



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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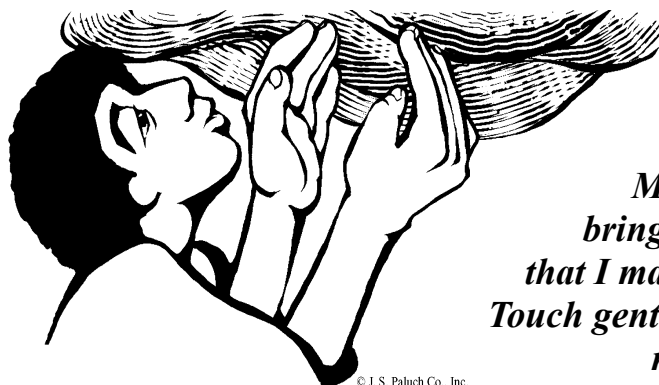
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 5, 2012



*Most loving Heart of Jesus,
bring me health in body and spirit
that I may serve You with all my strength.
Touch gently this life which you have created,
now and forever. Amen.*

Catholics Online

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, February 5

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Wednesday, February 8

Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Grade 3 Parent Visit

Next Week:

Sunday, February 12

Grade 1 Mass 8:45 AM

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

High School Retreat 1:00 PM, BC Alumni House

Grades 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Grade 10 Friends for Good* 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Grades 9 & 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00

*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.

FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY 8:45 A.M.: As we move into the new year, this is a wonderful time for your family to easily participate in our 8:45 a.m. Family Mass. Become a 'Host Family' We will provide you with all the information you need. We would love your participation. The Sign-up chart is located in the Church Social Hall, or even better, contact Sr. Evelyn at Evelyn_Ronan@comcast.net.

ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING AT BC

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Catholics: Why We Are a Sacramental People

Presenter: Fr. Michael Himes, professor, Theology Department *Fr. Himes will talk about the great sacraments of the Church, which parallel the pivotal moments in our earthly pilgrimage, and how they represent the climactic celebration of the sacramentality of life.*

Location/Time: Gasson Hall, Room 100, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Main Campus, Boston College

Information: 617-552-0470 or www.bc.edu/church21

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Why Be Baptized in the Catholic Church?

Presenter: John F. Baldovin, S.J., professor, School of Theology and Ministry *Explore why the sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church is so much more than just a cleansing from sin.*

Location/Time: Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Lower Campus, Boston College **Information:** 617-552-0470 or www.bc.edu/church21 *These events are FREE and opened to the public, but RSVP at church21@bc.edu*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We live in an age of information abundance! The Church was slow in realizing the potential of the internet as a vehicle for evangelization and for helping people understand the crucial role that ideas and enlightenment play in their spiritual lives. But a lot has been done in the last decade or so and everyone with a computer now has ready access to information about every imaginable aspect of their faith as Catholics.

Whatever format people use to keep track of “favorite” or “most used” sites, the following should definitely be included:

1) saintjohnwellesley.org – Our parish website is constantly being improved. The goal is to make it a basic tool for helping people with contact information; educational and faith formation programs; developments in the organization and financing of parish life; and opportunities to help in keeping St. John's the parish it has always been.

2) bostoncatholic.org – One of the most used sections of the site of the Archdiocese is on “pastoral planning”. There are a host of documents relating to the current changes!

3) usccb.org -- The site of the American Bishops, like that of the Vatican, contains a lot of information on beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church. It also has sections on current public issues, particularly helpful for those who enjoy political discussions.

4) Vatican.va – In many ways the Holy See has made the greatest progress in using electronic media. The pure volume of material on the Vatican's site is mind-boggling – everything from the text of the Catholic catechism to ordering information for music from the Sistine Chapel choir.

5) bc.edu/church21 – We have mentioned this site before, but it's worth emphasizing the easy access we have to a range and quality of faith formation opportunities not available in most areas of the country.

6) suicideisalwaysatragedy.org – This is a new site, wonderfully designed to inform people of the many issues and questions involved in the referendum on physician assisted suicide. It is vitally important that all Massachusetts citizens, particularly Catholics, have easy access to this information. Check it out, today!

Faith Formation Calendar

February 7 – Evening for Women; social hall; 6:30 p.m.; “A Journey into the Heart of Prayer in St. John's Gospel”.

February 9 – Book Discussion Group; parish center; 7:30 p.m.; *A Guide to Thomas Aquinas* by Joseph Pieper.

