



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 18, 2011

Lord Jesus,

*Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.*

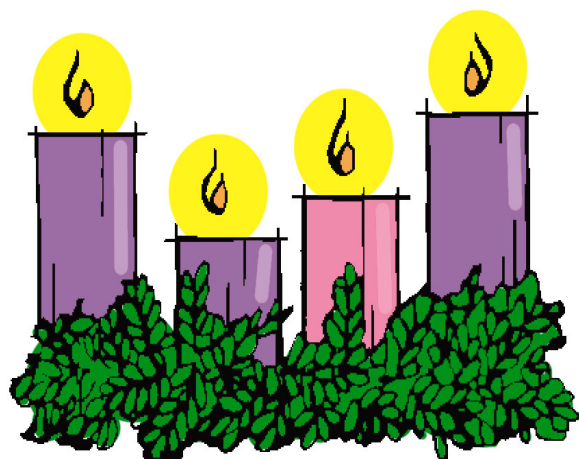
*We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things
Look forward to You coming among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.
We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeing the light.*

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



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, December 18

Grade 1 Christmas Pageant 8:45 AM Mass

No classes. Classes resume January 8th.

*The Religious Ed Team
wishes all our families, teachers and friends
a special peace and joy at Christmas
and throughout the New Year.*

*Thank you for sharing the gift of your wonderful
children with us.*

WE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY of Family Members of our Parish Who are Serving in the Military—

Sr. Airman Melissa Beecher

Capt. Eric Calton

L.Cpl. Brandon Gerard Cotter

Sergeant Adam Delaney

Sergeant Joseph Delaney

PFC William Gingrass

Lt. Tom Hennessey, Jr.

Captain Gregory Holownia

Capt. Patrick H. Joseph

Lt.Col. David Lamy

Lt.Col. John Lee, PFC Walter Mengden

Pty.Off.3 Daniel F. Murray II

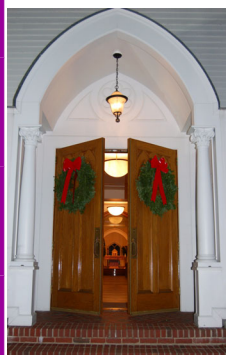
A1C Derek Sherman

Lt.Col. Christopher Spigelmire and

Staff Sgt. Raymond Wensch.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



There is no better way to
prepare for Christmas!
Come for this special gift of
Confession.

St. John Church
Lower Chapel,
Wednesday, December 21,
6:30-8:00 p.m.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sarah Aldridge and John Joaquim

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our
Parish who are ill, remembering especially
Ann, Brian, Jim, Kathleen, Kay, and Mary.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In this joyous season of Advent and as we approach the start of a new calendar year, it might be helpful to consider the tremendous opportunities we have for strengthening our spiritual lives – for going beyond our regular and prayerful participation in Sunday Mass and trying hard every day of the week to deepen, in some small way, our understanding of our Catholic faith and our relationship with God.

Our parish, like all successful faith communities, organizes a variety of faith formation programs and special projects. The parish website (stjohnwellesley.org) has complete descriptions and details, along with this section of the weekly bulletin. In summary we offer the following:

Scripture Study Groups - A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4 for those interested in discussing the Gospel of St. Matthew, using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

Book Discussion Group – Discussions are generally the second Thursday of each month. On January 12 we will look at the Book of Jonah and on February 9, A Guide to Thomas Aquinas, by Joseph Pieper.

Program for Women – Spiritual and social gatherings of women, in the evening, generally the second Tuesday of each month.

Men's Group – Coffee, donuts and conversation, the first Saturday of each month, after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Advent and Lenten Lectures, study and discussion groups.
Collection of Books (free to be borrowed!) and periodicals in lower lobby of the church.

We are enriched by the many programs and activities offered the Archdiocese of Boston (bostoncatholic.org), by the many nearby parishes (see especially websites of parishes in Wellesley, Weston, Needham, Newton) and by one of the largest and finest faith formation programs in the country, the Church in the 21st Century at Boston College (bc.edu/church21).

The Boston College program includes conferences, lectures, publications, video and audio resources and courses, all of which are available to the public, as well as students and faculty of the college.




Finally, we urge you – we really beg you! – to let us know how we can help you, specifically, and better serve the parish, generally. Our Commission was created last spring because the pastor, Parish Council and Pastoral Planning Group recognized the need for one small committee of people to coordinate and promote faith formation.

We look forward to responding to your comments and questions – and extend to all our best wishes for a blessed Christmas and an energized new year.

