



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 4, 2012

*We lovingly remember the following Beloved Ones, who died during this past year.
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon them.*



*Henry Richard Alexander
Brooke Atallah
Marie L. Bahn
Nancy Bernardo
Eleanor Brown
Gene F. Boyle
Mary J. Caruso
Ann C. Connors
Daniel Corcoran
Margaret E. Dada
Phyllis E. Donovan*

*Marie Earley
Peter Howard-Johnson
Patricia Ann Kearney
Gael M. Kilpatrick
Catherine Kosa
Richard Lind
M. Kathleen Marchand
Daniel E. Macdonald
Michael McGrath
Kathleen Miller
Clare B. Murphy*

*Joseph Murphy
Margery Owens
Leland John Pearl
Patricia Peters
Floencia Ramirez
Patricia Regan
Patricia Rockwell
Charles Sheeler
Victor Terranova
Pauline F. Thomas
David F. Wheeler*

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, November 4

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Grade 1 Parent Meeting/Visit
High School Retreat 1:00 PM,
Church Social Hall
Grade 7 & 8 Class 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Grade 9 Friends for Good* 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Grade 9 & 10 Class 7:00 – 8:00

Wednesday, November 7

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

Next Week:

Sunday, November 11

No Classes - Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 17

Grades 9 & 10 Optional Movie Matinee
Church Social Hall (Pre-registration is required.
Please e-mail jleonard9@comcast.net)

* 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.

SACRAMENTAL & 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



REMEMBERING ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Throughout the month of November, we invite you to inscribe the names of your loved ones in our Memorial Book, which can be found in the Church entrance. This book will be carried to the altar at the offertory of each Mass for our prayerful remembrance.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Saturday, November 10, SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK DINNER: Showing "The Way", the first in a series of films, discussions and potluck dinners following the Saturday 5:00p.m. Mass. See details below. Any questions: Pat Kelleher, 781-237-4616 or npkell@gmail.com

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

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 a.m. daily. We will train you. If you are interested, please contact: Chaplain, Linda Colozzi – (781) 997-1119



MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, Nov. 10 Social Hall
Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

We invite all parishioners to a showing of the movie "THE WAY", starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. THE WAY is a powerful and inspirational story about family, a story that stays with you, a movie that will provide for some insightful and reflective discussion. Please join us for a special evening together.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please bring your casserole or salad to Social Hall before Mass. Dessert and beverages provided.

**Fight Poverty in America.
Defend Human Dignity.**



This weekend's second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthens neighborhoods.

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

"Anyone who needs a coat will have one."

Anton Cleaners announced its 18th Annual Coat Collection. Coats/fleece are needed for all ages and all sizes including babies, toddlers, children, teens and adults. We will be collecting coats/fleece at the Rectory Garage following the Masses on the weekends of November 11 & 12 and November 17 & 18.



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR PRE-BORN CHILDREN Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

Homilist: Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
Secretary for Health & Social Services
Archdiocese of Boston

St. Patrick's Parish
44 East Central Street (Rte 135), Natick

All are welcome to attend the Annual Mass of Remembrance and experience the profound peace, love and mercy of Christ. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriages stillbirth or abortion. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will be available after Mass. He is Divine Mercy and Consolation. *Be Comforted in His Tender Embrace.* For information, contact Project Rachel, Archdiocese of Boston (508) 651-3100



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

Bill and Kathy LaPoint of Wellesley are hosting a BC High Community Reception at their home at 155 Forrest St. on Tuesday, November 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.

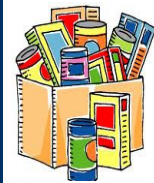
MONTROSE SCHOOL

Girls, grades 6-12
Open House - Sunday, November 4
from 2:00-4:00 PM

29 North Street, Medfield, MA 02052
mcmasteller@montroseschool.org or (508) 359-2423

†ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FOOD PANTRY

Collection of non-perishable items



Next weekend (and every second Sunday),
November 11. Please bring your
donations to our Glen Road entrance.
Contact Angela Spinale (781-431-0008)
with questions.



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

SAVE THE DATE - TREES & TRIMMINGS, DECEMBER 8

TREES & TRIMMINGS, our annual holiday market, is on **Dec 8th – SATURDAY ONLY!** Please plan your weekend so we will see you on Saturday, then you will have Sunday to deck your hall with your fabulous tree, wreaths, roping and greens.



Our fresh and beautiful **Advent Wreaths** will be available for purchase on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd, after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses, as well as the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 1st. No preorder necessary!



Red and White Poinsettias will be available at Trees & Trimmings this year. They are as lovely as ever, and no preorders needed.

Ten Reasons to Oppose Question 2

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley

There are many groups opposing the legalization of assisted suicide in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that are urging a "No on Question 2" vote this Nov. 6. In total, more than 100 reasons to oppose this ballot measure have been shared with me since we began our educational efforts on this issue. Some arguments are based on principle, others on prudence, and still others on process — and all of them are valid. Today, I want to share with you ten of the most compelling. In turn, I encourage you to share these reasons with all those you know between now and Election Day.

