

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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# *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 16, 2011*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill,

remembering especially Ann, Bob, Brian, Grace, Kathleen, Kay, Mary, Peggy and Nancy.

Welcome to the newest members of the St. John Parish Pastoral Council *Suzanne Pasko, Marci Loeber, Mark Kelley and Art Greenwood.* 

We would also like to thank

*Mimi Eldridge, John Salvati, Pat Feige and Norm Boucher* for their dedication and service to the St. John community while serving on the Parish Pastoral Council.

#### SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Adoration: Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday, following 5 p.m. Mass Baptism: Schedule with Priest
 Funeral: Contact Parish
 Marriage: Arrange six months prior
 Penance: Saturday 3:30-4 p.m., Chapel (or by appointment)
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact Parish

#### 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)

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> 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**

#### <u>This Week:</u>

Sunday, October 16 Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM Grade 2 Parent Meeting and Visit Grade 10 Parent Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 19 Grades 1- 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM Grade 2 Church Tour

#### Next Week:

Sunday, October 23 Grade 2 Mass 8:45 AM Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM Grade 2 Church Tour Grade 10 Enrollment Mass 5:00 PM Grade 7, 8, 10 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM Grade 9 Class 7:00 – 8:00

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS: Christmas Youth Choir sign-up and first rehearsal will take place Sunday, October 30th at 10:50-11:50AM. All students in grade 1-8 are invited to participate. High School Assistants are also welcome (counts towards confirmation community service credit)! 7 Rehearsals will take place on the following dates: October 30 (10:50 -11:50), November 6, 13, 20 and December 4, 11 and 9:45AM- 11:00 AM on December 18. Children will participate in the Parish Christmas Concert 12/12 <u>AND/OR</u> Christmas Eve 5:30 Family Mass. All rehearsals are in St. John's Chapel. For more information, contact Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148.

#### CATHOLIC MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES:

**St. Sebastian's**, A Catholic, independent day school for 360 young men in grades 7-12 is hosting an Admissions Open House on Tuesday, October 18, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. All students and parents are invited to attend. Admissions Office: (781) 247-0125

**Ursuline Academy** will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 23rd from 1-4 p.m. The Academy inspires each young lady to reach her full potential by providing excellence in education, respect for the individual, cultivation of leadership qualities, and in a warm, spirited community. Admissions: (781) 326-6161 Ext. 107.

Mount Alvernia High School, Grades 7-12, an accredited all girls college preparatory high school in the Franciscan tradition, is sponsoring an Open House on Sunday, November 6th from 1:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Admissions: (617) 969-2260 Ext. 46. Catholic Memorial, Boys Grades 7-12 Admissions Open House, Sunday October 16 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Admissions: (617) 469-8019.

Xaverian Brothers High School is hosting an Open House Sunday, October 30th, 10a.m.-1:00p.m. Come meet students, teachers, coaches and administrators. Register for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. Admissions: (781)326-6392.

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

SPIRITUALITY - Catholics in Massachusetts can connect with an amazing number of opportunities to improve the quality of their spiritual lives. These include retreats, days of recollection and reflection, conferences, and individual (one on one) spiritual direction. The two best places to start are the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at the Archdiocese of Boston and the Campion Renewal Center, in nearby Weston. (More on the Campion Center next week.) For information on the following programs offered by the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, consult the website of the archdiocese (RCAB.org), write to the director of the office (spiritual\_development@rcab.org) or contact the St. John's Faith Formation Commission.

<u>Weekend Retreats</u> are offered for single or married Catholic adults of all ages. The retreats are held in an atmosphere of silence with common and personal prayer, the sacrament of penance and celebration of the Eucharist.

"<u>Meeting Christ in Prayer</u>" is an eight week guided prayer experience designed for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the goal is to bring people to a new level of discipleship and mission through prayer, reflection and faith sharing. This program requires a commitment of eight weeks of daily prayer, weekly meetings and faith sharing.