St. John's Faith Formation Commission -

Patrick Blomberg, Linda Colozzi, Marcia Grondin,

Pat Kelleher (chair), John Salvati, John Stewart,

and Anne Wachtmeister Sister Evelyn Ronan (advisor)

(Email: AFFC@stjohnwellesley.org)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				
Saturday, February 4	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Agnes C. Singleton
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Dada
Sunday, February 5	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Joseph & Katharine Tomasello
		Memorial	†	Joseph G. Murphy
		Memorial	†	Sheila Young
		1st Anniversary	†	Madeline Cronin
Monday, February 6	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
Wednesday, February 8	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	D. Delvena Kloss &
				Mary Ellen Smith
Friday, February 10	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	John Cooper-Mullin
Saturday, February 11	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Hostage
Sunday, February 12	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Dada
		Memorial	†	Terri St. Thomas
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Walter Mungovan



SECOND COLLECTION Next weekend—and each second Sunday—is our **Special Monthly** for St. John the Evangelist Parish. As always, your continued generous support is most appreciated.

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.

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

The offertory continues to be at 6.3% less than last year at this time. Our budget for this year is approximately \$442,000. We ask that you help us meet our goal by joining our Parish Pay program or using your own banking online program. The Annual Appeal continues to move towards our budget of \$433,850 and is currently 82% of our goal. 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>
January 8	9,490	8,743	
January 15	6,430	14,966	
January 22	7,670	8,067	
January 29	8,408	10,022	
TOTAL	\$249,215	\$ 265,881	(\$16,666) or (6.3%)
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July-January 31	\$356,307	\$ 433,850	82.1% of our Budget

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT: Every Thursday afternoon, the Eucharist is exposed for Adoration, 2-6 p.m. in our Chapel, with Opening and daytime prayers from the Breviary at 2 p.m.; Chaplet of Mercy, 3 p.m.; Benediction, 5:30 p.m.

MARIAN MOVEMENT: Tuesdays, for those with special devotion to the Blessed Mother: all are invited to pray the Rosary, 7 p.m., located in the Chapel.

ATTENTION: St. John Parish now has hearing equipment which may be borrowed during Mass for those who have a need. Please see our pastoral staff for more information.

PART TIME VOLUNTEER OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED: The Cure Alzheimer's Fund, Wellesley MA, is looking for someone to cover phones and do occasional office work between the hours of 2:30-5:00PM M-Th, and as much of Friday's as possible. This non-profit research organization is located on Washington Street in the Newton Lower Falls neighborhood. Interested parties can apply by emailing a letter of interest which includes relevant experience to Toni Carbone, tcarbonate@curealz.org.

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.

CRITERIA FOR PROPOSED GROUPING PARISHES INTO NEW PASTORAL COLLABORATIVES

General Criteria

The fundamental vision and purpose for grouping parishes into new pastoral collaboratives is to keep parishes open and organized for a new evangelization. Beyond this, the Planning Commission was guided by four general principles:

- 1. Fairness** - Given our limited resources, we wanted to create a network of pastoral service focused on evangelization and outreach and that was fair across the Archdiocese. This plan has guidelines that apply to all parishes and flexibility in the way these guidelines will be implemented.
- 2. Partnership** – In the past, parishes functioned largely independent of one another. Parishes, unhappily, rarely shared time or talent across parochial boundaries. This plan provides a whole new paradigm for parish ministry, revolved around a “theology of partnership” and communion. All, but a few very large or remote, parishes will be partnered with other parishes so that we can be the welcoming, nourishing, thriving and evangelizing community we desire to be.
- 3. Fewest Number of Financially Troubled Parishes** - In order to secure the Archdiocese and its parishes as centers for the new evangelization of Christ's Good News, we have to be both more productive and more nourishing in order to reduce the increasing financial pressure on parishes. Parishes that will be able to allocate more resources for pastoral initiatives and less for maintaining facilities and programs that are growing less attractive.
- 4. Avoid Redundancy and Duplication of Pastoral Services** - We all know that an Archdiocese with more than 200 years of history can accumulate a lot of programs or ways of doing things that no longer work effectively. By minimizing redundancy and duplication of services, and working together, we hope to create the resources and capacities whereby our parishes can to serve one another better and become welcoming, nourishing, thriving and evangelizing Eucharistic communities for both the traditional and the “new” generation of Catholics.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 5	Sunday	RCIA	10:00 a.m., Rectory
February 6	Monday	Service Commission Meeting (Time Change)	6:30 p.m., Parish Center-Board Rm
February 7	Tuesday	Evening for Women	6:30 p.m., Chapel/Social Hall
		Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
February 8	Wednesday	AFFC Meeting	7:00 p.m., Parish Center-Board Rm
February 9	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel

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

SERVICE COMMISSION

SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUCEMENT:

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!

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.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Go to www.stjohnwellesley.org to sign up for email updates
and keep up on everything that's happening here at St. John's - just click the Join Our Email list button.

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