(1) Question 2 would legalize assisted suicide; suicide is always a tragedy and never a dignified way to die. For many people, opposition to assisted suicide is based on respect for God's law, "Thou shalt not kill." However, one does not need to be a person of faith to understand the tragedy of suicide. Our society admires suicide prevention organizations like the Samaritans that stand ready to help people in the throes of depression and suicidal thoughts. Their hotlines are staffed with volunteers, always prepared to try to bring solace and help to those suffering from suicidal impulses. There are also heroic first responders who often risk their lives to help stop someone from taking one's own life. Yet, proponents of Question 2 are trying to convince us that assisted suicide at the end of life is not suicide — they strive to avoid the word suicide — and rather a compassionate response to the plight of people who have a terminal illness. It is not. Do not be misled by the seductive language of "dignity," "mercy," "compassion" or "aid in dying." True compassion does not put a lethal weapon, in this case a prescription of 100 capsules of Seconal, into the hands of a person to help take his or her life.

(2) Suicide always impacts others beyond the individual that takes his or her life. Proponents of Question 2 assert that "dignity" requires a radical form of autonomy and control in which one should be able to determine the manner and time of one's death. They ignore the profound interconnectedness of our lives and the impact suicide has on family members, colleagues and society in general. Suicide researchers describe the "copycat syndrome" where the publicity of one suicide in a community leads others to contemplate or act on it. Suicide prevention organizations worry that suicides in the general population will increase if society legalizes assisted suicide because it creates the message that suicide is an acceptable and legal "choice" in some situations. As a society, we shouldn't sanction suicide as a response to hardship.

(3) Doctors strongly oppose assisted suicide and Question 2. Organizations of physicians, including the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) and American Medical Association (AMA), have argued that assisted suicide would bring about a massive change in the nature of medical care and the doctor-patient relationship. Not only will it violate the values and oaths of the medical profession, but it will destroy trust between patients and doctors because some patients will see doctors and nurses as possible executioners, rather than as defenders of life. Doctors worry that cost-containment pressures in health care will make a prescription for assisted suicide seem attractive for certain conditions. They fear being coerced to write prescriptions or to make referrals to "specialists" who barely know the patient but will write an assisted-suicide prescription. They are also concerned that there is no requirement that the doctors who write the prescription will have particular training in terminal diseases or end-of-life care. Doctors from these organizations believe that the discussion should be about how we can improve care at the end of our lives, not to improve "options" to help patients end their lives.

(4) Advocates for the disabled strongly oppose assisted suicide and Question 2. They point to the lack of adequate safeguards, which could open the door to abuse, manipulation and coercion. They state that the lack of safeguards could lead to increased elder abuse, because it allows a witness to the patient's signed request for assisted suicide to be an heir, beneficiary or possibly exploitative caretaker. Question 2 even allows proxy requests that allow someone familiar with the mode of communication of a terminally-ill person to indicate that they are requesting suicide. Advocates for the disabled are concerned that Question 2 may eventually lead to "quality of life" standards in our society where those with a lower perceived quality of life receive fewer benefits or protections, or to situations like the Netherlands where there is "non-voluntary" and involuntary euthanasia. In short, they believe that assisted suicide will make the vulnerable more vulnerable.

(5) Terminal diagnoses are often wrong. Under Question 2, eligibility for assisted suicide is based on a terminal diagnosis of six-months or less. There is no specificity whether this six-month diagnosis is with or without medical treatment for the illness. Doctors know terminal diagnoses are simply their best estimate and that these predictions are often inaccurate. Patients often live months, even years, longer. Question 2 could lead people to make a life or death decision based on someone's guess, give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives.

(6) Question 2 is shockingly flawed. Even voters that might generally be in favor of assisted suicide have been shocked by some of the elements of Question 2 and have committed to vote no. Most people first think that "physician assisted suicide" consists of receiving one pill from their family physician to be ingested in the presence of a doctor. They are shocked to learn that, instead, a specialist (who likely doesn't know the person and who isn't required to have pain-management training) would provide a prescription for 100 pills to be dispensed at a neighborhood pharmacy and then ingested all at once with no doctor present. They are also shocked to learn that there is no oversight of the lethal drug once it is dispensed to the patient and that there need not be witnesses to the act of suicide to prevent abuse. They are astonished to learn that the death certificate won't indicate that they patient died of assisted suicide and that there are no enforcement provisions, investigative authority, oversight or data verification included in Question 2.

(7) Question 2 does not require a patient to consult with a psychiatrist or palliative care expert before Receiving the lethal prescription. Many terminally ill patients suffer from depression and there is no requirement that a psychiatrist determine that the person is of sound mind before the request is granted. Additionally, there is no requirement that the doctors who are consulted have expertise in palliative care to ensure that a fear or experience of pain, which can be managed, is leading to the request. Many attendees of our educational workshops have been surprised that these reasonable safeguards aren't included.

