



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

Serving Wellesley - Newton

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 23, 2012

St. John's Parish Family Picnic Brunch



*Start the new season by joining us.
We will have pancakes along with games,
pony rides, a petting zoo, and more!
We look forward to seeing you there!*

~ ***WELCOME WEEKEND*** ~

***This weekend, St. John Parish lifts high
the banner of WELCOME!***

WELCOME to one and all as we celebrate the life
of this community and the countless ways this life
continues to grow and deepen in faith and love and
service.

To our visitors, to those who have recently moved
into the area, and to those for whom the Parish is
your spiritual home, a warm *welcome*.

**Each September is always a new beginning!
Come, join us to make this year the best!**

REGULAR 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.
and 5:00 p.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.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Class Schedule

Classes for all grades will begin as follows:

Grades 1 – 6: Sunday, 9/23, from 10 – 10:45 AM

Grades 7 – 10: Sunday, 9/23, from 6 – 8 PM

A final calendar was included in the information recently mailed to all families.

Opening Day Procedures

Grades 1 - 6

- Assignments will be posted on the wall in alphabetical order.
- Parents should accompany their children to their classrooms, which will have class lists posted.
- Parents, please introduce yourselves to your child(ren)'s teachers.
- Volunteers will be available in the corridors to help guide parents and students to classes.
- If you have not filled out a registration form and/or have not paid your registration fee, please report to the registration desk in Philbin Hall.
- Students will be dismissed to the coned off area in the parking lot to be picked up, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.
- As a reminder, dismissal times are **10:45 AM** on Sunday and **4:45 PM** on Wednesday.

Grades 7 – 10

Classes meet Sunday evening, as scheduled, from 6–8PM

All 9th and 10th grade students should report to Philbin Hall in the lower level of St. John's School at 6PM for room assignments.

All 7th and 8th grades students should report at 6PM to the Parish Center located across the parking lot from the school for room assignments.

Please be considerate and register your child prior to the first class meeting. We may not be able to accommodate your child in the most appropriate classroom (i.e. with children from his/her elementary school, or with friends) if you do not register in advance. Wednesday classes for several grades are at maximum capacity and are now closed.

Registration packets were sent to all families currently participating in the Religious Education Program. The information contained in this mailing, including the registration form, is available on the Parish web site www.stjohnwellesley.org. A \$25 per child late fee should now be added to any registration fee owed. As a reminder, Catholic school students planning to be Confirmed in 2013 must fully participate in the second year of the Parish Religious Education Program.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Calendar

September 25: "Introducing the Bible Today: Challenges and Opportunities", Richard Clifford, SJ, professor of Old Testament and Pheme Perkins, professor of Theology, Boston College; Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, 5:30 p.m.

September 27: "Workshop on Ballot Question # 2, Proposal to Allow Physician Assisted Suicide", St. Mary's Parish, Waltham, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.. Doctors, lawyers and ethicists will discuss the proposal. To register write to anncussan@rcab.org. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the details of this proposal, which we must all work to defeat. See <http://www.stopassistedsuicide.org>

October 2: Program for Women; Nourishing faith's journey through an evening of reflection and sharing and a wonderful potluck - Church Social Hall, 6:30 p.m. start - **all welcome. See details below.**

October 6: Men's Group; Moderator, Deacon Tom Smith; St. John's Social Hall; 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Group meets the first Saturday of each month, after 7:00 a.m. Mass for informal discussions on questions of concern to Catholics. Coffee and donuts are served.

October 11: Book Discussion Group, *Voting and Holiness: Catholic Perspectives on Political Participation*, edited by Nicholas Cafardi; St. John's Parish Center, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This will be a discussion, an effort at enlightenment, of the ways in which our views and opinions on public issues are shaped or conditioned by our religious beliefs, and the kind of involvement the Church should have in the political process.

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

Program for Women 2012-13: This year's theme focuses us on the **door of faith**, always open for us, beckoning us to rediscover more about the core of faith as love offered and accepted, an invitation to ponder the biblical revelation of love and say 'yes'! Through reflection, prayer, sharing with a fabulous potluck, we will enter that **door of faith** together every first Tuesday evening, beginning October 2, 6:30 start. Moderator: Sr. Evelyn Ronan, SND All Welcome! (Bring one of your favorite Fall recipes)

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Workshop on Visiting the Sick: Starting Wednesday, October 3 and running for six weeks (Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 and Nov 7, 14). This workshop is offered at St. John the Evangelist from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Kelly Dunn will teach the workshop, and it 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 contact the Rectory if you know someone who is homebound, sick or hospitalized.



