truth. So I invited him to join me for coffee and conversation and together let's search for truth, shoulder to shoulder. Let's go on an exploration for what is true. I told him that I desire to live in the truth and if I am missing something I want to be purified so that my life is in the Truth. He agreed with me. Unfortunately, he never followed up, so we pray for him.

I have a confession: I have been disgusted (to put it lightly) by what I have seen on social media by so-called professed Christians. To see the hate and the vitriol spewed out, by Christians, is wrong, evil and demonic. And I know some of these people.

Last week we heard St. Paul say: *"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:1-2).*

Sadly, many of my fellow Christians look more like the world than Jesus when it comes to social media. We have totally lost sight of human dignity. We have forgotten who we are. We allow the demons of pride and anger (to name a few) take hold of us as we spew our venom at another (a child of God, a unique unrepeatable masterpiece/gift, person with dignity, person that God willed and created, a person Jesus died for, a person that is called to live forever in the embrace of the Most Holy Trinity).

FR. MATT'S CORNER

Sadly, in our times, **we have lost the use of reason and respectful dialogue**, and a humble, mutual seeking for the truth, so that we may learn and impart knowledge. There is no seeking of truth. There is no intellectual discourse. It's been reduced to emotion and hate.

BUT we are better than that! We are members of the St. J's Collaborative, a place where everyone knows your name because we know him! We care for the dignity of every human person and place our lives in service of each other. Our **JOY Movement** is founded on the TRUTH that we seek to know and love Jesus Christ, Who unites us in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ and the Bread of Life. We become what we receive (the Body of Christ) and we then go out and manifest Christ: *"Thus you will know them by their fruits (Matt 7:20); demonstrating that St. J's Cares!*

What is humbling and awesome for me as priest in this community, is to see how Jesus unites us, amidst our differences. He **unites us** in HIS love! He also **invites us**, as brother and sisters who have differences of opinion, to love and to walk, reverently and respectfully, side by side in search of truth!

Remember: Truth has a Name: JESUS!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Matt+

Ps. Don't forget to obtain a copy of Fr. Michael Gaitley's **33 Days to Morning Glory**. Every member of our community and all the friends of our community (and beyond) are invited to join us in consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary. It begins October 19 and we will consecrate ourselves and our parishes on Saturday November 21 (Feast of the Presentation of Mary). **Please secure your own book, and if you need help please let us know.** *"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is thought her that He must reign in the world"*(True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin by St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, p.1).

WILL YOU HELP SPREAD THE JOY???

In light of Fr. Matt's article and his recent homily segment posted on Facebook - What if we all committed to spreading the JOY MOVEMENT on our social media??? What if we, The St. J's Joy Movement volunteers and friends, posted the Joy Movement Icon with a personal invite to our Sept 25 Joy Event? Join us for outdoor adoration, praise and worship, and Joy Movement Reflection by Fr. Matt. People can bring a chair or drive-in for this wonderful night.

Monday this week the flier and the Joy movement Icon will be available on our Parish Facebook page and my personal page. Will you hit "share" and spread the JOY in a (social media) world that is desperate for it?

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 19 Fatima Drive-In Movie to kick off Upcoming Marian Consecration 33 Days to Morning Glory

11am Outdoor Mass St John's

4:00 pm Senior Mass

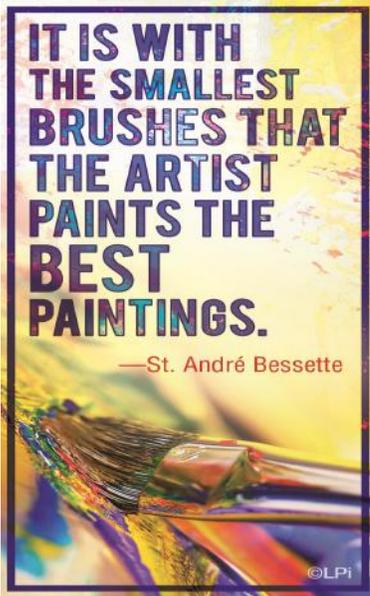
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In the joy of Christ Jesus,
Andrea Alberti

Director of Outreach and Evangelization
St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parish Collaborative of Quincy, MA



This Week at St. Js



St. Js Cares:

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



Adorers: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be an Adorer! We appreciate your time commitment and pray that this time dedicated to our Lord will be very fruitful and rewarding for you. **We are still working on logistics for opening up the additional adoration time frame from 12-3pm, M-F. We will notify everyone of the start date as soon as it has been determined.** For now, ideally we would like to have 2 adorers for each hour from 12-6pm. If you are interested in signing up for a 1 hour time slot, please go to our new Adoration Pro Website and follow the below steps:

