



## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

Serving Wellesley - Newton

9 Glen Road  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

[www.stjohnwellesley.org](http://www.stjohnwellesley.org)

781-235-0045

(email) [st-johns@comcast.net](mailto:st-johns@comcast.net)

(fax) 781-235-6990

Image painted by Anne Bell Robb/Kedron Design

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 14, 2012*

### Physician Assisted Suicide

“Our society will be judged by how we treat those who are ill and the infirm. They need our care and protection, not lethal drugs. Suicide is always a tragedy.

*A vote for assisted suicide  
would be a vote for suicide.”*

— Cardinal Sean O'Malley



For information go to  
[www.stopassistedsuicide.org](http://www.stopassistedsuicide.org)

#### 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

### This Week:

#### **Sunday, October 14**

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM  
Grade 2 Parent Meeting/Visit  
Grade 7, 8, 9 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Grade 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, October 17**

Grades 1- 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM  
Grade 2 Parent Meeting/Visit

### Next Week:

#### **Sunday, October 21**

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM



Film Night at St. John's *postponed* until Saturday, November 10 after the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass.

**Save the Date!**

### †**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FOOD PANTRY**

Collection of non-perishable items



**This weekend** (and every second Sunday), **October 14**. Please bring your donations to our Glen Road entrance. Contact Angela Spinale (781-431-0008) with questions.



**The Station of the Cross**  
**1060 AM WQOM Boston**

### **SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES**

**Adoration:** *Thursdays 2-6 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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Scripture Study: There are several small scripture study groups in the parish. They are using books published by Ignatius Press, which include extensive explanatory footnotes and suggested questions and points for discussion. For information on creating a new group or joining one of the existing groups contact Pat Kelleher, 781-237-4616, [npkell@gmail.com](mailto:npkell@gmail.com).

“Workshops on Ballot Question # 2, Proposal to Allow Physician Assisted Suicide”, Doctors, lawyers and ethicists will discuss the proposal. To register for one of the following forums write to [anncussan@rcab.org](mailto: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>

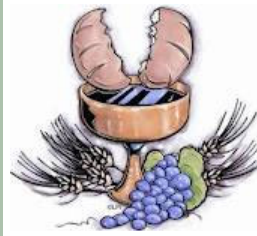
**Monday, October 15**, St. Patrick, Natick, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 18**, St. Columbkille, Brighton, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**October 16:** Catholic Spiritual Practices: A Treasury of Old and New”; Colleen Griffith and Thomas Groome; Boston College, Gasson Hall, room 100, 5:30 p.m.

**October 28:** Growing Our Faith through Story-Telling 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Parish Center. Contact Linda Colozzi for more information at (781) 552-9667

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



During this past year, St. John's has received a number of gifts in memory of Nancy Bernardo and Henry Richard Alexander. We will soon be using new communion cups which were given in their memory. We are very grateful to those who continue to remember them and others at St. John's

### **KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Anthony Pollino, son of Patrick & Lynne Pollino**  
who has gone home to God.

May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley is looking for new Eucharistic Ministers who desire to serve our elders once or twice a month depending on your availability. Mass is 11:00 AM daily. We will train you. If you are interested, please contact: Chaplain, Linda Colozzi – 781 997-1119

**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!*

**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 anncussen@rcab.org.

**St. Patrick, Natick - October 15, 7-9 p.m.**  
**St. Columbkille, Brighton - October 18, 7-9 p.m.**

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend will be our **Special Monthly** for St. John the Evangelist Parish. As always, your continued generous support is most appreciated.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE:** From time to time, we will be giving you an update on what is happening around the grounds and the buildings of the Parish. In the middle of August, you probably noticed some activity around the Parish Center and at the entrance to the parking lot. Unfortunately, the sewer pipe from the Center to the street had disintegrated about forty feet from the building and also had been damaged and crushed by some tree roots closer to the street. This necessitated an unbudgeted expense of approximately \$ 24,000. The street and ground were dug up and new pipe from the building to the street were installed and the large tree was removed. At about the same time, our annual check up and changing of filters for the Air Handlers and Ventilation System was happening in the Church. The inspections uncovered some major issues with the motors that power this system resulting in the replacement or rebuilding of three major units. This project and the residual side effects have resulted in an additional cost of over \$ 10,000 of unbudgeted expense. Currently, you may have noticed work being done on four of the five entrances of the Church. Originally, this was to be cleaned and painted but upon further inspection, the columns and surrounding wood was found to have extensive rot from the rain and weather. The result is the removal of the wood and columns. These are being repaired and replaced with a fiberglass/cement product with a lifetime warranty and the appropriate materials to prevent this condition from reoccurring. On another issue, we are pleased to have made the switch, almost two years ago (September 2010), to heating the church with gas as we have realized substantial savings (approx 25%) in our heating expenses. As the Church continues to age, twelve years from our renovation date, we are beginning to experience many major repairs. We will continue to update you on the repairs and ongoing projects throughout the year.



