

## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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### *Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 25, 2012*



#### **ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS**

Now is your opportunity for much-needed input regarding the proposed Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for our parishes.

Open forums to discuss the proposed plan will be held after *every* Mass on **March 24 & 25** as well as Monday evening, **March 26** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

This will be an opportunity for **EVERYONE** to review the proposed draft, to ask questions and to offer their comments.



#### *St. John's 2012 Lenten Gift Collection*

*~ This Weekend ~*

#### 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, March 25**

Grade 2 Mass 8:45 AM

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

### Next Week:

#### **Sunday, April 1**

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Middle School Day of Reflection 2:00 PM,  
BC Alumni House

Grades 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Grade 9 Friends for Good\* 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Grades 9 & 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, April 4**

Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 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.

**ATTENTION ACTORS:** Seeking Actors/Actresses grade 3 and older to help “perform” the Passion Play at the 8:45 am Family Mass Palm on Sunday, April 1. Attendance at one rehearsal Saturday 3/31, from 9:00 am - 12:00 is required/mandatory. Confirmation candidates earn 5 hours of community service credit. For information and registration please contact Maria Wardwell, at 781-237-2148, or [maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org).



**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. 2 rehearsals remain and are held at 10:50-11:50 a.m. March 25 and April 1 in the Chapel. The children will sing at the 9:00 AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday, April 8. For more information call Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148 or [maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org).

**EARLY MORNING GRACE:** The last of Stephen Brown's talks on *St. Augustine's Sermons on Lent - Forgiveness* will be held Tuesday, March 27, 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Lent is coming to its conclusion, the joyous celebration of Easter is two weeks away. This is a great time for some serious reading and reflection. Deciding how to focus on the great mysteries of Holy Week can be a challenge; thus we offer the following suggestions.

1) The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all include accounts of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The “passion narratives” constitute in each gospel the longest consecutive series of events recounted about the life of our Lord. As often as we have read or heard the accounts, there is obviously tremendous value in quietly and thoughtfully reviewing one or more of these gospels. Almost all bibles have good explanatory footnotes and links to relevant old testament passages. Many who cannot attend daily Mass take five minutes to ponder the readings for the day, which are easily available on the website of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org). From now to Easter we read from John's gospel.

2) Our collection of books and periodicals in the lower level of the church contains a rich and varied assortment that should be appealing to all, whatever your interests and time constraints. There are commentaries on the passion, reflections on the Eucharist, theological analyses on the death of Jesus and the cross as elements in God's plan of redemption, accounts of the spiritual journeys of both ordinary people and saints, books with suggestions and ideas on developing a more fruitful spiritual life, and items on a host of other topics. The collection, which is growing, is still small enough to browse. So take ten minutes and sign out something that seems appropriate for you in this glorious season.

3) Although the title *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests a very large book that is “heavy” and somewhat dull, if you have not looked at the volume published by the Vatican in 1994 (under the direction of then Cardinal Ratzinger) you will be pleasantly surprised. It is a very readable exposition of the doctrine of the Catholic Church designed quite simply to “help deepen understanding of faith”.

Part one of the Catechism is essentially organized around the creed, and chapter two is entitled “I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.” In about forty pages the book lays out the essential conclusions of the Church on the details of exactly what we believe about Jesus. Spending an hour or two with these forty pages is a rich experience. We have downloaded the chapter from the Vatican website (where you can get the whole catechism) and would be happy to send you a Word document that you can either print or read on your computer screen. Contact John Stewart at 617 969 0950 or [johnstewart@alum.bu.edu](mailto:johnstewart@alum.bu.edu).

As always the Faith Formation Commission would love your ideas for projects and programs we might consider for the parish, particularly things we might do in the summer or fall.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

§	Saturday, March 24	7:00 a.m.	25th Anniv.	†	Nancy O'Donnell Lane
	Sunday, March 25	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Sheila N. Young
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
	Monday, March 26	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Marie Earley
	Tuesday, March 27	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Frank George
§	Wednesday, March 28	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	John Barron
	Saturday, March 31	5:00 p.m.	8th Anniv.	†	Vernon Young
	Sunday, April 1	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Bridget T. Keaney
			Memorial	†	John & Elisabeth O'Hearn

### The Light Is On For You... Sacrament of Reconciliation In the Chapel

**Every Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. and  
Every Saturday, 3:30-4:00 p.m.**



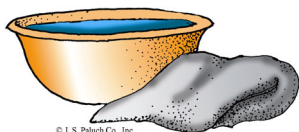
**KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
**Henry R. Alexander** who has gone home to God.  
May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the  
fullness of life and peace with God.

