

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

Serving Wellesley - Newton

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 30, 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.



All Saints Day November 1

Masses: 7:00a.m., 12:00p.m. and 5:30p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered after the Liturgy on the first Saturday of the month (November 5). Those who are chronically ill, are having treatments, or will be having surgery are invited to come receive this source of strength.

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)

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

This Week:

Sunday, October 30

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Wednesday, November 2

Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Next Week:

Sunday, November 6
Grade 4 Mass 8:45 AM
Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Grade 4 Parent Visit
High School Retreat 1:00 PM, Church Social Hall
Grade 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Grade 9 Friends for Good* 6:00 – 7:00 PM

* Every student attending the full Friends for Good session will be credited with one-half hour of community service which may be applied to the twenty-five hours required for Confirmation. Students will sign-in upon arrival.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: On Wednesday,

Grade 9 & 10 Class 7:00 - 8:00

November 2 and Thursday, November 3 Deacon Tom Smith will be training altar servers in the upper church from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Any child who has made his or her First Communion is eligible to serve. Interested children should attend both sessions, and servers must be available to serve the following Saturday or Sunday (11/5 or 11/6) at Mass. Please contact Anne Connors, 781-237-0565 or anneconnors@verizon.net to register or with any questions.

iGROW Teen Wellness Workshop & Social: Sunday,
October 30 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at The Wellesley Free
Library, Wakelin Room. The event, designed for grades
9 - 12, will include food, friends and discussion. It is
sponsored by iGROW – Interfaith Gathering 'Round
Our Wellness - an outreach effort developed by the
Wellesley houses of worship, including St. John the
Evangelist Parish, to promote wellness and raise
awareness of teen mental health issues.

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS: Christmas Youth Choir sign-up and first rehearsal will take place Sunday, October 30: 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:10:50-11:50 October 30, 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 AND/OR Christmas Eve 5:30 Family Mass. All rehearsals are in St. John's Chapel. For more information, please call Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Advent/Christmas – The first Sunday in Advent is in just four weeks. It marks the start of a wonderful season aimed at directing our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Soon we will have some suggestions for using the days of Advent wisely, including participation in discussions and lectures here in the parish, books to be read and considered as Christmas gifts and ideas for recognizing the season in home and family activities.

<u>Daily Prayer/Missals</u> – Many Catholics, especially those who attend Mass during the week or want a regular routine of daily prayer, use one of the pocket-sized booklets published each month. Subscriptions are about \$45 a year. There are at least three choices: "Magnificant Magazine", "Living With Christ" and "Give Us This Day". The three are very similar in content, each containing daily prayers (morning and evening), readings for weekday and Sunday Mass, reflections and commentary. Detailed descriptions and sample pages can easily be found online.

St. John's Adult Faith Formation Calendar

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

November 14, 7:00 P.M. (social hall) - "What is Human Trafficking and What Can I Do About It?", Sr. Carole Lombard, Director of Peace and Justice, Sisters of St. Joseph (Boston)

Other Programs of Interest

November 6, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, Newton Centre, Social Justice Forum, "Immigrants – Illegal?"

St. John the Evangelist, Adult Faith Formation Commission stjohnwellesley.org, affc@stjohnwellesley.org

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ST. JOHN LECTORS:

The new workbooks, which begin 11/27, are now available. Please pick them up in the Glen Road Sacristy.

Please note that our weekly bulletin is accessible on our Parish website at www.stjohnwellesley.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 29	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	John W. Buckley
Sunday, Octoberber 30	7:30 a.m. Anniversary	+	William & Theresa Lyons
3,	8:45 a.m. Memorial	†	Andrew Miller
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	÷	Patrick McGill
	Memorial	†	Mildred Kelly
	Memorial		Donna Kerley
	Memorial	†	Carol Mungovan Leonardi Janes
	Memorial	†	Mary Cahill
	Memorial	†	Sr. Mary Claire Walton
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	John Chiasson
Monday, October 31	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	John Davis
Tuesday, November 1	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Dr. Herbert P. Minkel
Wednesday, November 2	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	For the Parish
Thursday, November 3	7:00 a.m. Anniversary	†	Thomas R. Fuss
Friday, November 4	7:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Nada Stehlickova
Saturday, November 5	7:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary	†	Lillian LaRosa
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Thomas R. Fuss
Sunday, November 6	7:30 a.m. Memorial	†	James W. Noonan
	8:45 a.m. Anniversary	†	George Trigg
	11:00 a.m. Memorial	†	Sheila Young
	Memorial	†	Mary Whelan
	Memorial	†	Raymond Carney
	Memorial	†	John & Bridget (Coyne) McLaughlin
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	†	Ruth Connolly

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, 6:15-7:45 pm on 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!

