



## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 22, 2012



### Note Time Change

#### ST. JOHN'S CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE

A free concert of contemporary, uplifting liturgical music, and favorite pop songs will take place **today** January 22 at **1:00 p.m.** in the Upper Church. Selections for the concert include People Get Ready, Oh Heavenly Day and The Rose. Please contact Julie Freeman at [frejul@msn.com](mailto:frejul@msn.com) for more information.

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Please join us as St. John Parish joins with more than 210 other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston for:

### **A Holy Hour for Life**

to be held **this** Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. in our Chapel on the vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. The bishops of the United States have established January 22 as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

### 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, January 22

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Grades 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 25

Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Saturday, January 28

Grade 2 First Reconciliation 9:30 AM

### Next Week:

Sunday, January 29

Grade 3 Mass 8:45 AM

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Grade 3 Parent Visit

Grade 9 & 10 Teen Mass @ St. Paul's 5:00 PM

Reception for students follows in the Parish Hall.

In December students in several grades wrote Christmas cards to our home-bound parishioners. We received several heartfelt notes of thanks. One 97 year old woman wrote, "When I opened each envelope of Christmas wishes from the pupils of Religious Education, my heart filled with joy realizing the effort put into these thoughtful wishes in a note from these fine students". Please share this message with your children to let them know the happiness they brought to many through their simple gesture.

During the *Friends for Good* sessions on January 8<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 7 – 10 prepared toiletry kits for and wrote personal notes to the homeless men who use the day shelter at St. Francis House in Boston. Toiletries contained in the kits were donated by these students in November.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation Commission meets monthly to plan programs and activities aimed at helping members of St. John's parish to expand their understanding of all aspects of their faith. Our approach, quite simply, is to try to figure out what people want and need and somehow deliver it to them! We have from time to time asked for your ideas and suggestions and we have received some, but the need for feedback is ongoing, so we encourage you to write or call and let us know just what we can do to help you.

At our meeting last week, we discussed our programs for Lent. The parish has purchased the ten-part documentary video, "Catholicism", produced by Father Robert Barron, S.J. This production has been broadcast on WGN America, EWTN, Relevant Radio and the Word of Fire You Tube Channel. Also, Father Barron has a website that offers daily blogs, articles, commentaries and weekly sermon podcasts.

The ten segments begin with "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man" and end with "World Without End: Last Things". Accompanying the DVDs are detailed study guides for each "lesson", discussion questions and background notes. We are not quite certain how we will organize the viewing and discussion of these presentations, but clearly they constitute a terrific overview of our basic beliefs as Catholics, a wonderful "refresher course" that would benefit all of us. If you have ideas on how to use this material, please contact us right away!

In addition to making maximum use of Father Barron's videos, we will have discussions of the slender book by Michael Paul Gallagher: *Faith Maps: Ten Religious Explorers from Newman to Joseph Ratzinger*, and Father Bryan Hehir will enrich us with several lectures.

The February 12 St. John's Book Discussion Group meeting will be devoted to Josef Pieper's *Guide to Thomas Aquinas*. Professor Pieper was at the forefront of 20<sup>th</sup> century Catholic philosophy and his book provides both an overview of 13<sup>th</sup> century religious ideas and a wonderful (though brief) analysis of the life and works of one of the most influential Catholic thinkers since St. Augustine.

**Program of Interest:** Sacred Heart Parish, Newton Centre; Sunday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.; "Social Security and Medicare: Protecting the Most Vulnerable in an Era of Cuts"; Ellen Bruce, University of Massachusetts; sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish Justice and Peace Commission

**Evening for Women**, Tuesday, February 7, Social Hall  
Arrive to begin at 6:30 p.m. Theme: A Journey Into the Heart of Prayer in St. John's Gospel. Come with one of your favorite winter recipes to share!  
Moderator: Sr. Evelyn Ronan, SND All Welcome!



### SAINT JOHN SCHOOL OPEN

#### HOUSE- Pre-School through Grade 6:


We invite you to visit Saint John School on Tuesday, January 31st from 8:00 - 9:30 a.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](http://www.saintjohnschool.net) or contact Principal Kathi Aldridge at 781-235-0300.