St. John's Faith Formation Commission

Patrick Blomberg, Linda Colozzi, Marcia Grondin,
Pat Kelleher (chair), John Salvati, John Stewart, and
Ann Wachtmeister, Sister Evelyn Ronan (advisor).
(Email: AFFC@stjohnwellesley.org)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Saturday, December 17	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Kay Marchand
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Barbara S. Colliton
	Sunday, December 18	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	William Doherty
		11:00 a.m.	26th Anniv.	†	John J. Dunn
			Anniversary	†	Kathleen Rogers Hinchey
			Anniversary	†	John A. Rogers
			Memorial	†	Francis, Flora and Robert O'Neill
			Memorial	†	Brian Sullivan
			Memorial		Kevin M. Onstott, Evelyn H. Campbell and William Campbell
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Teofila Kleczek
	Monday, December 19	7:00 a.m.	Anniversary	†	Mary R. Macdonald
	Tuesday, December 20	7:00 a.m.	1st Anniversary	†	Stephen F. Wasik
	Wednesday, December 21	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish

MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS: The *final* rehearsal for the Parish Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve. and Christmas Day Masses will take place on **Sunday, 6:15-7:45 pm on Dec 18th in the Music Office.**

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS: Christmas Youth Choir— **One** rehearsal remains and will take place on December 18 at 9:45-11:00 a.m. The rehearsal will take place in St. John's Chapel. For more information, please call Maria Wardwell at (781) 237-2148.



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Would you would like to make a donation towards Christmas music or flowers in memory of a loved one this holiday season? If so, you may make a donation by using your Offertory envelope, the collection basket, Parish Pay, or by just dropping your donation in the mail or by the rectory. Please make sure to include the name of the person you want remembered in this special way.



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2011 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (Upper and Lower Church)
5:30 p.m. (Family Mass)
7:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. (9:30 p.m. Choir Program)

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.
 (no 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Day)



The CatholicTV Network Christmas Programming

It's that time of year again! CatholicTV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 19 until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, CatholicTV will become ChristmasTV for 72 hours of non-stop specials.

Comcast Ch. 268, Verizon Ch. 296 or
 watch online at www.CatholicTV.Com

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION: At all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous.

SERVICE COMMISSION

AN INVITATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DIVORCE: St. John Parish is preparing to begin a Support Group for Separated and Divorced. It would provide an opportunity to gather regularly for encouragement and support in dealing with this life changing event. If interested, please contact Barbara Pyles at pylesb@bc.edu or Sr. Evelyn Ronan at evelyn_ronan@comcast.net

CHRISTMAS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you are available, please meet in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 19. *We would love to have you!*



A CHRISTMAS WISH THANK YOU: The Christmas Wish Committee would like to thank all the parishioners that participated in the 2011 Christmas Wish Program. We volunteered to sponsor, shop for, or donate funds to help buy Christmas gifts and clothing for over 320 children in 137 families. The contributions from St. John assisted families and children of St. Patrick's in Brockton, St. Patrick's in Lowell, St. Katharine Drexel in Roxbury, St. John the Evangelist in Wellesley, and Julie's Family Learning Program in South Boston. Over 200 St. John families took part in the program to bring the true meaning of Christmas through family sponsorship, financial donations, and program coordination. A special thanks to Sue and Bill Logan of McCabe Movers who generously donated moving services to transport clothing, toys and wrapping materials to these parishes. We would also like to thank Kathy Maher, Christine Kehoe, Becky Kannam, Peg Tally, Paula Gomez, Marcia Gargone, Pat Colton, Joyce Farah, Corinne Spinale, Donna Buckley, Joanne Sheppard, and Steve DuFour for a great job on the committee. We extend a special invitation to all parishioners to join us next year in 2012 Christmas Wish to share the joy of this program. *Happy Holidays!*

Wellesley Community Blood Drive

The blood drive will be on
Wednesday, December 28, 2011
St. Paul's Church
502 Washington Street
1:00-6:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jaime Barnard
(781) 910-8014

Saint John School - Tree Pick Up Service

Enjoy a restful holiday, and let us pick up your tree after the holidays and deliver it to the Wellesley RDF for you!

· **Saturday, January 7th**

· **Pick up starts at 10:00 a.m.**

· **Donation: \$25**

· Sign up and more info at: <http://goo.gl/QzwtK> or call Melanie Campbell at 508-740-1194



ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The offertory is 7.7% less than last year at this time. Thanks to all of you who have submitted your Annual Appeal contributions to date. The Annual Appeal has reached the 57% mark of our budget for FY2012. Last year to date, the Annual Appeal was \$270,000. Remember December 31st is just around the corner and our goal is to be at 75-80% of the Budget by January 1! PLEASE CHECKOUT **PARISH PAY** OUR ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM ON THE WEBSITE.

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
November	\$170,570	\$ 180,819	
December 4	10,515	15,038	
December 11	9,679	10,788	
TOTAL	\$190,764	\$ 206,645	(\$15,881) or (7.7%)

<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July-to-Date	\$247,093	\$ 433,850	57% of our Budget

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 18	Sunday	Family Mass Christmas Pageant Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Youth Choir Rehearsal Music for the Holidays, Rehearsal	8:45 a.m. Mass, Church 10:00 a.m., Rectory 9:45-11:00 a.m. 6:15-7:45 p.m., Music Office
December 20	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
December 21	Wednesday	<i>The Light is On For You</i> —Confession	6:30-8:00 p.m., Lower Chapel
December 22	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel

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

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and keep up on everything that's happening here at St. John's - just click the Join Our Email list button.

ParishPay

Making it Easier to Give™

Have you taken a look at our new Automated Giving program, *ParishPay*? 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.

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