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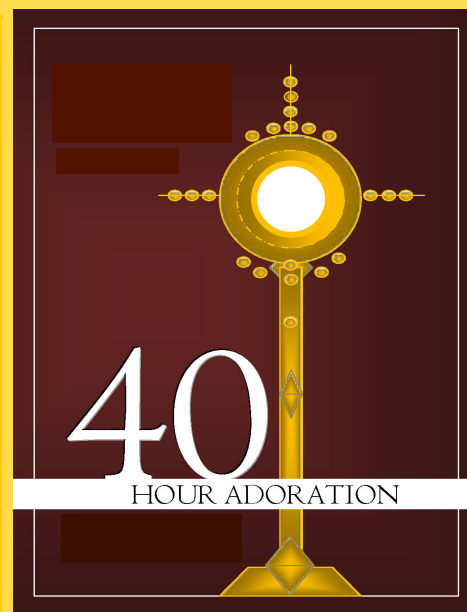
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 21, 2012

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

This Week

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.



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 21

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Next Week:

Sunday, October 28

Grade 2 Mass 9:00 AM

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Grade 10 Enrollment Mass 5:00 PM

Grade 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Grade 10 Friends for Good* 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Grade 9 & 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00

* 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.



Film Night at St. John's
Saturday, November 10
after the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass.
Save the Date!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LIBRARY

We invite you to visit our parish library on the ground floor, Ledyard St. entrance. The books are there for you. New books are purchased periodically. DONATIONS are welcomed: (current books, good condition, adult reading).

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 25: The Power of Boundless Compassion: An evening with Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J., author "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion". Boston College, Robsham Theatre, 7:00 p.m.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: "click on" "The Church in the 21st Century" to view lectures/workshops you can attend at B.C. Check out www.bc.edu/c21online for online minicourses.

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 (See details below)

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

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**.

GROWING OUR FAITH THROUGH STORY-TELLING: HIS STORY/OUR STORY

Sunday, October 28, 2012 • 1:00-4:00 p.m. • Parish Center



Growing Our Faith through Story-Telling is an afternoon workshop for those with a desire for deeper relationship with themselves, each other and with God. We will "come away with Christ" and allow the Holy Spirit to inform, reform and transform us through the stories we share with one another.....those in Scripture and those our own lives reveal to us. Everyone has a unique story of how Christ is....or is not present in their lives. These stories are an important and valuable part of our salvation history. Jesus is the Master Story-Teller who is calling us all this year to open and walk through the door of faith. Let us explore what that means together in a sacred space where we can be ourselves, have fun and allow God to love us. Come join us for this special workshop! Facilitator: Linda Colozzi **All Welcome!**

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



SECOND COLLECTION:
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
This Weekend, October 20 and 21

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, 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.



COATS FOR KIDS: Do you have any warm coats in your closets that you would like to give away? We will be collecting coats – coats for babies, toddlers, children, teens and adults – to contribute to Anton

Cleaner's 18th Annual Coat collection on two consecutive weekends, November 10 & 11 and November 17 & 18. Only warm winter jackets, including ski jackets are needed (please do not include spring coats, sweatshirts, vests or clothing that is torn or has broken zippers).

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

John Leland who has gone home to God.

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

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!!



URSULINE ACADEMY

Girls, Grades 7-12

Open House

Sunday October 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

85 Lowder Street, Dedham.

For Information call (781) 326-6161.



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.

For Information (617) 469-8019



MOUNT ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL,

Girls, Grades 7-12 **Open House**

Sunday, November 4, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

790 Centre Street in Newton.

(617) 969-2260 ext. 46 for information



FONTBONNE ACADEMY

Open House

Sunday, November 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

930 Brook Road, Milton, MA

www.fontbonneacademy.org

617.615.3014



BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Young Men, Grades 7-12

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, November 4th

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

150 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston

www.bchigh.edu/admissions

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ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	
September 23	13,291	7,903	
September 30	7,869	11,637	
October 7	8,737	5,479	
October 14	8,506	8,660	
TOTAL (July 1-Oct 14)	\$120,291	\$118,372	\$1,919 or 1.6%
 <u>Annual Appeal</u>	 <u>To Date</u>	 <u>Annual Budget</u>	
July 1– October 14	153,506	\$433,700	35.4%

Thank you as we are almost \$2,000 ahead of last year for our Offertory. Please remember our Annual Appeal Collection. Packages are available at the rear of the Church. Thank you to all who have been so generous to date!

The Slippery Slope of Assisted Suicide

Cardinal Sean - October 12, 2012

Proponents of physician-assisted suicide tell us that there is no danger of a slippery slope, that in Oregon the cases are “not that numerous” and are “carefully monitored.” I hope that reasonable people will question these claims and reflect further on whether a law with insufficient safeguards is what we want in the commonwealth.