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

Please note that our weekly bulletin is accessible on our Parish website at [stjohnwellesley.org](http://stjohnwellesley.org).

**ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	
September 16	7,424	9,245	
September 23	13,291	7,903	
September 30	7,869	11,637	
October 7	8,737	5,479	
<b>TOTAL</b> (July 1-Oct 7)	\$111,785	\$109,712	\$2,073 or 1.9%
<u>Annual Appeal</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	
July 1- October 7	75,041	\$433,700	17.3%

Oops—We apologize for the errors in 2012 offertory last week. The total should have been \$103,048 resulting in the difference from 2011 of (\$1,185) or (1.1%). This week, we are approximately \$2,000 over last year at the same time.





**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION:** Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the blessed sacraments is the greatest of all the sacrament (St. Alphonsus Liguori). Prayer nourishes the soul and opens our hearts to God's graces. There is nothing quite like personal and private prayer before the real presence of Christ in the Sacraments. We invite all to the Forty Hours Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist on Thursday, Friday and Saturday—October 25, 26 and 27. Hours of devotion will be from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and closing just before our 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass on Saturday. Benediction will begin thirty minutes before closing each day. You may contact Deacon Tom Smith with any questions.



**SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, October 21**

Do you know the date of your Baptism? Well, on that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you – and to be part of the Church's mission to the world. We are not all able to travel to foreign lands as St. Francis Xavier did. However, we can all make effort in our daily lives – through prayer and sacrifice – to support those men and women who are called to leave their homeland and preach the Good News of the Lord in a foreign land.

On World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and generous help offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



**HELP! We need our HYMNALS!**

Back in Oct. 1999 we ordered 35 brand new Ritual Song hymnals, Choir edition. Now we have only 11 of those hymnals. It would be of great help to the Parish Choir and Family Mass Music Group if missing hymnals could be returned. The choir edition of the hymnal is marked as such on the book spine, the book is thicker than the hymnal in the pews. The 2012 cost of the hymnal is \$24.50 each. If you have one of these hymnals you can return it anonymously to the organ/choir seating area in the church. Many thanks!!

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

**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.**

**JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!** Go to [www.stjohnwellesley.org](http://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.

**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.

**Our first gathering will be Sunday October 28 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church Rectory. You are warmly welcome to come. No RSVP needed.**

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](mailto:sveafraser@comcast.net), (781) 237-7560.

**CATHOLIC MEMORIAL**

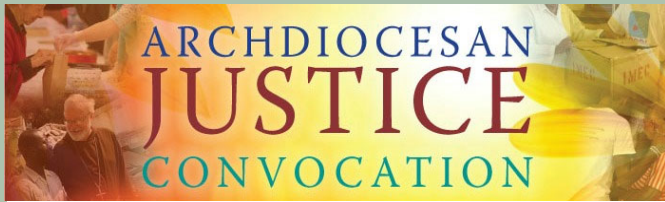
235 Baker Street  
West Roxbury, MA 02132  
Boys, Grades 7-12

**ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, October 21, 2012 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
(617) 469-8019 For Information

**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.

**ST. JOHN PARISH Business Office HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**



Saturday, October 27, 2012, 8:30am-1:30pm  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

66 Brooks Drive, Braintree  
Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap.  
to celebrate Mass

**Keynote Speech:**

Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Cabinet Secretary,  
Health & Social Services

**Keynote Panel:**

"Injustice of Physician-Assisted Suicide"

- Peter Cataldo, Chief Healthcare Ethicist, Archdiocese of Boston
- MC Sullivan, Director of Ethics, Covenant Health Systems
- Dr. Asif Merchant, Chief, Palliative Medicine, St. Elizabeth Medical Center

**Plus Workshops on:**

- **REFUGEES AND PARISHES:** Partners in Mission/ Mutuality/Solidarity
- **GLOBAL POVERTY:** Ways to Address Hunger Locally and Overseas
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:** From Charitable Works to Social Justice
- **PRISON MINISTRY:** Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration; A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice
- **CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:** from St. Francis to Pope Benedict: Protecting the Community of Life

Space is limited... Please register early!

