

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 25, 2011

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.

PANCAKE PICNIC: Last week's celebration was a great success and was an event that was enjoyed by all! Our thanks is extended to Susan Calcio and the many volunteers who worked with her to make this event happen. We would also like to express our appreciation to Steve and MaryAnne Ulian who began this tradition a few years back, and to all of you who helped support this celebration. We look forward to doing it again next year!

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#### **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**

#### This Week:

Sunday, September 25

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Wednesday, September 28
VIRTUS Training for Teachers 7:00 PM,
Church Social Hall

### Next Week:

Sunday, October 2

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM Grade 7, 8, 9 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM Grade 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00

Wednesday, October 5

Grades 1- 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM Grade 2 Parent Meeting and Visit

VIRTUS: All Religious Education teachers are expected to attend one session of VIRTUS training if they have not previously done so. Please notify Linda Messore, stjohns.reled.gr1-6@comcast.net, if you are planning to attend the September 28<sup>th</sup> session.

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. The Sign-up chart is located in the Church Social.

8:45 a.m. FAMILY MASS COFFEE HOUR: New volunteers are needed to keep this fun rolling.

- Dunkin Donuts coffee, donuts, bagels and cream cheese to the Church Social Hall by 8:00 a.m.. Juice and milk will be in the fridge.
- Set up table with donuts, bagels on tray s and pour juice (approx. 75 cups) prior to Mass.
- After the festivities, clean up room and clean kitchen, spill out extra coffee and set garbage bags out by the back staircase.

You know it can't be too difficult because other people have been volunteering for ages. Now it is your turn to jump in. Co-hosting with another family is also a great way to have some fun, serve the St. John community and make sure this tradition continues. Please sign up now on the board or e-mail me at Susan calcio@yahoo.com with your date of choice.

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

DISCUSSIONS AND STUDY GROUPS: There is great value in small groups of people exploring subjects of common interest or simply sharing their thoughts and experiences about being Catholic. Thus, we will organize a meeting in the next few weeks of people interested in leading such groups, as so many did last year in the ARISE program. One of our immediate goals is to have several bible study groups in the parish, where people can meet regularly and very systematically read, reflect on, and discuss scripture. For these groups we will use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, which is published in both a series of small books on each of the gospels and letters and in one large volume. Both contain extensive notes, explanatory essays, charts, maps, study questions and other material to assist in the effort. If you would like to be informed of the time and place of this meeting, please send us your name and contact information.

# Faith formation calendar

October 1, 7:30 a.m. (social hall) – Men's Group October 4, 6:30 p.m. (chapel, social hall) – Evening for Women

October 11, 7:30 p.m. (social hall) - "Poetry and the Catholic Imagination: A Reading and Talk"; Paul Mariani, University Professor of English at Boston College

October 13, 7:30 p.m. (parish center) – book discussion; What Happened at Vatican II October 24, 7:30 p.m. (church) – "The New Translation of the Roman Missile"; lecture by Father Gregory John Hoppough, C.S., professor of liturgy and advisor to seminarians, Blessed John XXIII Seminary.

For further information on these and other programs, consult the parish website (stjohnwellesley.org) or contact the Adult Faith Formation Commission (affc@stjohnswellesley.com) or John Stewart at 617 969 0950

Evening for Women begins its 14th year,... 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 are welcome!

# **Liturgical Commission**

THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL: Nearly fifty years after the Second Vatican Council, a third edition of The Roman Missal has been translated into the English language. This new translation will be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, in all English speaking countries replacing the one 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 celebrant's and the people's, will change. This development aspires to deepen our encounter with Christ through what we pray, sing and hear. 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. We will begin introducing the song acclamations the weekend of October 15th/16th. You undoubtedly will have many questions about why and how and what will change. NOT TO BE MISSED is a presentation given by Fr. Greg Hoppough, CS, "The New Translation of the Roman Missal" on Monday evening, October 24th. This was organized by the Adult Faith Formation Commission and promises to be a richly informative event given by a gifted speaker and teacher. For those of you who are eager to find out what to expect, and who want to find out as much as possible in advance, the following website is recommended:

http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal, (the website of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) and at: www.mysticalbodymysticalvoice.org. For a video talk on the subject (given at Christ the King Church in Mashpee) click onto: http://www.christthekingparish.com/The.New.Roman.Missal

# BANNS OF MARRIAGE Sarah Hostage & Jonathan Varsanik

THE NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be Touring the Archdiocese this October with the Permission of Cardinal O'Malley under the auspices of the World Apostolate of Fatima. The dates and host parishes are: Oct. 3rd St. Joseph's, Needham

Oct. 4th Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted Waltham

Oct 5th Our Lady of Fatima, Sudbury Oct 6th Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers for the Pregnancy Help Program, an outreach service to women and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. The program offers new baby clothes, a counseling staff and help with locating jobs and housing for those families facing financial crisis. The volunteer commitment involves taking baby items from the Natick office and delivering them to the Brighton office near St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Typically this is done on alternate Thursdays since the clients visit the office on Fridays. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Pat Kelleher at 781.237.4616.

Director of Advancement and Development: Saint John School in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts seeks an experienced, dynamic, successful professional to design, develop and implement a multifaceted marketing strategy to increase student enrollment and retention. Primary responsibilities for this part-time position include identifying all constituents involved with implementing a schoolwide effort to market the school's key strengths. Please submit your resume and cover letter to the principal at kaldridge@saintjohnschool.net.

EUCHARISTIC 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 afuneral 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 25th	Sunday	Religious Education Classes	10:00 am-10:45 am (Grades 1-6)				
September 27th	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 pm in the Chapel				
September 28th	Wednesday	VIRTUS Training for Teachers	7:00 pm in the Social Hall				
September 29th	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel				

#### RCIA ... AN INVITATION THAT NEVER ENDS

- Have you been worshiping 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sveafraser@comcast.net (781) 237 –7560.

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.

#### **Oualifications:**

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 24	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Richard Crino	
Sunday, September 25	7:30 a.m. Memorial	†	Barbara Bibbo	
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	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Alice & Irwin Bofferding	
	Memorial	†	Agnes Marx	
	Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin	
	Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson	
	Memorial	†	Frank Tataro	
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Albert Morelli	
Tuesday, September 27	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	For the Parish	
Wednesday, September 2	28 7:00 a.m. Memorial	<del>'</del>	Michael Devane	
Friday, September 30	7:00 a.m. Memorial	<del>'</del>	Margaret Hostage	
Saturday, October 1	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Richard Crino	
<b>5</b> /	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Barbara S. Colliton	
Sunday, October 2	7:30 a.m. Memorial	†	John F. Murphy	
	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	Jim Bruno	
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Anthony J. Gallo	
	Memorial	†	Elaine M. Hanke	
	Memorial	†	Mark & Nora Ridge	
	Memorial	†	Sheila Young	
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Janet & John McCann	

**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. Our school is a place where a spirit of faith is celebrated in a community of shared values. Saint John School is located 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.

PARI	Parish Finance Council:		
Pastor	Rev. Thomas F. Powers	781-235-0045	Sandy Avellone Ann Barlow
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Religious Education, Grades 1-6	Linda Messore	781-235-5337	Norm Boucher
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