



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 18, 2011

WELCOME WEEKEND

This weekend, St. John Parish lifts high the banner of **WELCOME!**
WELCOME to one and all as we celebrate the life of this community
and the countless ways this life continues to grow
and deepen in faith and love and service.

To our visitors, to those who have recently moved into the area,
and to those for whom the Parish is your spiritual home, a warm welcome.
Each September is always a new beginning!
Come, join us to make this year the best!

Start the new season by joining us for our *PARISH FAMILY PICNIC BRUNCH* on September 18th
after the morning Masses

We will have pancakes along with games, pony rides, a
petting zoo, and more! Many hands make fun for all. We look forward to seeing you there!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

7:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday:

7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.;
5:00 p.m. (except July-August)

Weekday:

7:00 a.m. (Monday-Saturday)

Holy Day: (As announced)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel
(or by appointment)

The Mission Statement of St. John Parish

*Baptized into Christ,
we are a community of believers,
bonded by our desire to learn and to live
the Gospel message.*

*As a Eucharistic people,
we share a commitment to foster
our personal and communal growth in faith
and to witness to Christ's presence
by our service to those in need,
both within and beyond our parish community.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2011/2012

Classes for all grades will begin this week as follows:

Grades 1–6: Sunday, 9/18, from 10–10:45 a.m.
or
Wednesday, 9/21, from 3:30–4:45 p.m.

Grades 7–10: Sunday, 9/18, from 6–8 p.m.

A final calendar was mailed to all families in August. Registration forms are available for download on our parish website at www.stjohnwellesley.org. The late registration fee now applies; please include \$25/child in addition to the stated fee.

We may not be able to accommodate your child in the most appropriate classroom (i.e. with children from his/her elementary school, or with friends) if you did not register in advance. Wednesday classes for several grades are at maximum capacity and are now closed.

TEACHERS: We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to teach. We are especially in need of Wednesday teachers for grades 1, 3 and 4 and Sunday evening teachers for grades 7 and 8. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education office at 781-235-5337 (grades 1-6); and 781-237-0141 (grades 7-10).

Our Parish's Confirmation preparation is a two-year program beginning in grade 9. Except for those enrolled in Catholic schools, all students must complete the two-year program prior to being Confirmed. All 10th grade Catholic school students planning to be Confirmed in May 2012 must fully participate in the second year of the Parish Religious Education Program. Please contact Jane Leonard at jleonard9@comcast.net or 781-237-0141.

Opening Day Procedures

Grades 1 - 6

- All parent and students should report to Philbin Hall in the lower level of St. John's School to get classroom assignments.
- Assignments will be posted on the wall in alphabetical order.

- Parents should accompany their children to their classrooms, which will have class lists posted.
- Parents, please introduce yourselves to your child(ren)'s teachers.
- Volunteers will be available in the corridors to help guide parents and students to classes.
- Students will be dismissed to the coned off area in the parking lot to be picked up, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.

Grades 7 – 10

- All 9th and 10th grade students should report to Philbin Hall in the lower level of St. John's School for room assignments.
- All 7th and 8th grades students should report to the Parish Center located across the parking lot from the school for room assignments.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION:

Book Discussions at the first meeting last week we discussed Graham Greene's *The End of the Affair*. The next two books are: October 13th, *What Happened at Vatican II*, by John O'Malley, and November 10, *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth Johnson. Please contact Peter Mongeau (781) 431-0340 or pmmongeau@verizon.net

Men's Group The first meeting of the year will be on October 1, immediately after the 7:00 a.m. Mass, in the Social Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served. For information contact Deacon Tom Smith

Evening for Women begins its 14th year, Tuesday October 4 in the Church Social Hall/Chapel. This year's theme: A Journey Into the Heart of Prayer in St. John's Gospel. Through prayer, presentation and sharing, we will ponder how the core of faith is Love offered and accepted; how God invites us to imagine our lives as grounded in a Love beyond all imagining. Each month, come join us for this graced evening and bring one of your favorite recipes for a wonderful Pot Luck! Moderator: Sr. Evelyn Ronan. All welcome! 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Lectures/Forums St. John's will host "Poetry and the Catholic Imagination: A Reading and Talk" with Boston College professor Paul Mariani, S.J. Father Mariani will focus on poems from his book *Deaths & Transfigurations*, a provocative collection of spiritually searching poems that develop themes of personal loss as well as the quest for new life. Contact johnstewart@alum.bu.edu.

Father Gregory John Hoppough, C.S. will speak on "The New Translation of the Roman Missal". Father Hoppough, former provincial superior of the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers, is a professor of liturgy and a formation advisor to seminarians at Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston. The October dates for these lectures to be announced.

Blessing of the Animals



All loved animals are welcome,
real and toy!

**Sunday, October 2
1pm**

Behind the Church

THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL: A new translation of the Roman Missal will be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, in all English speaking countries. This translation will replace the translation currently used in the United States. While the Order of the Mass remains the same, the texts and the musical settings of the prayers, both the priest's and the people's, will change. The new English translation uses language that corresponds more closely to the official Latin text of the Mass, the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal, promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 2002, and draws from scripture and Catholic theology. During the months of September and October, we will be offering information to help in understanding and incorporating these changes into our celebrations of the Eucharist.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE- Pre-School through Grade 6: We invite you to visit Saint John School on Tuesday, October 4th from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. or from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. to tour the school, meet teachers, visit classrooms, and speak to our Principal and parents. Come and see how Saint John School sets a standard of excellence for academic achievement and life long impact. Saint John School is a wonderful academic choice for a bright future. Our school is a place where a spirit of faith is celebrated in a community of shared values. Saint John School is located next to Saint John the Evangelist Church at 9 Ledyard , Wellesley Hills, MA. For more information please visit us on the web at www.saintjohnschool.net or contact Principal Kathi Aldridge at 781-235-0300.

CELEBRATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD: The dinner in Celebration of the Priesthood will take place on September 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$500 and a table can be purchased for \$5,000. Please visit www.CelebrationOfThePriesthood.org for details.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY 8:45 A.M.: Become a 'Host Family' A wonderful way for your family to participate! We will provide you with all the information you need. Sign-up chart is located in the Church Social.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE **Sarah Hostage & Jonathan Varsanik**

THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE is a new group that provides music for select Sunday 5 p.m. masses. These masses will coincide with the evening CCD class schedule. Our next appearances will be on 9/18 and 10/23 at 5 p.m.. Practices will be held about once per month and no formal music training is required- just a willingness to praise God and have fun! If you sing or play an instrument and would like to get involved in this exciting ministry, please contact Julie Freeman, at 781-431-2470 or frejul@msn.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED: Elizabeth Seton Residence is looking for new Eucharistic Ministers who desire to serve our elders. Mass is 11 AM daily (unless there is a funeral Mass then it is 10 AM). We will train you. ESR is a nursing home in Wellesley owned and operated by the Sisters of Charity - Halifax. If you are interested, please contact: Chaplain, Linda Colozzi at 781 997-1119

UPCOMING LECTURES: A lecture series will be offered free this Fall at Boston College. The first of the series will be: In his new book, *Will There Be Faith?*, Boston College Professor of Theology and Religious Education **Thomas H. Groome** considers the question Jesus poses toward the end of his public ministry in Luke 18:8: "will there be faith on earth" upon his second coming. The circumstances and challenges of our time now make this question all the more urgent. Join Dr. Groome as we launch this book on **Wednesday, September 28, at 5:30 p.m.** in Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus. Free of charge. Registration and information at www.bc.edu/stmce. Books will be available at the event for purchase. *Cosponsored by the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, The Church in the 21st Century Center, HarperCollins Publishers, and Veritas Publications.*

Calendar for the Week

September 18th	Sunday	Religious Education Classes start today Parish Family Picnic/Brunch Contemporary Music Ensemble	10:00 am-10:45 am After morning Masses 5:00 pm
September 20th	Tuesday	Religious Education Classes Marian Movement	6:00-8:00 pm (Grades 7-10) 7:00 pm in the Chapel
September 21st	Wednesday	Religious Education Classes	3:30 pm-4:45 pm (Grades 1-6)
September 22nd	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

RCIA ... AN INVITATION THAT NEVER ENDS

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If you ("or someone you know") answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join us as you discover more about your Catholic faith. The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home.

The invitation is always open: RSVP when you are ready! However, if you would like to be part of this year's sessions, our first meeting will be Sunday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

On behalf of the Catholic faith community of St. John's, I look forward to welcoming you. Please contact the Church office or

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: During September, there is an opportunity to add new members to our Parish Pastoral Council. We ask that you carefully consider whom you believe would enjoy serving in this way. Having considered the qualifications and responsibilities describes on the nominations form, we encourage you to nominate yourself or other parishioners. Once we have collected and confirmed the nominations, we will draw four adult members for a three-year term from names submitted. Nominations. The Nominations Forms can be found at the Church Entry.

Qualifications:

A nominee to the Parish Council must:

- 1) Be a Catholic who is registered and active in the parish
- 2) Participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- 3) Be 18 years of age or older

Responsibilities:

The nominal term of a Parish Council member is three years.
Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m.

As a consultative body, the Parish Pastoral Council is responsible to the pastor, assisting and supporting him in his leadership role. It recognizes the varied gifts of the parish members and invites them to an active role in the parish.

The council should be an important means by which the pastor will hear the voice of the parish. In deliberations and consultation with the pastor, the council hopes to unite the pastor and the parishioners. Together they discern the pastoral needs of the parish and ways in which those needs can be addressed.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 17	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	John A. Lawler
Sunday, September 18	7:30 a.m. Memorial	†	Theodore Merlo
	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	For the Parish
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	John Buckley
	Memorial	†	Christine Duffy
	Memorial	†	James Henry Walsh III
Monday, September 19	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Joseph Dorgan
Tuesday, September 20	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	For the Parish
Wednesday, September 21	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Jack Kirk
Thursday, September 22	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Nancy E. Pfannestiehl
Friday, September 23	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Dennis Kelly
Saturday, September 24	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	John Dowd
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Richard Crino
Sunday, September 25	7:30 a.m. Memorial	†	Barbara Bibbo
	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	Geoffrey Buzzell
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Alice & Irwin Bofferding
	Memorial	†	Agnes Marx
	Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin
	Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson
	Memorial	†	Frank Tartaro
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Albert Morelli

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially ***Ann, Bob, Brian, Grace, Kathleen, Kay, Mack, Mary, Peggy*** and ***Nancy***.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Rev. Thomas F. Powers	781-235-0045
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Religious Education, Grades 1-6	Linda Messorre	781-235-5337
Religious Education, Grades 7-10	Jane Leonard	781-237-0141
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