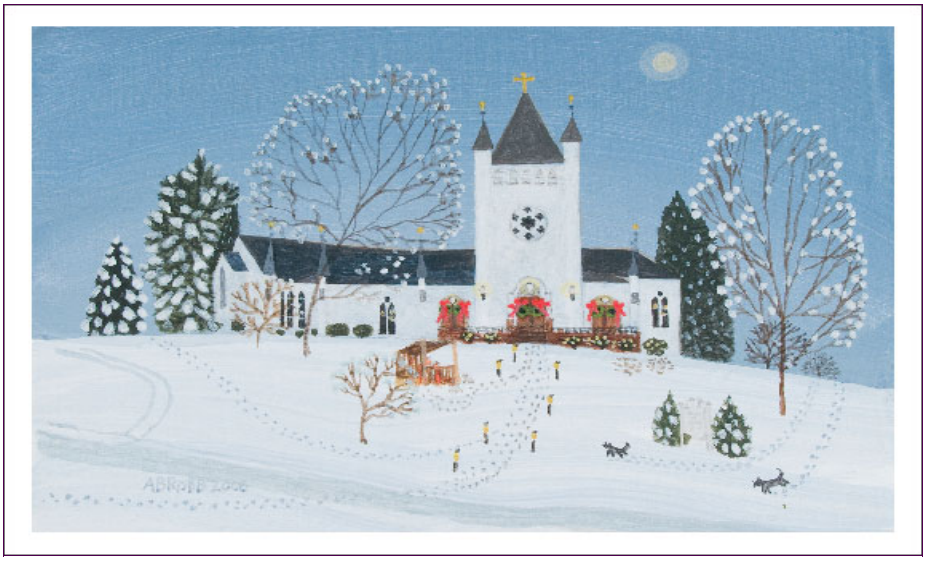

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Second Sunday of Advent • December 9, 2012

Lord Jesus, You are our hope and our desire.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
purify our hearts to seek You and Your will
with all our heart,
with all our soul,
and with all our mind,
that we may rejoice
in the unimaginable blessing of Your coming
which we prepare to celebrate.

Amen.

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, December 9
Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Next Week:
Sunday, December 16
Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Grades 7 & 8 Christmas Celebration
6:00 – 7:00 PM, Philbin Hall

Wednesday, December 19
Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Saturday, December 22
Grade 1 Christmas Pageant Practice 2:30 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you would like to have something published in the December 23rd issue of the bulletin, the deadline to submit your information to the Business Office is Friday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH CHOIR PREPARING HOLIDAY MUSIC: Some of the most cherished melodies in our memories reappear at this time of year. You are cordially invited to sing with the Parish Choir to prepare music for the holidays. Rehearsals are held Sunday evenings 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the Music Office (lower level of Church). This season much of our focus is on the beautifully crafted music of John Rutter. His widely acclaimed music is loved by both choirs and audiences alike. Won't you join with us? For more information contact any choir member or stop by after Mass and speak with Larry Carson or email Laurence.Carson@stjohnwellesley.org

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

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

As a community, we are very ready and deeply glad to pray for loved ones. We will list the names of those who need our prayers for one month at a time. If, at the end of that period, a loved one is still in need of prayers, we will be more than happy to continue to pray for them. Just contact the rectory office (781.235.0045) and let us know that you would like to continue to have your loved one remembered in prayer.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Formation Commission would like to expand its membership and we invite you to consider becoming part of this very important parish activity. The commission is responsible for planning and coordinating all efforts relating to religious education for adults. Our goal is to help members of the parish to expand and enhance their understanding and appreciation of the message of the gospels, to see faith formation as part of being a responsible Catholic.

The commission has been meeting monthly, except for the summer months, since its creation. Much of the work, however, can be done by individuals and sub-committees and coordinated informally by email and telephone. We would be more than happy to talk to potential commission members – in person, by phone or by email. Please drop us a note at affc@stjohnswellesley.com).

CHRISTMAS MUSIC and CHRSITMAS FLOWERS:

Would you like to make a donation towards Christmas music or flowers in memory of a loved one this holiday season? If so, you may make your donation by using an Offertory envelope, the collection basket, Parish Pay, or by dropping your donation in the mail or by the rectory. Please make sure to include the name of the person you want remembered in this special way. The deadline for those names to be included in our Christmas bulletin is Friday, December 14 at noon.

SACRAMENTAL & DEVOTIONAL SERVICES
Adoration: Thursdays, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Chapel
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

LECTORS: Your new Workbook is available for pick-up in the Glen Road Sacristy. ***Thank you!***

SECOND COLLECTION: *This* week's second collection is the special monthly for St. John.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	December 9	Family Mass Musicians Rehearsal	8:00 a.m.	Music Office
		Parish Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.	Music Office
		RCIA	10:00-11:00 a m.	Rectory
		Parish Christmas Concert	2:00 p.m.	Church
		Parish Choir Rehearsal - Christmas	6:15-8:30 p.m.	Music Office
Tuesday	December 11	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
		St. John School Chorus Christmas Concert	7:00 p.m.	Church
Thursday	December 12	Adoration	2:00-6:00 p.m.	Chapel

Saint John's Music

Invites You to Join Us For Our

Annual Christmas Concert

Traditional and contemporary Christmas music performed by St. John's adult and youth choirs, instruments, soloists - and our audience! Featuring the "Puppet Nativity" from the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, sharing a wonderful telling of the Christmas story.