### MONSIGNOR JAMES J. HADDAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

**INFORMATION NIGHT:** Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m., at 110 May Street, Needham, MA or contact [www.Saintjoes.com](http://www.Saintjoes.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Saturday, January 21	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Barbara Colliton
	Sunday, January 22	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Special Intention
			Memorial	†	Mary T. Murphy
			Anniversary	†	Edmund Flaherty
	Monday, January 23	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
	Tuesday, January 24	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Mary O'Malley McDonnell
	Saturday, January 28	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Alice W. Furdon & William H. Furdon Sr.
	Sunday, January 29	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Richard Crino
			Memorial	†	Sheila N. Young

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

Attention Young Singers! Children in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the St. John's Easter Youth Choir. High School Assistants are welcome. There are 5 rehearsals: **3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1** at 9:50-10:50 in the Chapel. **Sign up and first rehearsal 3/4.** The children will sing at the 8:45 AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. For more information call Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148 or [maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org).



Assembly for Life to feature Wayne Cockfield who will speak about the implications of the upcoming Massachusetts Ballot question seeking to legalize Doctor Prescribed Suicide. Sunday, Jan 29th, Faneuil Hall, Boston, 2-4 p.m. Further info: <http://www.masscitizensforlife.org/> or 617-242-4199

**Next** weekend's collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and information programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit [www.usccb.org/latinamerica](http://www.usccb.org/latinamerica) for more information.

### 2011 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS:

Please contact our Business Office  
if you would like to receive a tax statement of your  
2011 donations made to St. John the Evangelist.  
Please call (781) 235-0045  
or e-mail [stjohnbusinessoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stjohnbusinessoffice@comcast.net).

*Your support of our community  
is very much appreciated.*

### ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The offertory is 5.9% less than last year at this time. Last years offertory had an extra collection as Christmas fell on a Saturday. Although the gap is 5.9% less this year, our hope is that our new online giving program will help increase the offertory. The Annual Appeal continues to move towards our budget of \$433,850. Last year at this time our donations were at \$361,000 or approximately \$30,000 more. Remember the Annual Appeal and the offertory comprise over 90% of our operating budget. If you have not contributed to date, please consider using Parish Pay.

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
December 18	\$ 8,872	\$ 8,990	
January 1	8,473	7,847	
January 8	9,490	8,743	
January 15	6,430	14,966*	(extra Sunday due to Christmas on Saturday)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$233,137</b>	<b>\$ 247,792</b>	<b>(\$14,655) or (5.9%)</b>
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July-January 13	\$333,282	\$ 433,850	76% of our Budget

**ALL PARISHIONERS**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PASTORAL PLANNING**  
**Please Let Us Know Your Thoughts**

Changes are coming that will affect all parishes in the Archdiocese, including St. John the Evangelist. Please read the following summary of important information on pastoral planning from the Archdiocese. Every parishioner needs to be aware of, and to consider carefully, this information as we move into a different structure for sharing resources among parishes. Your input is very important in this process.

For the past ten months, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission has been working on a pastoral planning document, entitled *Disciples in Mission*, which proposes a vision for the Archdiocese that flows directly from the mission that Jesus Christ has given to his Church.

On December 5, 2011, Cardinal O'Malley and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission met with priests of the Archdiocese of Boston and those serving in Archdiocesan parishes to begin the consultation process regarding the next phase of Pastoral Planning in the Archdiocese.

As stated, the principal thrust of the current draft of this Pastoral Plan is "to form stronger Christian disciples by strengthening our identity as a Christ-centered, mission-minded, welcoming and evangelizing Eucharistic community of faith."

There are five "Mission Initiatives" listed to accomplish this challenging vision:

1. Becoming a Church that More Readily and Actively Welcomes Every Man, Woman and Child to conversion of Life in Christ Jesus;
2. **Strengthening our Parishes as Primary Communities of Faith;**
3. Growing the Church through Evangelization;
4. Developing Excellence in Faith Formation for Catholics of All Ages;
5. Re-energizing Pastoral Leadership.

This draft of the Pastoral Plan focuses on the **second** initiative listed above, in order to strengthen parishes as welcoming, nourishing, thriving and evangelizing Eucharistic communities.

The proposal creates a new structure called a **Pastoral Service Team (PST)**, comprised of both laity and clergy (priests, deacons, pastoral associates, lay ecclesial ministers, parish pastoral and finance councils) who will provide pastoral services to multiple parishes, which partner with one another to exercise the mission of evangelization. This plan hopes to provide pastoral services to parishes without altering the parishes themselves.