For more information or to register online visit:

[www.bostoncatholic.org/JusticeConvocation2012.aspx](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/JusticeConvocation2012.aspx)

Contact: Office of Worship & Spiritual Life

617-779-3640 or [faithsharing@rcab.org](mailto:faithsharing@rcab.org)



**ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS!** Christmas Youth Choir sign-up and first rehearsal will take place Sunday, **October 28:** 10:50-11:50AM. All students in grade 1-8 are invited to participate. High School Assistants are also welcome (counts towards confirmation community service credit)! 7 Rehearsals will take place on the following dates: October 28, November 4, 18, and December 2, 9, 16, 23 10:50 -11:50 a.m.. December 23<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal is 10:00-11:00 a.m.. Children will participate in the Parish Christmas Concert 12/9 **AND/OR** Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Family Mass. All rehearsals are in St. John's Chapel. For more information, please call Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148.



**CatholicTV:** Verizon - 296, RCN - 85, Comcast - 268, Charter - 101

**WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS**

	Saturday October 13	Sunday, October 14			
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Powers	Fr. McMillan	Fr. Powers
<b>Deacon</b>	Deacon Shuler	—	Deacon Shuler	Deacon Smith	Deacon Smith
<b>Lector</b>	Angela Spinale	Joellen Toussaint	—	John Piccione	Art Greenwood
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey Debra Sumner Bart Celli Doris Celli	Karl Benedict Pat Benedict Corinne Monahan	Renee Curtin Jim Stokes Tim Murphy Maryann Murphy	Patrick Blomberg Christine Hayes Margaret Klingmeyer Richard Wright Ginny Wright Peter Mongeau	Liz Corcoran Paula Gomez Patrick Dowdall Susanne Dowdall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	—	—	—	—	—

## Better Ways to Care for the Dying

From The Pilot, September 21, 2012 • Vol. 183, No. 36 • \$1.00 [www.thebostonpilot.com](http://www.thebostonpilot.com) America's Oldest Catholic Newspaper  
Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley

Surely I shall never forget my first encounter with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It was in November of 1970 and I was teaching at Catholic University. We had received notice that the university was awarding an honorary doctorate to a missionary nun in the Caldwell Auditorium. Realizing that few people would bother to attend, I decided "to make the sacrifice" in solidarity with a fellow religious. Only a handful of people showed up. Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle presided and Eileen Egan, an early follower of Dorothy Day who was at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was charged with introducing the nun to the assembly. None of us had ever heard of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Eileen Egan described her first meeting with Mother Teresa in the streets of the slums of Calcutta. She described seeing a wheelbarrow containing the filthy body of a dying man covered with open sores filled with maggots. She said that it seemed that the wheelbarrow moved on its own. Then she spied the diminutive nun pushing it. She learned that Mother and her sisters, for twenty years had been gathering the dying people abandoned in the streets, carrying them to an old former Hindu temple and taking care of them so that they could die surrounded by love.

I remember looking around the auditorium and seeing many people crying as Eileen Egan described Mother Teresa's ministry to the dying. Soon the world was to learn about this amazing religious woman thanks to English journalist Malcolm Muggeridge's film and book, both called "Something Beautiful for God."

Mother Teresa is part of a long tradition of caring for the dying in our Church. In our own country we have the moving testimony of Rose Hawthorne, the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne from Massachusetts. Rose founded a religious order in the early 1900s to care for people dying of cancer. Here in the archdiocese, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Carmelites Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are excellent current examples of the Church's tradition of loving care for the dying.

In our community the hospice movement is an extraordinary service to those at the end stages of life and their families. Hospice was founded by a nurse in England, Cicely Saunders. She had worked as a volunteer at St. Luke's Home for the Dying Poor. She founded hospice to deal with the "total pain" of those who are dying. This includes not just physical suffering but the psychological and spiritual suffering people experience at the end of life. In 1971, Florence Wald left her position as dean of the Yale School of Nursing, to bring hospice to the United States.

Hospice was one of the first programs to use modern pain management techniques to care compassionately for the dying. Today there are almost 5,000 hospice programs in the United States with an organized team approach to professional care giving and 1.4 million people are enrolled in hospice care each year.