**Individual Spiritual Direction** is available from through the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life.

<u>The English Cursillo Movement</u> provides an experience of spiritual renewal and a method for Christian living and evangelization. Cursillo weekends are held in the Campion Center in Weston.

#### PARISH FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

**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, Blessed John XXIII Seminary.

November 5, 7:30 a.m. (social hall) - Men's Group

**November 8**, 6:30 p.m. (chapel, social hall) – Program for Women

**November 10**, 7:30 p.m. (parish center) – Book Discussion, Elizabeth Johnson, Quest for the Living God

For further information: St. John the Evangelist, Adult Faith Formation Commission stjohnwellesley.org, affc@stjohnwellesley.org

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 15	7:00 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Peter J. Sanderson	
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	Ť	O'Connor & Kneeland Families	
Sunday, October 16	7:30 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Ida Benigno	
	8:45 a.m. Memorial	Ť	For the Parish	
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Joseph G. Murphy	
	Memorial	Ť	John & Elisabeth O'Hearn	
	Memorial	Ť	James Henry Walsh III	
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	Ť	M. Jacqueline McKenna	
Wednesday, October 19	7:00 a.m. Memorial	Ť	D. Delvena Kloss/Mary Ellen Smith	
Saturday, October 22	7:00 a.m. Memorial	÷	Paul J. O'Sullivan	
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	Ť	George L. Tully III	
Sunday, Octoberber 23	7:30 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Michael Peretti	
-	8:45 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Kathleen E. Morris	
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	Ť	Alice & Irwin Bofferding	
	Memorial	Ť	Agnes Marx	
	Memorial	+	Sam S. Mullin	
	Memorial	Ť	Henri C. Seibert	
	Memorial	Ť	Adeline & Elmer Swanson	
	5:00 p.m. 1st Anniversary	†	William E. Guarente	

**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 appearance will be on 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

*MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS:* The music groups (Parish Choir, Family Mass Musicians, Contemporary Music Ensemble) for our regular weekend masses are rehearsing now and welcome your participation. No auditions are required, just a desire to sing or share playing your musical instrument. In addition to those groups there are the special occasion masses and events, i.e. Thanksgiving Day, Parish Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, where we also welcome your participation. Additional rehearsals for these special events will take place on Sunday evenings, 6:15-7:45pm on Oct 23, Nov 6 and Nov 20 in the Music Office. Understanding that we all have overloaded schedules, you may wish to be part of only one or two of these special holiday events. All are welcome!

#### ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Although the offertory experienced a slow summer, it is beginning to move closer to last year with a variance of (5.4%). Thanks to all of you who have submitted your annual appeal contributions, we are 25% higher than last year to date.

<b>Offertory</b>	Actual	Budget	Variance
August	\$ 30,040	\$ 34,249	
September	36,037	36,043	
October 2	9,498	12,764	
October 9	5,209	6,390	
TOTAL	\$ 105,621	\$ 111,654	(\$6,033) or (5.4%)
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	Actual	Budget	Variance
July-September	\$ 71,724	\$ 57,118	\$14,606 or 25.6%

**THE ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBERANCE FOR PRE-BORN CHILDREN**: will be celebrated on the evening of All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Natick (44 East Central St., Rte 135). The guest homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. A light reception will follow in the downstairs hall. Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will also be available after Mass. For more information, contact Project Rachel at (508)651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Feast Day of Blessed John Paul II: Mass at the Cathedral On October 22, 2011, the Archdiocese will celebrate for the first time the Feast of Blessed Pope John Paul II with a Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross followed by a talk by George Weigel. Cardinal Sean will be the main celebrant and homilist. Mass will be at 10:00 am and the talk, entitled, Blessed John Paul II: A Saint for Our Times will follow at 11:30 am. This Mass also provides the opportunity to recognize the 100's of people who have participated in the Adopt-A-Priest Apostolate coordinated by Serra Vocation Club of Boston and the Vocation Office over the last few years. "Adopters" have agreed to pray each day of the year for the priest assigned to them. All are welcome. For more information call 617-746-5949 or see www.vocationsboston.org.