**EASTER CANDY COLLECTION:** The Parish will be collecting your donations of Easter candy at all Masses the weekend of March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The candy will be used to fill Easter baskets for the families residing in the shelters operated by St. Mary's Women's and Children's Center in Dorchester. Easter baskets for 130 children and moms will be assembled by Religious Education students in grades 7 – 10 and delivered to St. Mary's before Easter morning. **Thank you for your generosity!**



### HOLY THURSDAY

**A Special Invitation** - As you know, a part of this celebration is a sacred ritual, cherished for generations; a dramatization of Eucharistic love - Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Each year this **servicing love** of Jesus is re-enacted to enable each of us to enter into it more deeply. If you would like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in our Church 'gathering space.' We encourage you to consider sharing in this graced experience. For those who volunteer, further details will be sent to you, before April 5. **Thank you**



**EVENING FOR WOMEN:** A Journey into the Heart of Prayer in St. John's Gospel Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3, 6:30 p.m., Social Hall & Chapel. A truly blessed way to begin the 'holiest' of weeks in the entire year. We will enter into the 'Upper Room' and in doing so, truly enter into the heart of Jesus. Moderator: Sr. Evelyn Ronan.  
**All welcome. Bring your favorite spring recipe!**

Holy Week and Easter are rapidly approaching and Parish Choir rehearsals are in progress. This is a marvelous opportunity to blend your voice in song with the other voices in the choir during some of the most important and solemn days of the year. Rehearsals take place on Sunday evenings (March 25 and April 1), 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the Music Office.

**Please join us!**



## ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
March 4	9,560	11,805		
March 11	8,177	7,486		
March 18	8,815	8,875		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$304,626</b>	<b>\$ 325,737</b>	<b>(\$21,111) or (6.5%)</b>	
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Last Year to Date</u>
July-March 18	\$386,115	\$ 433,850	89% of our Budget	\$420,289





## St. John's 2012 Lenten Gift Collection

St. John's parish will again show its solidarity with others who are in need by collecting funds for a Lenten gift. Our Lenten gift strengthens each of us individually and the parish as a community of faith, as we give witness to Christ's call to "Love one another. As I have loved you" (John 13:34). We ask that you be as generous as you can this weekend as we designate our second collection to this effort.

**"Giving Hope" – Supporting East African Refugees Fleeing Drought and Famine** has been selected as this year's gift. Throughout Lent, the story of the plight of the east African refugees arriving in Kenya from Somalia has been told in the bulletin and presented on the parish web site ([stjohnwellesley.org](http://stjohnwellesley.org)).

The Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya are a critical step in the resettlement process as Somali families seek food, basic medical treatment, and a safer environment after a very arduous and dangerous trek. The situation which has become dire as a result the worst drought conditions in over 60 years, continues to be challenging as the numbers burgeon, but the Dadaab refugee camps offer hope and are making a difference.

CRS has been selected as the recipient of our gift. As an "on the ground" charity, CRS is able to identify the greatest needs and direct our gift to these priorities. CRS is able to navigate on the ground in a very tenuous setting to ensure that the aid is successfully distributed.

### How donations are used

Donations are critical to assuring a healthy environment for refugees. Your donations are critical to immunization programs, sanitation infrastructure, and ongoing sanitation supplies.

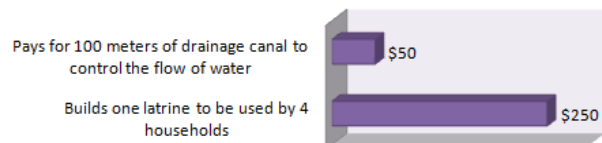
#### Immunizations



#### Sanitation Supplies



#### Sanitation Infrastructure



**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. **This Sunday, March 25**, 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](mailto:Liz.phillips@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

March 25	Sunday	RCIA	10:00 a.m., Rectory
		Faith Maps	3:00 p.m., Parish Center
March 26	Monday	Pastoral Planning Meeting	7:30 p.m., Social Hall
March 27	Tuesday	Early Morning Grace	7:30-9:00 a.m., Social Hall
		Marian Movement	7:00 p.m., Chapel
March 28	Wednesday	The Light is On for You - Reconciliation	6:30-8:00 p.m., Chapel
		Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton	7:30 p.m., Parish Center
March 29	Thursday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel
March 30	Friday	Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m., Chapel



**EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC:** Would you like to make a donation towards our Easter music or Easter flowers in memory of a loved one during this holy season? If so, you may make a donation by using your offertory envelopes, the collection basket, Parish Pay, or dropping your donation off at the rectory or in the mail. Please make sure to include the name of the person you want remembered in this special way.



**Thank you!**

### 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



### SAINT JOHN SCHOOL 2012 MARCH MADNESS AUCTION

#### Let's Make This A Slam Dunk For Our School!

Our auction will be held on Friday March 30th at the Wellesley Country Club. All alumni parents and parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sponsorship opportunities are available. There will be silent and live auctions, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, and much more! Please contact Susan Calcio at [susan\\_calcio@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_calcio@yahoo.com) for more information. *Thank you for your support!*

### PARISH DIRECTORY

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Steve St. Thomas

### Parish Pastoral Council:

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