Hospice is not a place, but a concept of care. Eighty percent of hospice care is provided in the patient's home, a family member's home or a nursing home. Hospice cared for my Dad when he was dying. In my family, we are all grateful for the excellent care that hospice provided. The nurses and hospice workers truly ministered to the whole family.

Taking care of people at the end of their lives, giving palliative care to address the physical pain and bringing reassurance to people dealing with fear and frustration is truly doing something beautiful for God. How many times do we pray to our Blessed Mother, "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." At the hour of our death, we need prayers and support. In popular devotion, Saint Joseph is called the patron of a happy death because by tradition it is said that he died surrounded by the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary.

We all want what is best for our loved ones, especially at the end of life's journey. It is my hope that this series of reflections, to be posted on my blog and published in The Pilot, will demonstrate that physician assisted suicide is an assault on human dignity. It must never be seen as a viable alternative to hospice and palliative care that address not only people's pain but also their fears and frustration.

*The Archdiocese of Boston has developed an educational website on the Church's teachings on end of life issues, [www.SuicideIsAlwaysATragedy.org](http://www.SuicideIsAlwaysATragedy.org). The archdiocese is also part of a large coalition of groups from other faiths, from the medical community, and from disabilities rights groups that are advocating a No vote on Question 2. The coalition's website is [www.StopAssistedSuicide.org](http://www.StopAssistedSuicide.org).*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	October 16	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday	October 18	Adoration	2:00-6:00 p.m.	Chapel



**MARIAN MOVEMENT Pray the Rosary** for those with special devotion to the Blessed Mother **Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



	Saturday, October 13	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Mary Morrissey
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Members of the Doherty Family
	Sunday, October 14	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Elizabeth Flynn
		9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Frederick Mansour
		11:00 a.m.	9th Anniversary	†	Henri C. Seibert
			Memorial	†	Peggie Dada
			50th Anniv.	†	Howard & Kathleen Miller
			Memorial	†	John Lawler
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	John Cooney
	Monday, October 15	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Park S. Gerald
	Tuesday, October 16	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Edward Keefe
	Wednesday, October 17	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	D. Delvena Kloss & Mary Ellen Smith
	Friday, October 19	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
	Saturday, October 20	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Dorothy Mele
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Russell Benigno	
Sunday, October 21	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Michael Peretti	
	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	†	Hamilton	
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Agnes Marx	
		Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin	
		Memorial	†	Alice & Irwin Bofferding	
		Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson	
	5:00 p.m.	35th Anniv.	†	Janet E. McCann	

### PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Rev. Thomas F. Powers	781-235-0045
In Residence	Rev. J. Bryan Hehir	781-235-0045
Visiting Clergy	Rev. Robert G. McMillan, SJ	
Pastoral Associate	Sr. Evelyn Ronan, SND	781-235-0045
Deacon	Deacon Thomas A. Smith	781-235-6442
Deacon	Deacon Thomas Shuler	781-235-0045
Business Manager	Gail DeLuca	781-235-0045
Building Superintendent	David Linaryd	781-235-0045
Parish Secretary	Sarah Connolly	781-235-0045
St. John School Principal	Kathleen T. Aldridge	781-235-0300
Religious Ed. Teacher Development	Christine Tierney	781-237-0141
Religious Education, Grades 1-6	Linda Messoro	781-235-5337
Religious Education, Grades 7-10	Jane Leonard	781-237-0141
Music Director and Organist	Laurence Carson	781-235-0034
Parish Cantor	Marian Morrison	781-239-0174
Family Mass Music Director	Christopher Holownia	617-513-0823
Information Technology	Tricia Bombara	781-235-0045
Coordinator of R.C.I.A.	Svea Fraser	781-237-7560
Pastoral Planning Group		ppg@stjohnwellesley.org

### Parish Finance Council:

Sandy Avellone  
 Brian Boyce  
 Joe Creonte  
 George Eldridge  
 Tom Fontaine  
 Rich Green  
 Lucy Kapples  
 Bob McDonnell  
 David Spinale  
 Anne Stabnick  
 Steve St. Thomas (Chair)

### Parish Pastoral Council:

Maryellen Denning  
 Kate Donovan  
 Art Greenwood  
 Michael Holownia  
 Jack Kapples  
 Mark Kelley  
 Marci Loeber  
 Stephanie Morgan  
 Ed Nelson  
 Suzanne Pasko  
 Julie Pernokas  
 Jim Stokes (Chair)