> **BANNS OF MARRIAGE** Colleen Oteri & Ben Esposito

#### **PETITION DRIVE FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE:**

Between now and December 7, supporters of a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide will be trying to gather 68,911 signatures from Massachusetts voters. This is the first step in putting this measure on the ballot in November 2012. The position of the church is that all suicide is a tragedy. In a recent homily, Cardinal Sean said, "A vote for assisted suicide is a vote for suicide." Please consider church teaching if asked to sign the petition for this suicide initiative.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: *Please note the time change:* every Thursday afternoon, the Eucharist is exposed for Adoration, 2-6 p.m. in our Chapel, with Opening and davtime prayers from the Breviary at 2 p.m.; Chaplet of Mercy, 3 p.m.; Benediction, 5:30 p.m.

OCTOBERFEST 2011: Hosted by the Sisters of Charity, Halifax. Saturday, October 29th, 7:00p.m-10:00p.m. at the Wellesley Country Club, 300 Wellesley Avenue. All proceeds to benefit renovations at Mount Saint Vincent, Wellesley Hills. For further information, contact: Sisters of Charity Advancement Office (781) 997-1210 orrprevite@schalifax.org.

**DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & 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 school-wide effort to market the school's key strengths. Please submit your resume and cover letter to the principal at kaldridge@saintjohnschool.net.

**UPCOMING LECTURES:** A lecture series will be offered free this Fall at Boston College. The fourth of the series will be: Liturgy Training for the Parish Liturgy Committee is a free, 2-part workshop, and will be held on Saturdays, October 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, 9 Lake St., Brighton Campus. Msgr. James A Mongelluzzo, a priest of the Diocese of Worcester and adjunct professor at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, will present the workshops. This is a golden opportunity to form a new liturgy committee or to reenergize a standing committee by equipping them with the essential elements of liturgy. Participants should plan to attend both sessions. Free of charge, but space is limited. Early registration recommended at www.bc.edu/stmce (preferred) or call 617-552-6501. Sponsored by the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

### SERVICE COMMISSION

*CHRISTMAS WISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:* The Christmas Wish effort is gearing up and we are looking for new and continuing volunteers to administer this growing program. The program supports families in St. Johns as well as families in Brockton, Lowell, South Boston, and Roxbury by providing Christmas gifts to about 400 children in need. We are looking for volunteers to assist in any number of ways: coordinating wish lists from the various parishes, matching children to sponsors, shopping, coordinating shoppers and sponsors, processing contributions, and collecting gifts. Please consider giving even a small amount of time to the program as we enter this time of giving. If you have questions please feel free to contact Kathy Maher at katherine.l.maher@gmail.com or Liz Corcoran at efcorcoran@aol.com.

**ROSIE'S PLACE**: A refuge for poor and homeless women since 1974 offers emergency and long term assistance to women who have nowhere else to turn. For many years, St. John's Parish has taken turns providing evening dinner for the women. Saturday, November 5th is our next opportunity to share in this gift. Rosie's Place is currently in need of: sliced ham, baked potatoes, frozen vegetables, rolls and cupcakes. Volunteers are needed to prepare food and deliver it to St. John's parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in supporting this event and for specific needs, please contact Pam McCourt at mccourtpam@comcast.net, (781)235-0612 or Barbara Tully atbully87@comcast.net, (781) 235-6182.

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*: 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.

#### NEW PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

If you are just beginning to worship with us at St. John Church, WELCOME! We invite you to register as members of our Parish. You may drop your completed information in the basket, or return it to our Parish office. Please introduce yourselves when you have a chance!