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ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The offertory continues to be 4.4% less than last year at this time. Thanks to all of you who have submitted your Annual Appeal contributions to date. Please checkout *Parish Pay* our online giving program on the website.

<u>Offertory</u>	<u> Actual</u>	Budget	Variance
October 2	\$ 9,498	\$ 12,764	
October 9	5,209	6,390	
October 16	8,377	10,587	
October 23	11,956	9,452	
TOTAL	\$ 125,954	\$ 131,693	(\$5,739) or (4.4%)
Annual Appeal	Actual	Budget	<u>Variance</u>
July-October	\$ 129,410	\$ 133,994	\$4,584 or 3.4%



Fall Back!!! Don't Forget, Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, 11/6 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and return to standard time!

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE Colleen Oteri & Ben Esposito

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: If you have an item to be considered for bulletin publication, please submit it in writing before **Tuesday noon**; you may fax or email our rectory office.

THE COLORS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR: Liturgies celebrated during the different seasons of the liturgical year have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers and rituals. All of these work together to reflect the spirit of the particular season. The colors of the vestments that the priest wears during the liturgy also help express the character of the mysteries being celebrated.

White, the color of joy and victory, is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas. It is also used for the feasts of Our Lord, for feasts for Mary, the angels, and for saints who are not martyrs, Gold may also be used on solemn occasions.

Red (the color of blood) is used on days when we celebrate the passion of Jesus on Passion Sunday and Good Friday. It is also used for the birthday feasts of the apostles and evangelists and for the celebrations of martyrs. Red (the color of fire) recalls the Holy Spirit and is used on Pentecost and for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Green, seen everywhere in plants and trees, symbolizes life and hope and is used during ordinary time.

The colors **violet** or **purple** in Advent help us to remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ. Lent the season of penance and renewal, also uses the colors violet or purple.

Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. It expresses the joy of anticipation for Christmas and Easter, respectively. (Cyberfaith.com (aka Sadlier Religion)

A New Automated Giving Program for St. John's



In recent years, the number of people who manage their finances online has increased dramatically. Many cite convenience and control as their primary reasons for moving to automated payments and online account management – less time and paper wasted writing checks and mailing envelopes, less chance for late or missed payments, better budget planning and oversight, and helpful year-end reporting.

St. John's is pleased to announce a new Automated Giving program, *ParishPay*, that offers not just convenience and control, but something even better - a more effective way to support our Parish and sustain our vibrant spiritual home. Weekly offertory collections are not consistent, a reflection not only of economic factors but the variations in Mass attendance that occur with vacations, holidays, and other life events. A significant Automated Giving program will provide the Parish with more consistent and stable contributions, which will enhance our ability to budget and manage our resources.

With *ParishPay*, you can set up a secure, automatic monthly contribution from a checking, savings, or credit card account to replace your weekly offerings. ParishPay can also be used for special collections, Grand Annual Appeal contributions, and special celebrations (like Christmas and Easter.) There is no cost to you to participate in this program, and you can start, stop, or adjust your contributions privately via secure web access. Find out more by visiting our website www.stjohnwellesley.org - you'll find complete information and instructions for signing up and getting started. It's easy, it's safe, and best of all - it's better for St. John's.

SERVICE COMMISSION



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CHRISTMAS WISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Christmas Wish effort is underway. We are still looking for more volunteers to assist with this wonderful service project. 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 atbtully87@comcast.net, (781) 235-6182.

SO OTHERS MAY EAT (S.O.M.E.): Since 1995, our parish has helped serve the homeless by providing sandwiches for the Bristol Lodge in Waltham. The sandwiches are distributed to the clients of the Bristol's various programs for the needy and provide a nourishing mid-day meal for the residents of shelters which are closed during the daytime hours. St. John's provides hundreds of sandwiches on the 4th and 5th (when there is one) Sundays of each month. Please bring sandwiches to the church kitchen refrigerator. (Sandwiches should be wrapped and without condiments.) Please contact Liz Phillips at (781) 237-4430 or Liz.phillips@comcast.net.