Slippery slope arguments involve small decisions that lead to undesirable outcomes that never would have been supported at the outset. Often, it is impossible to prove that one small step will have significant negative effects, but common sense allows reasonable people to judge the likelihood that a sequence of events that have happened in one place are likely to happen in another place in a similar way.

Question 2 proposes to allow physician-assisted suicide for those diagnosed with a terminal illness with six months or less to live. Many groups are concerned that, if passed, it not only would be harmful in itself, but could lead to unintended tragic outcomes. (1) Elder advocates are concerned that it could become a new form of elder abuse. (2) Advocates for the disabled are concerned it could lead to “quality of life” standards in our society, where those with a lower perceived quality of life receive fewer benefits or protections. (3) Doctors and nurses are concerned it could lead to a lower “quality of care” for those at the end of life. (4) Doctors are also concerned that it could undermine the doctor-patient relationship. (5) Ethicists are concerned that it could lead to a devaluing of human life. (6) Suicide-prevention organizations are concerned that the state legally allowing suicide for one group (those with terminal diagnoses of fewer than six months to live) could lead to increased suicide rates for the rest of the population. (7) Those who have studied the evolution of this matter in the Netherlands are concerned that assisted suicide could lead, first to voluntary euthanasia (requesting direct help to end one’s life), and then to involuntary euthanasia (where a third-party determines that, if the patient were in his right mind, he would choose euthanasia).

Asserting that something could happen is not the same as stating that something will happen. Here are some facts that lead the groups above to be concerned. Please judge for yourself whether you agree with the risk that one or all of these concerns might occur in Massachusetts if we took the first step this Election Day by voting to legalize assisted suicide. It could lead to increased elder abuse: Data on the crime of elder abuse show that perpetrators are frequently a spouse or an adult relative. Question 2 does not have safeguards to prevent an unscrupulous heir or indifferent family member from pressuring a sick person, either directly or in subtle ways, to end his or her life. That hardly gives sick people “greater freedom” and “enhanced autonomy” at the end of their lives.

It could lead to adoption of “quality of life” standards: Advocacy groups for the disabled are concerned that a policy of assisted suicide will inevitably lead to establishing social standards of acceptable life. When “quality of life” becomes more important than life itself, the mentally ill, the disabled, the depressed, and those who cannot defend themselves will be at risk of being targeted for assisted suicide, and perhaps eventually, for euthanasia. They fear that misunderstandings and false compassion could result in their being considered “better off dead,” devalued, and treated as second class citizens in respect to their medical care.

It could lead to lower quality of care: Doctors’ and nurses’ groups have expressed concern that efforts to enhance hospice and palliative care will be weakened if a “lazy” path to end-of-life care like physician-assisted-suicide is chosen by voters. They share grave concerns that medical cost-containment pressures will lead to a preference for a \$100 prescription for lethal drugs over more expensive treatments.

It could undermine the doctor-patient relationship: The American Medical Association (AMA) and Massachusetts Medical Society oppose physician assisted suicide because it violates the Hippocratic Oath to “do no harm” and changes the nature of the doctor’s role of healing and comforting the patient. The AMA stated “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.” The goal of medicine is to heal and to cure and, where that is not possible, to comfort the patient. Doctors are expected to act always in the best interests of the patient. Dr. Leon Kass, former chair of the President’s Council on Bioethics, asks the following common sense question: “Will doctors be able to care wholeheartedly for patients when it is always possible to think of killing them as a ‘therapeutic option?’” In Holland, reports have been published documenting the sad fact that elderly patients, out of fear of euthanasia, refuse hospitalization and even avoid consulting doctors. Dutch citizens have begun to fear that their doctors, instead of being caregivers, will become their executioners.

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It could lead to a devaluing of human life: “Taking life in the name of compassion also invites a slippery slope toward ending the lives of people with non-terminal conditions. Dutch doctors, who once limited euthanasia to terminally ill patients, now provide lethal drugs to people with chronic illnesses and disabilities, mental illness, and even melancholy. Once they convinced themselves that ending a short life can be an act of compassion, it was morbidly logical to conclude that ending a longer life may show even more compassion. Psychologically, as well, the physician who has begun to offer death as a solution for some illnesses is tempted to view it as the answer for an ever-broader range of problems.” (USCCB, To Live Each Day with Dignity)

It could lead to an increase of suicide generally: Oregon, the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide, has one of the highest rates of suicide (not including deaths from PAS) of any state in the nation. It begs a logical question: How can a state effectively both try to minimize suicide in some situations and promote it as a legal alternative in other situations? Is it reasonable to expect that efforts to prevent suicides will be undermined by legalizing suicide and presenting it as normal and acceptable for those with terminal diagnoses?