NAME		
ADDRESS		
TELEPHONE		
E-MAIL		
D THIS IS A NEW REGISTRATION (You will be sent a complete registration card)		
□ THIS IS AN UPDATE FOR:	<ul> <li>Change of Name</li> <li>Change of Address</li> <li>Send envelopes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Moving out of Parish</li> <li>Someone in Hospital</li> <li>Someone Homebound</li> </ul>

		CALENDAR FOR THE WEEF	K
October 16th	Sunday	Religious Education Classes	10:00-10:45 a.m., Grades 1-6 Grade 2 Parent Meeting & Visit 6:00 p.m., Grade 10 Parent Meeting
October 18th	Tuesday	Marian Movement Parish Pastoral Council	7:00 p.m., Chapel 7:30 p.m., Parish Center
October 19th	Wednesday	Religious Education Classes	3:30-4:45 p.m., Grades 1-6 Grade 2 Church Tour
October 20th	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel

### RCIA ... BEGINS WITH QUESTIONS

Are you seeking deeper meaning in your life? Could it be the prompting of the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider the following questions?

- 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 our 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.

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## PARISH LITURGICAL COMMISSION

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

The Mass begins with Introductory Rites that include the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Gloria and the Collect. Together they create a beginning, an introduction and a preparation. Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish a communion and are prepared to listen to the word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist. The first words we hear from the priest celebrant are "The Lord be with you." And, as was described in last week's bulletin, the new response (to be inaugurated on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011), will be "And with your Spirit."

The Penitential Act follows the Sign of the Cross and the Greeting. There are several options for the Penitential Act. There is the three part call and response prayer: "Lord, have mercy," "Christ, have mercy," and "Lord, have Mercy." (In Greek: "Kyrie, eleison." "Christe, eleison." and "Kyrie eleison.") Although these specific words will not be changing, the lead in prayers have some changes.

In some Masses, we collectively pray a longer prayer called the Confiteor (from the Latin for "I confess"). In the forthcoming edition of the Roman Missal, the following (in *italics*) will replace the opening sentences: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that *I have greatly sinned*, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do (striking the breast): *Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;* This new edition of the Confiteor attempts to provide a translation that is closer to the Latin version of the prayer, from which all vernacular translations come, and follows more closely an early English translation (1966) of the prayer, which was published after the Second Vatican Council.

On the Sundays outside the Seasons of Advent and Lent, on feasts and solemnities, and at special celebrations of a more solemn character, the Gloria is sung or said, following the Penitential Rite. The current version of the Gloria is a somewhat abbreviated translation of its Latin source. The new translation (*in italics*), which is closer to the Latin edition of this prayer, is as follows:

Glory to God in the highest, and *on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.* Lord God, heavenly King, *O God, almighty Father.* Lord Jesus Christ, *Only Begotten Son*, Lord God, Lamb of God, *Son of the Father*, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; *you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;* you are seated at the right hand of the Father, *have mercy on us.* For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

One of the goals of the new translation of the Missal was to make clearer the links between the prayers of the Mass and the text of Scripture. A number of biblical verses are integrated into the Gloria, including Luke 2:14, John 1:29, Revelation 15:3-4, Psalm 83:19, 1 Corinthians 8:6, and Philippians 2:11. When we pray the Gloria, we are praising God with the words of Scripture.

(Reference: From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org/romanmissal)

This weekend we will be singing this revised translation of the Gloria. Be sure to have the sheet music handed out to actively participate in giving praise and glory to God!

REMINDER: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend an evening with Fr. Greg Hoppough, CS, on the New Translation of the Roman Missal. It promises to be an informative event presented by a gifted teacher who will address the questions you undoubtedly have. Monday evening, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the upper church.

An article by David Haas (composer of liturgical music) in the June-July 2011 edition of *Ministry and Liturgy* offers food for thought as we move forward through this time of change; http://rpinet.com/ministry/3805f1html (David Haas has composed such familiar songs as "You are Mine", "The Servant Song," "We Have Been Told" and in his "Mass of Light", the "Gloria".)