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE- Pre-School through Grade 6: We invite you to visit Saint John School on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. or from 6:30-8:00 p.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 or contact Principal Kathi Aldridge at 781-235-0300.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration 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.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE WORKSHOPS

Below is a schedule of workshops on physician assisted suicide in our area. These workshops are a part of the strategic campaign to educate practicing Catholics on the dangers of assisted suicide and the flaws in Ballot Question 2. Doctors, lawyers and ethicists will discuss the bill. To register for a workshop, please contact ann.cussen@rcab.org.

St. Mary, Waltham - September 27, 7-9 p.m.

St. Patrick, Natick - October 15, 7-9 p.m.

St. Columbkille, Brighton - October 18, 7-9 p.m.



**It's easy, it's safe,
and it's better for
St. John's.**

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.

ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

WATCH FOR OUR ANNUAL APPEAL MAILING THIS WEEK!

Finance Council Members will be at all the Masses the weekend of Sept 29-30 to report

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	
September 2	7,769	9,241	
September 9	9,117	9,548	
September 16	7,424	9,245	
TOTAL	\$81,888	\$84,693	(\$2,805) or (3.3%)
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	
July 1- September 21	26,856	\$433,700	(6%)

Banns of Marriage: Katherine Dugan and Joseph Cummings III
Jennifer Sullivan and Michael Mattia I

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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. This fall **Project Rachel** will offer "Come to the Waters" post-abortion healing retreats on Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 17, 2012. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Trust in the tender mercy of God!



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

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.

This Sunday, September 23 and next Sunday, 30 are our next opportunities to help them. If you have questions, please contact Liz Phillips at (781)237-4430 or Liz.Phillips@comcast.net.

MARIAN MOVEMENT - Pray the Rosary
Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: During September, there is an opportunity to add new members to the Parish Pastoral Council. We ask that you carefully consider whom you believe would enjoy serving in this way. Having considered the qualifications and responsibilities and described below, we encourage you to nominate your self or another parishioner. Once we have collected and confirmed the nominations, we will draw four adult members for a three-year term from names submitted.

Qualifications: (1) Be a Catholic who is registered and active in the Parish, (2) Participate in the sacramental life of the Church, (3) Be 18 years of age or older.

Responsibilities: The normal term of a Parish Council member is three years. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

As a consultative body, the Parish Pastoral Council is responsible to the pastor, assisting and supporting him in his leadership role. It recognizes the varied gifts of the parish members and invites them to an active leadership role in the parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please submit this portion with your nomination(s) to the ballot box at the Church entrance or to the Rectory office as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration. Nominations will close on Monday, October 1, 2012.

Please consider for nomination to our Parish Pastoral Council the following:

Name

Address (optional)

Name

Address (optional)

Name

Address (optional)



**Basilica of the Annunciation
Nazareth**

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, who was with us for the month of July, invites you to walk in the footsteps of Jesus with him on a pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land. The Itinerary is based on his numerous trips to Israel since 1983, his 18 month residency in Israel, and his experience preaching and teaching Scripture over the last 35 years.

Visit:

- Nazareth: the Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well
- Peter's house in Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes
- the Dead Sea, Qumran, the Decapolis City of Beth Shean
- Golgotha, the Holy Sepulchre, 1st century ruins in the Old City
- Bethany, Bethpage, the City of David
- the Mount of Olives, the Bethesda Pools
- the Garden of Gethsemane, Caiphas' Palace
- the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Herodion of Herod
- His port city of Caesarea Maritima and much more.

Journey with us May 30–June 10, 2013. The Deposit Deadline is 30 November, 2012. For more information and a brochure contact the Parish Office.

Blessing of the Animals



**All loved animals are welcome -
real, toy and photo!**

**Sunday, September 30
1pm**

Behind the Church

*For their safety, all real animals should be leashed or in a carrier.
Please consider donating gently used blankets and towels for local animal shelters.*

Be an Altar Server at St John!



Tuesday, September 25 & Wednesday, September 26,
Deacon Tom Smith will be training Altar Servers in the
upper church from **3:30- 5:00 pm**

Any child who has made his or her First Communion is
eligible to serve.

Interested children should attend both sessions, and servers
must be available to serve the following Saturday or Sunday
(9/29 or 9/30) at Mass.

Contact Anne Connors, 781-237-0565 or
anneconnors@verizon.net for registration or questions.

WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

	Saturday September 22	Sunday, September 23			
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Powers	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Powers	Fr. McMillan	Fr. Hehir
Deacon	—	—	—	—	—
Lector	Sally Miller	Fergus McCann	—	Corinne Spinale	Art Greenwood
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Boyce Brian Boyce Paul Cronin Anne DiFilippo	Karl Benedict Pat Benedict John J. Riley	Mimi Eldridge Tim Murphy Maryann Murphy Jim Stokes Regina Watts	Carole Crino Christine Hayes Jon Bonsall Kathy Bonsall Ann Swanson	Liz Corcoran Patrick Dowdall Susanne Dowdall
Altar Servers	Arianna Baffa	Charlie Mahoney Ward Mahoney	Daniel Scherrer Andrew Scherrer Allie Boucher (new server)	Thomas Piccione Paul Fantozzi	Elizabeth Dew Lucy Calcio (new server)

Update from the St John Pastoral Planning Group

As you may remember, this past Spring our Parish was asked to provide feedback to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission (The **APPC**) on the proposal to align St. John's with St. Paul's Parish in one of over 100 pastoral collaborative units the Archdiocese is proposing to create. More background information about the proposal, as well as our Parish's Report to the Archdiocese on the proposal, can be found on St. John's website under the "Proposed Pastoral Collaborative" link on the home page. All parishes in the Archdiocese were asked to provide such reports as feedback, and the APPC and others in the Archdiocese have spent the Summer reviewing these and assessing the proposals in light of this feedback.

In May, the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Archdiocese, Fr. David Couturier, who many of you will remember came to talk with our Parish on this topic, was assigned to a teaching post in Rome. The Cardinal has appointed Fr. Paul Soper, of St. Albert the Great Parish in Weymouth, as Interim Director of Pastoral Planning. (Many of you may remember Fr. Soper from his tenure here at St. John's as Associate back in the 90's). Fr. Soper has been a member of the APPC since its inception.

On August 30th, the APPC released both its recommendations as well as a Summary Report which was published in the **Pilot** on September 14. Here is a link to the Summary Report.

<http://thebostonpilot.com/article.asp?ID=15113>

While the new recommendations in many ways follow those in the original proposal, there are some important changes. The centrality of Parish life to the Mission of the Church in our Archdiocese is strongly re-affirmed. The expectation is that the process of forming the 135 collaboratives will occur in four phases, over 4 to 6 years, with the first phase of ideally 15 parishes beginning soon. The parishes in this first phase will be distributed geographically throughout the Archdiocese and will consist of parishes "chosen specifically for their readiness to begin the implementation of this Pastoral Plan and for what they can offer to other parishes in the Archdiocese in terms of learning from their experience." The APPC hopes to be able to use the first phase of the process as learning and training tool for later phases. The APPC has also made many strong recommendations that the Archdiocese add staff and develop intensive education and training tools to assist parishes in this process.

Unlike the initial proposal, the new recommendation does not take a strong stance on whether the new pastor of the collaborative should come from one of the existing pastors or should be a new pastor from outside the collaborative, but asks the Cardinal to be mindful of a number of qualities needed in the pastor of the new collaborative structure. Also "The Commission recommends that religious and laity, as well as clergy, be formally involved in the assignment process of pastors. It further recommends the return to the consultation process that was used in parishes in anticipation of the assignment of a new pastor."

The St. John's Pastoral Planning Group encourages all of our parishioners to read the summary report from the Pilot, or to view the full recommendation on the RCAB website or at this link.

<http://www.planning2012.com/>

We will be sure to keep you informed as we learn more about the impact of the new recommendations on the future collaboration between St. John the Evangelist and St Paul's Parishes.

The Pastoral Planning Group

*Carolyn Anderson, John Calcio, Rose Mary Donohue, Svea Fraser,
Gerry Kehoe (Chair), Dan Kenslea and Mike Nilles*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	September 23	Family Picnic Brunch	After morning Masses	
Tuesday	September 25	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday	September 27	Adoration	2:00-6:00 p.m.	Chapel

SAVE THESE DATES:

*September 30, Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 p.m.
December 8, Trees & Trimmings*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially: *Ann, Brian, Elizabeth, George, Hamilton, Helen, Jim, JoAnne, Kay, Mary and Moira.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, September 22	7:00 a.m.	Anniversary	†	Nancy E. Pfannestiehl
	5:00 p.m.	11th Anniversary	†	Frank Tartaro
Sunday, September 23	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Joseph V. Pignatiello Jr.
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Grace Maloney-Shiel
	11:00 a.m.	1st Anniversary	†	Joseph G. Murphy
		Anniversary	†	Mark and Nora Ridge
		Memorial	†	Deborah Orr
		Memorial	†	Eileen Doherty
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Richard Murphy
Monday, September 24	7:00 a.m.	Anniversary	†	Dennis Kelly
Tuesday, September 25	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Geoffrey Buzzell
Wednesday, September 26	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Oscar St. Thomas
Thursday, September 27	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
Friday, September 28	7:00 a.m.	Healing	†	Fran Angino
Saturday, September 29	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Mattingley
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Daniel Macdonald
Sunday, September 30	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Stephen J. Ridge
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	John Berry
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	John Carlin
		Memorial	†	Sheila N. Young
		Memorial	†	Christopher Parente
		Memorial	†	Rosalie & Margaret Orr
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Charles Regan

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Religious Education, Grades 7-10	Jane Leonard	781-237-0141
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