Each PST will work under the leadership of one pastor, with two goals: (1) to meet the specific pastoral and spiritual needs in each parish; and (2) to draw these parishes into a tighter and more effective bond for the work of the New Evangelization.

This proposed new structure does not involve changing the parishes themselves. Parishioners will continue to be members of their own parish, and each parish will retain responsibility for its own assets and liabilities. It is hoped that PSTs will enable each parish to determine how best to use their resources through a culture of partnering and collaboration. Each grouping will be known as a "**Pastoral Collaborative**." The pastor in a PST will not have been the pastor of a parish served by that PST.

There are 290 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston; there will be approximately 125 PSTs. Each parish will be served by one PST, and each PST will serve more than one parish. In each local area, the PST, "in dialogue and discernment with their parishes, will develop a Pastoral Plan for how best to utilize and apportion their resources, property and facilities to strengthen the parishes as Eucharistic communities rooted in Jesus Christ and to advance the Gospel mission of the Church."

Since the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, three rounds of consultations have been organized, and are ongoing. The First Round, throughout the month of January, includes parish staff members (Deacons, Pastoral Associates, Parish Business Managers, DRE's, School Principals, Music Ministers, etc.), to review the new mission initiatives and the basic principles of the PST model and elicits insights and response from the participants. The Second Round continues in January to present the groupings or "Pastoral Collaboratives."

The Third Round begins in February and, as with the others, includes all the parishes in the archdiocese (in eleven separate meetings). This meeting is for Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils. The date for our Vicariate is set for March 6<sup>th</sup>.

After the completion of all the Third Round of consultations, representatives from the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Planning Group will be provided with suggested models or frameworks for Parish Town Hall Meetings, FAQ's and other necessary material.

There is a lot more information on the Archdiocesan website, including several video presentations and all the materials and feedback by the priests from the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**More information is available at: [www.planning2012.com/2012-consultation/](http://www.planning2012.com/2012-consultation/).**

Included on the website, you will find the following documents: 1. Strengthening Parishes as Primary Communities of Faith (PDF), 2. Frequently Asked Questions Document (PDF) and 3. Executive Summary of Presbyteral Feedback from Convocation

Note that the Archdiocese has stressed that this is a *proposed draft*, with consultation rounds for input from all members. **Now is the time to voice your opinions, concerns, support and/or constructive criticism. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!** For now, this can be done through the St. John Pastoral Planning Group (PPG) e-mail or individual members (listed below), or written and placed in a "Comments Box" that will be placed at the entrances of the church.

Current members of the PPG: Carolyn Anderson, John Calcio, Rose Mary Donahue, Svea Fraser, Gerald J. Kehoe, Dan Kenslea, Mike Nilles, Fr. Tom Powers, Sister Evelyn Ronan. • Pastoral Planning Group Email: [PPG@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:PPG@stjohnwellesley.org)



## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 22	Sunday	RCIA Contemporary Music Ensemble Concert A Holy Hour for Life	10:00 a.m., Rectory 1:00 p.m., Upper Church 3:00 p.m., Chapel
January 24	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
January 26	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

### SERVICE COMMISSION

**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, February 4th is our next opportunity to share in this gift. In the past, we have provided meals for 70 women, but the need has more than doubled and on February 4, we will provide meals for approximately **150** women. 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. on February 4th. As the increase in food is substantial, it would be extremely helpful if offers to provide food were made by January 30th. If you are interested in supporting this event and for specific needs, please contact Barbara Tully btully87@comcast.net, (781) 235-6182 or Pam McCourt at mccourt@comcast.net (781) 235-0612.

**SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Service Commission is currently compiling a new list of parish volunteers who would like to be contacted to assist other parishioners in times of special need (most frequent example: to provide a meal). If you would like to be on this "contact list" please e-mail Deirdre Heilbron at dgheilbron@yahoo.com.  
**Thank you!**

**SO OTHERS MAY EAT (S.O.M.E.):** St. John's provides hundreds of sandwiches on the 4th and 5th (when there is one) Sundays of each month for the Bristol Lodge in Waltham. On **January 22nd and 29th**, 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.

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#### Parish Pastoral Council:

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