It could lead, eventually, to euthanasia — like it has in the Netherlands: It is very sobering to see the evolution of physician-assisted suicide in the Netherlands, a modern industrialized country. In 1973 the “Right to Die — NL” was founded and euthanasia has been legal in the Netherlands for more than a decade. The New York Times reported in their April 3, 2012, edition that “Right to Die — NL” is campaigning for expanded euthanasia, in the form of mobile teams to go out to people’s homes to euthanize them. They are also promoting the idea that euthanasia should no longer be limited just to the terminally ill, and their proposal envisions the service for any individual over 70 years of age who requests it.

The Dutch patients’ organization, NPV, strongly criticizes the current application of the law, saying the practice of euthanasia has been extended to include patients with dementia and other conditions who may not, by definition, be competent to request help in dying, including children. Elise Van Hock-Burgerhart, a spokeswoman for NPV, told the New York Times reporter that the idea of mobile euthanasia teams was a matter of concern because there was no way for the mobile team doctors to get to know the patients. Moreover, she stated that research in the Netherlands indicated that requests for euthanasia from the elderly would be substantially reduced if palliative care were better in their country and that the country should be working toward improving palliative care, not increasing euthanasia. She also indicated that the law in the Netherlands required review committees to sign off on every reported case of euthanasia, but that 469 cases from 2010 had still not been reviewed; 2010 is the latest year for which data is available. That year 3,136 notifications of termination of life on request were reported, indicating that it was not clear how well doctors were adhering to the official guidelines. Anyone that believes that a “slippery slope” doesn’t exist with assisted suicide and euthanasia only has to look at its “evolution” in the Netherlands.

In the United States we are still a long way from the Dutch situation; however, this is not because the laws in the two states that allow PAS are well written or because of careful oversight. What has put the brakes on the growth of physician-assisted suicide in the U.S. is that more than 20 states have rejected proposed legislation and ballot initiatives. Now it is our turn in Massachusetts to stop this bad idea and bad law from going into effect. Please join me to stop assisted suicide by voting “No on Question 2” on Election Day.



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, October 28** is another opportunity to help. If you have questions, contact Liz Phillips at (781)237-4430 or Liz.Phillips@comcast.net.

Not a Catholic?

**Thinking about becoming
a Catholic?**

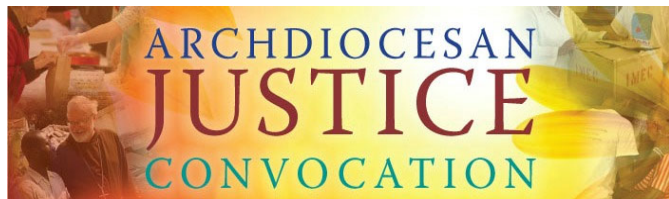
Baptized but not Confirmed?

**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, (781) 237-7560.



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

Contact: Office of Worship & Spiritual Life

617-779-3640 or 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 23rd 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.

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

WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS


	Saturday October 20	Sunday, October 21			
	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. Hehir	Fr. McMillan
Deacon	Deacon Smith	Deacon Shuler	—	Deacon Shuler	Deacon Smith
Lector	Ed McCourt	John Stewart	—	Janine Kurth	Alla O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolyn Anderson Paul Cronin Pam McCourt Christine Tierney Joe Tierney	Bob Peretti Janice Peretti Margo Yie	John Calcio Susan Calcio Jerry Kehoe Christine Kehoe	John Johnson Jim Post Jeanette Post Jon Bonsall Kathy Bonsall	Liz Phillips Anne Wachmeister Tim Curtin Liz Curtin
Altar Servers	Arianna Baffa Katie Gourdeau Owen Conway	Elizabeth Dew	Lucy Calcio Allie Boucher Joanie Sullivan	Wedner Cadet Katherine Kane	—

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	October 23	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday	October 25	Forty Hours Devotion	7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Chapel
Friday	October 26	Forty Hours Devotion	7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Chapel
Saturday	October 27	Forty Hours Devotion	7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Chapel

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	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
	Monday, October 22	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Anthony Pollino
	Tuesday, October 23	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Linda Morgan
	Wednesday, October 24	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
	Thursday, October 25	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† For the Parish
	Friday, October 26	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Joseph McBride
	Saturday, October 27	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Peter J. Sanderson
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Allen Chandler
	Sunday, October 28	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	† Shauna & Meghan Murphy
		9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Anna Stanislaw Surowka
		11:00 a.m.	3rd Anniv.	† Robert Arnold
			Memorial	† James Doonon
			Memorial	† Mildred Kelly
			Memorial	† Sheila Young
		5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† William Guarente

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