(8) Question 2 does not require family notification. There is no requirement that the patient notify family members. For example, a husband could receive a lethal prescription without his wife being required to be notified. A mother could feel a "duty" to not be a burden and to leave a large estate to her children without her children having a chance to state that they care more about her than her money. Out-of-state family members might not know that their loved one is contemplating suicide and have an opportunity to intervene. Compassionate care at the end of life should involve the loving support and involvement of family members.

(9) Assisted suicide would weaken efforts to expand and improve palliative care. Palliative and hospice care, a the loving support of family members, are better alternatives than suicide for the terminally ill. Palliative care is a person-centered approach that treats all of the different aspects of pain and suffering. Palliative care experts consider assisted suicide as a "lazy way out." Rather than ending a life that is filled with pain and suffering, we should offer compassion, respect and dignity by providing the best in palliative care. That is where our efforts should be directed. However, the incentive to do so will be removed if assisted suicide becomes legal, because suicide will become a substitute for quality health care in some situations. It is also likely, palliative care leaders say, that investment in training for palliative care, effective pain management, and end-of-life communication will be undermined.

(10) Complex issues like assisted suicide should be decided in a legislative process rather than a ballot initiative. Some voters in Massachusetts oppose Question 2 because they believe that a ballot initiative process (dominated by 30-second commercials and sound bites) is not a good way to deal with a complex, ethical issue involving life and death. The legislature exists to review proposals, hold public hearings and build consensus on complicated issues. When we grow old or sick and we are tempted to lose heart, we should be surrounded by people who ask "How can I help you?" We deserve to grow old in a society that views our cares and needs with a compassion grounded in respect, offering genuine support in our final days. The choices we make together now will decide whether this is the kind of caring society we will leave to future generations. Please join me on Election Day to stop assisted suicide by voting "No on Question 2."



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to move your clocks **back** 1 hour!

BUSINESS OFFICE: The Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday, November 12 for the Veterans Day holiday.

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 meet in the Rectory from 10:00-11:00 a.m. 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.

The Vokes Players in Wayland present Sondheim/Lapine's "Sunday in the Park with George" October 25-November 17 (Thurs.-Sat.) Marian Morrison (Parish Cantor) is featured. Ticket info: 508-358-4034 or vokesplayers.org.



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.

CHRISTMAS WISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Christmas Wish effort is gearing up and we are looking for new and continuing volunteers to administer this growing program. The program supports families in St. Johns as well as families in Brockton, Lowell, South Boston, and Roxbury by providing Christmas gifts to about 400 children in need. We are looking for volunteers to assist in any number of ways:

- Coordination with one of the parishes and the sponsors/shoppers providing wishes for that parish
- Administrative support
- Program communication
- Shopping

Please consider even a small amount of time to the program as we enter this time of giving. If you would like to help, please feel free to contact or Liz Corcoran at efcorcoran@aol.com, Kathy Maher at katherine.l.maher@gmail.com or Christine Kehoe at c.kehoe@verizon.net.



ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS! Christmas Youth Choir rehearsals have begun. 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: 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 November 3	Sunday, November 4			
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Powers	Fr. McMillan	Fr. Powers
Deacon	—	—	—	—	—
Lector	Angela Spinale	Joellen Toussaint	—	Corrine Spinale	Mary Saladna
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolyn Anderson Marcia Grondin Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey	Karl Benedict Pat Benedict Corinne Monahan	Renee Curtain Mimi Eldridge Lucy Kapples Jerry Kehoe Christine Kehoe	Jeanette McNally Kathi Aldridge Jon Bonsall Kathy Bonsall	Marcia Grondin Audrey Moran Tim Curtin Liz Curtin
Altar Servers	—	—	—	—	—

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	November 4	RCIA	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Rectory
		Children's Youth Choir Rehearsal	10:50-11:50 a.m.	Church
Tuesday	November 6	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday	November 8	Adoration	2:00 a.m.	Chapel
Saturday	November 10	Movie Night & Potluck Dinner	After 5:00 Mass	Social Hall

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, November 3	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† John Cooney
	5:00 p.m.	Anniversary	† Thomas Fuss
Sunday, November 4	7:30 a.m.	13th Anniv.	† James W. Noonan
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† George Trigg
		Thanksgiving	† Hamilton
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Sheila Young
		Memorial	† Mary Cahill
		Memorial	† Edward Duffy
		Memorial	† Laura
	5:00 p.m.	10th & 30th Ann.	† Clare M. Woods & James M. Woods
Monday, November 5	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Lillian LaRosa
Tuesday, November 6	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
Wednesday, November 7	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Charles Downs
Friday, November 9	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† For the Parish
Saturday, November 10	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Stella Kosarko
	5:00 p.m.	1st Anniv.	† Elaine Staniunas
Sunday, November 11	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	† Martin & Nora Mullahy
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Susana Dixon
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Peter Howard-Johnson
		Memorial	† Joan Heffernan
		Memorial	† Kathleen Downing
		Memorial	† Edward J. Mulcahy, Jr.
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Joe O'Keefe

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