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Lord Jesus,
Through all the years of our life
you have watched over us
Now Lord, bless us,
for we are united in love of you and of each other.
Redeemed by your Precious Blood
and strengthened by your grace,
may we live in kindness and fidelity,
in unflinching trust and love
so that our whole life may be pleasing to you.

World Marriage Day

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 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

Next Week:

No Classes. Enjoy February vacation!

* 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, BC
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

A flyer with the schedule of activities for Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 22!) will be mailed in the next few days. For most of us the six weeks of Lent fly by quickly; perhaps because of the end of winter and the suddenness with which spring arrives. So we should try hard to get ready, to think seriously of some special things we might do to enhance our lives as faith-filled Christians and prepare for celebrating Easter.

Each week we have tried to provide information in this space on readily available faith formation resources – books, periodicals, lectures, websites, conferences, retreats, discussions and study groups. But we should add to this list one extremely important “resource” all of us have for expanding our awareness of who we are and why a solid relationship with God and the Church is so critical for our happiness and success: *the talent we all have to just sit and think!*

In this busy, busy age, filled as it is with constant messages, images, noise and pressures to do this or that, to buy this product or accept that opinion, we have to devote more time, to serious, honest, relaxed thought about the direction of our lives and what we might do to bring ourselves closer to God, especially in the days between our participation in Mass.

Lent is obviously a good time for all of this. While it is appealing to simply read another book or browse another website, we should not overlook the value of some “quality time” alone with our thoughts.

St. John's Book Discussion Group – March 15;

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, by Eric Metaxas. This relatively new biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer has won wide acclaim. Rev. Bonhoeffer was a theologian and leading critic of the Nazi regime in the 1930s. During the war he was associated with the group trying to overthrow Hitler. A profound and prolific thinker, his sense of duty as a pastor remained strong till the moment of his execution, as suggested by this quotation written from his prison cell in 1944: *I'm still discovering, right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing, we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God.*

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 11	7:00 a.m. Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	† Rev. Robert Turner
Sunday, February 12	11:00 a.m. Memorial	† Margaret Dada
	Memorial	† Terri St. Thomas
	5:00 p.m. Memorial	† Walter Mungovan
Monday, February 13	7:00 a.m. Memorial	† For the Parish
Tuesday, February 14	7:00 a.m. Memorial	† Barbara Colliton
Wednesday, February 15	7:00 a.m. Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
Friday, February 17	7:00 a.m. 10th Anniversary	† Arthur C. Doran
Saturday, February 18	5:00 p.m. 3rd Anniversary	† Joseph E. Scammon
Sunday, February 19	11:00 a.m. Memorial	† Virginia & Paul McElaney
	Memorial	† Christopher W. Wilson



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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 in the Chapel at 10:50-11:50 a.m. March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1. **Sign up and first rehearsal is March 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.

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

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

Come join us for the
Metrowest Homelessness Forum
Sunday, March 18, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at the Wellesley Congregational Village Church
2 Central Street, Wellesley
TOGETHER WE CAN HELP

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.

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

ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The offertory continues to be at 6.1% less than last year at this time. We need your help to reach our budget of \$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 over 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 15	6,430	14,966	
January 22	7,670	8,067	
January 29	8,408	10,022	
February 5	7,447	7,193	
TOTAL	\$256,660	\$ 273,074	(\$16,414) or (6.1%)

<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July-February 5	\$357,607	\$ 433,850	82.4% of our Budget

PASTORAL PLANNING AND THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

Information about the proposed pastoral plan for churches in our Archdiocese has been publicized over the past several weeks. Go to the St. John the Evangelist website for easy access to the information previously in the bulletin, and for links to all RCAB material:

<http://saintjohnwellesley.org/proposed-pastoral-collaborative>

The Archdiocese has stressed that this is a *proposed draft*, with consultation rounds for input from all members. Every parishioner is encouraged to reflect on the challenges and possibilities of this proposal. Now is the time to voice your opinions, concerns, support and/or constructive criticism.

The APPC (Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission) has provided "Consultation Homework," seven questions to help us prepare our response to the proposed pastoral plan. Your answers to these questions and others you may have are critical to preparing feedback to the Commission

1. Does the combination we are proposing for the Parish you are associated with seem to meet this goal of improving evangelization? (Why or Why Not?)
2. Remembering that our objectives are to be more welcoming, nourishing, thriving and evangelizing communities than we already are. What are the **advantages** of this combination, not only for your parish but for the parishes included in your collaborative.
3. What are the **possible problems** with the parishes we are proposing collaborating/sharing a pastoral staff together? Please share any real pitfalls you could identify. (Please share any historical, social, or cultural information that should be taken into consideration.) Is there any kind of information you would need to be supplied to you, to help you provide a fuller answer to this question?
4. Remembering the general criteria set out in order to achieve the ideas of Fairness, Partnership, Financial Viability, and Pastoral Effectiveness, do you have **comments on the criteria used or ways to improve the 6 measurements** discussed during our session?
5. Keeping the criteria used and the overall goals in mind, do you have **a better idea about parish combinations with your parish** that seem more workable to you and why?
6. Are there **other criteria** that should be taken into account specific to your parish and geography?
7. We would be receptive to any general suggestions about **multi parish pastoring** that you feel would help APPC in making it's ultimate recommendation to Cardinal Sean and the Diocese.

Please let us hear from you!

This can be done through the St. John Pastoral Planning Group (PPG) email or individual members, or written and placed in a "Comments Box" placed at both entrances to the church. Current members of the PPG: Carolyn Anderson, John Calcio, Rose Mary Donahue, Svea Fraser, Gerald J. Kehoe (Chair), Dan Kenslea, Mike Nilles, Sister Evelyn Ronan and Fr. Tom Powers.

Pastoral Planning Group Email: PPG@stjohnwellesley.org

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 12	Sunday	RCIA	10:00 a.m., Rectory
February 14	Tuesday	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
February 16	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel

SERVICE COMMISSION

ROSIE'S PLACE: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Due to your most generous response to the request for food, St. John's Parish provided a hot meal on February 4th for 150 needy women at Rosie's Place. Saturday, March 3rd 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. on March 3. In order to plan appropriately, it would be helpful to have the offers of food by February 27. If you are interested in supporting this event and for specific needs, please contact Barbara Tully at btully87@comcast.net, (781)235-6182 or Pam McCourt at mccourtspam@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!*

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.

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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