



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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God, give me a heart of playfulness while I am away from the regular responsibilities of my life.

Give me a spirit of adventure - a spirit that is ready to try new things, taste new food, experience new people.

Give me courage to do the unexpected and untried

Give me a desire to delight in what is new and different, knowing that I will return fuller for having been bold enough to stretch myself out.

I ask this for the sake of your love.

Amen.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

7:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.;

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.*

One Parish's Welcome



This welcoming message, originating from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Daytona Beach, Florida, has recently found it's way to many parishes:

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, *yo no habla Ingles*. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!"

St. John's, in the same spirit, welcomes everyone with open arms and open hearts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: Religious Education registration packets are available for download on the Parish website found at www.stjohnwellesley.org. As a reminder, all 10th grade Catholic school students planning to be Confirmed in 2013 must fully participate in the second year of the Parish Religious Education Program.

We are always looking for teachers who are willing to teach grades 5, 7 and 9. If you are interested, please contact the religious education office at 781.235.5337 (grade 5) or 781.237.0141 (grades 7 & 9).

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially

Ann, Brian, Elizabeth, George, Hamilton, Jim, JoAnne, Kay, Mary and Moira.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Clare Murphy who has gone home to God.
May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Next week we will resume our weekly notices of faith formation programs, events and activities. Our hope remains that through these notices we can provide members of the parish with helpful information about opportunities not only at St. John's but at neighboring parishes and at Boston College and other colleges.

Today we want to alert everyone that the St. John's Book Discussion Group will gather in early September to discuss Flannery O'Connor and her first book, *Wise Blood*. Flannery O'Connor has become very popular since her premature death in 1964 at the age of thirty-nine. A Catholic writer of novels, short stories and essays and woman who carried on extensive correspondence with many leading literary and religious figures of the day, Ms. O'Connor has been seen as sometimes controversial, often inspirational and always extremely interesting.

There is no formal "membership" in the book discussion group. To become involved simply send an email to the address below.

St. John's Faith Formation Commission
(Email: AFFC@stjohnwellesley.org)

Workshop on Visiting the Sick



Starting Wednesday, October 3 and running for six weeks (Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 and Nov 7, 14), a workshop on Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound will be offered at St. John the Evangelist from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Kelly Dunn, a Certified Chaplain and former Director of Health Care Ministry for the Archdiocese, presently serving as the Coordinator of Nursing Home Ministry at Holy Family Parish in Concord, will teach the workshop.

The workshop will include a review of communications skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and other care giving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call (781) 235-0045.

Pre registration is required.

Please note that our weekly bulletin is accessible on our Parish website at www.stjohnwellesley.org.



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: If you have an item to be considered for bulletin publication, please submit it in writing to the rectory office before **Tuesday, noon.**

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NEW PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

If you are just beginning to worship with us at St. John Church, WELCOME!

We invite you to register as members of our Parish. You may drop your completed information in the basket, or return it to our Parish office. Please introduce yourselves when you have a chance!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

☐ **THIS IS A NEW REGISTRATION** (You will be sent a complete registration card)

☐ **THIS IS AN UPDATE FOR:**

☐ *Change of Name*

☐ *Moving out of Parish*

☐ *Change of Address*

☐ *Someone in Hospital*

☐ *Send envelopes*

☐ *Someone Homebound*

Not a Catholic?

**Thinking about becoming
a Catholic?**

Baptized but not confirmed?

**Catholic but want to know more
about the Catholic faith?**

CONSIDER THIS: The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** offers you the opportunity to come and see what it's all about. The RCIA is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join as you discover more about our Catholic faith: the decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home.

We will convene in October from ten to eleven in the Church Rectory on Sunday mornings.

The Catholic faith community at St. John's Church looks forward to your response. Please contact the Church Office at (781) 235-0045 or Svea Fraser at sveafraser@comcast.net, (781) 237-7560.



SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, Fr. Desmond Tynan, a visiting diocesan priest from the Society of St. James, will give us some insight into the state of the missions in South Africa. The Society, founded by Cardinal

Cushing in 1958, has about forty members serving in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. Each year a few members come north to spread the word about their missionary work and to appeal for donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information on the Society of St. James visit their website: www.socstjames.com.

MARIAN MOVEMENT *Continues throughout the*



summer. Every **Tuesday**, for those with special devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are invited to pray the Rosary, 7 p.m., in the Chapel.

SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

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

ST. JOHN PARISH

Business Office HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SO OTHERS MAY EAT (S.O.M.E.): St. John's provides hundreds of sandwiches on the 4th & 5th (when there is one) Sundays of each month for the Bristol Lodge in Waltham. **Next Sunday, August 26** is our opportunity to help them. If you have questions, please



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

contact Liz Phillips at (781)237-4430 or Liz.Phillips@comcast.net.

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.

2012 CATHOLIC APPEAL **The Good Samaritan is You!**



St. John Parish has raised \$51,695 (or 75% of our goal of \$68,853). Consider making your pledge this weekend. Information packets with pledge forms are at the Church entrance.

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.

When traveling within the United States, call
1-800-MASSTIME or visit **www.masstimes.org** for the
location and schedule of a nearby church for Mass.

Banns of Marriage:
Jane Parker and Derek DeMarco **I**

Please contact the Rectory if you know someone who is homebound, sick or hospitalized.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. MASS: Our regular Mass schedule will resume the weekend of September 8-9.
However, the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass will not revert back to 8:45 a.m., but will remain at 9:00 a.m.
Our regular weekend Mass schedule will be: **Saturdays** at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m., **9:00 a.m.**, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, August 18	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Kevin Conway
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† William Barrett, Sr.
Sunday, August 19	7:30 a.m.	Anniversary	† Theodore Merlo
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† For the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Agnes Marx
		Memorial	† Sam S. Mullin
		Memorial	† Alice and Irwin Bofferding
		Memorial	† Adeline and Elmer Swanson
Monday, August 20	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Martha Toner
Tuesday, August 21	7:00 a.m.	Anniversary	† Mary Ellen Ehret
Wednesday, August 22	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
Friday, August 24	7:00 a.m.	20th Anniv.	† Leo Doherty
Saturday, August 25	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Katherine Regan
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Russell A. Benigno
Sunday, August 26	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	† Mark Shea Garrity
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Walter Love
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Al Natario
		Memorial	† Sheila N. Young
		Memorial	† Peter Howard-Johnson
		Memorial	† Mary Ann Murray

PARISH DIRECTORY

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