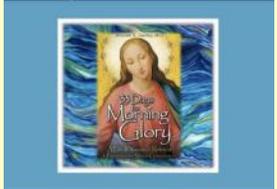
Adoration Pro Link: <https://adorationpro.org/quincyma>

1. Click on the Button that says "Weekly Commitment" and that will bring you to the schedule page.
2. You can sign up for an hour on this screen by clicking the "sign up" button to the right of the hour you want.
3. **If you cannot commit to the same hour every week, you could add yourself to the "substitute adorer" list.** The sub list will get notified if a regularly scheduled adorer cannot make their 1 hour commitment that week. If the requested time works for someone on the sub list, the sub will be able to respond to the request with the provided link in the request.
4. There is a button at the bottom of the schedule page that says: "Become a Sub". Please use that button to add yourself to the sub list if you would like. After filling out your contact information, you can decide if you want sub requests to go to your email or be sent as a text message.

Thank you!!
Michaela



COLLABORATIVE MARIAN CONSECRATION



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NOVENA TO MARY, UNTIER OF KNOTS

Please join other parishioners who turn to Our Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede to free us from what binds and confuses us: family conflicts, financial insecurities, illness, problems in your personal life, etc. We can always ask her motherly help to resolve our difficult problems, the obstacles and knots we face in our lives that seem to be unresolvable. The Virgin Mother unties the knots that we cannot untie by ourselves. Father Joseph warmly invites you to a thirty minute novena prayer each night at 6.45pm. Please order your booklet: Novena to MARY, Untier of Knots, Vojtech Kodet, O. Carm. Please send e-mail or call the rectory to register for the Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots: 617- 773-1021/ stjohns@stjohnsquincy.org

This Week

Weekend Mass Intentions:

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm ~ Memorial Lilian Dionh, Florence Lenihan, Fr. Don Dwyer, Fr. Thomas Kelly, Fr. Robert Dwyer, And Beatrice Dwyer

Sunday, September 6

8:30am ~ Memorial The Nocera Family

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm ~ 2nd Anniversary Don King

Sunday, September 6

11:00am ~ Memorial Felix & Joseph Giovannangeli
5:00pm ~

Daily Mass Intentions:

Monday - Friday @ 6:05pm

Saturday Morning - 8:00am

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, 9/5 ~

Monday 9/7 ~ Birthday

Veronica McDonough

Tuesday 9/8 ~ Memorial

John Baptist Tai H. Nguyen

Wednesday 9/9 ~ 1st Anniversary

Catherine Pattavina

Thursday 9/10 ~ Memorial

Vincent Lyons

Friday 9/11 ~

Donation: The bread and wine for the week of September 6-12 is donated in memory of:

St. Joseph:

John Lawton & Joseph Doyle

St. John the Baptist:

For Lucy's Special Intentions

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Please remember in your prayers all our relatives and friends who passed away recently especially Jane A. Pettinelli, Joseph F. Callahan, Arlene Siefcak, Edilia DiStefano, Nicola Russo, and Daniel R. DelGizzi. May their Souls and the Souls of All the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen

Reminder: Monday, September 7th is Labor Day. The parish offices will be closed for the holiday. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 8th. The office hours located at 556 Washington Street right next to St. Joseph's Church are 9:00am to 2:30pm. Have a safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend.



Baptism

The next scheduled Baptisms for our St. John/St. Joseph collaborative is Sunday, September 13th @ 1:00pm @ St. Joseph's Church. The class for parents and godparents is the night before Saturday, September 12th @ 5:30pm @ St. Joseph's. If you are interested, please call the office by Thursday, September 10th (617-773-1021).

St. John's Average Weekly Offertory



Needed to Balance Budget

Average Gifts Received
From March 15 to August 28

Week of:	August 8-14	August 15-21	August 22-28
Recent Offertory Trend	\$ 14,807	\$ 11,505	\$ 10,158
Month of:	May	June	July
Online Giving			
# of Donors	53	64	69
Amount Given	\$ 7,960	\$ 9,467	\$ 11,976

St. Joseph's Average Weekly Offertory



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Average Gifts Received
From March 15 to August 28

Week of:	August 8-14	August 15-21	August 22-28
Recent Offertory Trend	\$ 5,073	\$ 8,526	\$ 2,641
Month of:	May	June	July
Online Giving			
# of Donors	23	29	30
Amount Given	\$ 3,563	\$ 5,688	\$ 4,472

Note: The totals for the week of August 15-21 do not include two \$10,000 donations made by the City of Quincy to both parishes.

	St. John's	St. Joseph's	
Pre-Joy Movement Weekly Average (12 weeks)	\$ 8,996	\$ 3,729	Pre-Joy Movement = From March 15 to June 5
Post-Joy Movement Weekly Average (12 weeks)	\$ 11,946	\$ 5,345	Post-Joy Movement = From June 6 to August 28
% Increase	33%	43%	