Sunday, December 9th, 2pm

St. John the Evangelist Church

Admission is Free

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you are available, please meet in the Social Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

We would love to have you!

THE GIFT OF RECONCILATION

There is no better way to prepare for Christmas!

Come for the special gift of Confession, St. John Church, lower Chapel Saturday, December 22, 3:30-4:00 p.m. and Monday, December 24, from 10:00 a.m.—12 Noon

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dr. Joseph E. Murray who has gone home to God.

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

PARISH OFFERTORY

Annual Appeal 55.5%

Actual	$240,750
Budget	$433,700

Offertory Variance $1,674 or 0.9%

Last Week	$10,472
2012 (Jul 1– Dec 2	$185,402
2011 (Jul 1– Dec 2)	$183,728

WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

	Saturday December 8	**Sunday, December 9**			
	5:00 p.m.	**7:30 a.m.**	**9:00 a.m.**	**11:00 a.m.**	**5:00 p.m.**
Celebrant	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Powers	Fr. Powers	Fr. Hehir	Fr. McMillan
Deacon	—	Deacon Shuler	Deacon Shuler	—	—
Lector	Angela Spinale	John Stewart	—	Pat Murray	Lee Phillips
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey Pam McCourt Christine Tierney Joe Tierney	Margaret Flannery Deirdre Heilbron Bill Larrenaga	Mary Barber John Calcio Susan Calcio Renee Curtin Jim Stokes	John Johnson Jeanette McNally Margaret Klingmeyer Ann Swanson	Pat Colton Audrey Moran Liz Phillips
Altar Servers	—	—	—	—	—

SERVICE COMMISSION

†***ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FOOD PANTRY : This* weekend** (and every second Sunday), **December 9.** Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to our Glen Road entrance. Contact Angela Spinale (781-431-0008) with questions.

CHRISTMAS WISH: The Christmas Wish Program, which supplies Christmas gifts to over 400 children in need, is well underway. Please consider a financial donation to this wonderful program during the Season of Advent. You may contact either Liz Corcoran at efcorcoran@aol.com, Kathy Maher at katherine.l.maher@gmail.com or Christine Kehoe at c.kehoe@verizon.net if you have any questions.

"HOPE MAKES US LIVE"

This Advent season we are so pleased to assist Haiti Marycare (HMC) in their critical work at two rural clinics. Their mission is to improve the quality of lives of Haitians through the prevention and treatment of Infectious diseases. **St. John's Advent gift to them will be a parish wide vitamin collection**.

Haiti is a country of 8 million people, life expectancy there is 52 years, and of 1,000 children born, 123 die before the age of five. Everyone suffers from a lack of nutritious food and vitamins, and for pregnant and nursing mother's the situation is far worse. Many mothers eat less so they can give more to their children. Despite these unimaginable statistics, they remain a country defined by people of great hope and spirit.

"Lespa fe viv" means HOPE MAKES US LIVE. Let us bring hope to this impoverished nation and to their people. We are in need of pre-natal vitamins, multi-vitamins and children's chewable vitamins (no gummy types). These are all available without a prescription.Collection dates for the Haiti Marycare vitamin drive will be after all Masses on ***this* weekend, December 8 & 9 and *next* weekend December 15 & 16.**

THANK YOU FROM TREES & TRIMMINGS: We hope you enjoyed our annual holiday market filled with everything you need for Christmas: freshly cut trees from Wilson Farms, custom decorated wreaths, boxwoods and roping, and delicious homemade baked goods. We appreciate your patronage and the hard work put into this event by our school parents and parishioners. ***Merry Christmas!*** *– Marie Carroll, Kati Bannish & Bill McNamara*

Tree Pickup Service: Enjoy a restful Christmas, and with a $25 donation let us pick up your tree after the holidays and deliver it to the Wellesley RDF on Jan. 5th! Please note, you must be a Wellesley resident. Find all the details here: http://goo.gl/pv9zM

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS*!** Christmas Youth Choir rehearsals for all students in grade 1-8 have begun. High School Assistants are also welcome (counts towards confirmation community service credit)! Next rehearsal is ***today, December 9, at 10:50-11:50 a.m. Questions? Call Maria Wardwell (781-237-2148).

Not a Catholic?

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Baptized but not Confirmed?

Catholic but want to know more

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 on Sunday mornings 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 8	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Dan Macdonald
	12:00 Noon	Memorial	†	Edmond & Mary Thadeu
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Emidio Caporale
Sunday, December 9	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Special Intention
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Jack Bell
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Ken Keyes
		Memorial	†	Ruth Hayes
		Memorial	†	Oliver J. Kelley
		Memorial	†	Kenneth Brunelli
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Edward Daniel
Monday, December 10	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Doris Dobzanski
Tuesday, December 11	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Chester Wisk
Wednesday, December 12	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Margaret Mattingley
Thursday, December 13	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	For the Parish
Friday, December 14	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Peg Shaffer
Saturday, December 15	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Fr. Thomas Kiernan
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Shirley Kane
Sunday, December 16	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Eva Martin
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Charles Downs
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	John J. Dunn
		Memorial	†	William Doherty
		Memorial	†	Shauna & Meghan Murphy
		3rd Anniv.	†	Mary M. & John F. Concannon
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Sally Thomas

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