THANKSGIVING AT BRISTOL LODGE: With trick-or-treating upon us, it is a reminder that Thanksgiving is just around the corner and with it, our commitment to serving dinner to 100 guests at Bristol Lodge in Waltham. This year we will need 12 20-lb **cooked** (but unstuffed) turkeys; mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce (16 large cans), butternut squash, corn, green beans, broccoli or peas; cider and cranberry juice. Turkeys, as well as other side dishes may be cooked as early as Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving. In addition to having a drop-off time at St. John's on Wednesday, individual food pickups can be arranged. Please contact Deirdre Heilbron (617.894.4416 ordgheilbron@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.



COATS FOR KIDS: This is a Boston-wide coat collection campaign for children, teens, adults and babies organized by Anton's Cleaners. Please collect any gently used coats for children, teens, adults and babies and bring them to the back of church following all the masses during the weekend of November 19/20. Please donate coats that do not have rips, broken zippers or stains. The coats will be brought to Anton's Cleaners in Wellesley for cleaning prior to distribution. Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact Deirdre Heilbron (617.894.4416)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK					
October 31st	Monday	Trees & Trimmings Workshop	8:00 a.m2 p.m., Parish Center		
November 1st	Tuesday	All Saints Day Masses	7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.		
		Trees & Trimmings Workshop	8:00 a.m2 p.m., Parish Center		
		Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel		
November 2nd	Wednesday	Trees & Trimmings Workshop	8: a.m11 a.m., Parish Center		
November 3rd	Thursday	Trees & Trimmings Workshop	8:00 a.m2 p.m., Parish Center		
	-	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel		
November 4th	Friday	Trees & Trimmings Workshop	8:00 a.m2 p.m., Parish Center		
November 5th	Saturday	Men's Group	7:30 a.m., Social Hall		
	•	Anointing of the Sick	after 5:00 p.m. Mass		

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

William Edward DeLorie, Jr., Elizabeth Mason, Alice Cameron and Carnello Monteleone who have gone home to God.

May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you still thinking about it?

Take the first step and join others in discovering the depth and breadth of the Catholic Christian faith: the door is open for you.

We meet at ten o'clock in the rectory for an hour on Sunday mornings.

Please contact the parish office or Svea Fraser (sveafraser@comcast.net) if you need more information.

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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.

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PARISH LITURGICAL COMMISSION

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Beginning last weekend, we had the opportunity to hear and to sing the new translation of the Gloria and the Sanctus. Although the textual changes are minor, they are more closely connected to both the Latin words they are derived from as well as the Scriptural passages they refer to. We will continue to practice these two sung prayers up until the beginning of Advent.

The revised Roman Missal will be inaugurated at all masses in all the English speaking countries on Sunday, November 27th. Since the Gloria is not sung during the season of Advent, we will not have another chance to sing this song of praise and glory until Christmas. In the meantime, let us be bold with our voices and sing with all the voice God gave to each of us!

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the offertory presentation of the gifts, which profoundly signify the gift of ourselves. At the Invitation to Prayer over the Offerings, the priest celebrant will say:

"Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

The italicized words are in the new translation. The "Pray brethren" asks intercession for the priest himself before he steps into the Holy of Holies of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The people STAND and respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church."

Familiar to us and integrated into every Eucharistic Prayer is the short acclamation entitled "Sanctus," or "Holy, Holy, Holy." Although the text of the Preface prayer may change from one Mass to the next, the Sanctus is the same at every Mass. The new translation follows the same structure but incorporates a few textual changes:

"Holy, holy, Lord God of *hosts*. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest"

The bishops describe this portion of the Eucharistic Prayer as one "in which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the *Sanctus*" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* ¶79). This is heavenly speech!

Although we pray the Sanctus as a single prayer, the text is a composite of several different scriptural verses. The beginning lines "Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory," harken to Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

The rendering of "Sabaoth" as "Hosts," from the Latin text of the Sanctus, rather than as "power and might," more precisely references the angels and saints that praise their Lord. The lines "Hosanna in the highest," and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," are drawn from St. Matthew's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9) and by extension to the heavenly praise in Revelation 5:13 (*Mystical Body, Mystical Voice* 177, 178).

Inspired by God's Word, the words of the liturgy in this case repeat the words of the Heavenly City in order that we may live comfortably in it, walking its golden streets (Revelation 21:21), eating its manna (Revelation 2:17), and singing its unending Song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:3).

More information may be found at http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal, the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and at www.mysticalbodymysticalvoice.org/ Mystical Body, Mystical Voice.

The Parish Liturgical Commission has been meeting on your behalf to help prepare us all for the changes that will be inaugurated on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. Please contact any of the following if interested in finding out more: Steve Brown, Pat Colton, Pat Feige, Svea Fraser, Jerry Kehoe.