## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

**Serving Wellesley - Newton**

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# *Second Sunday of Lent*
## *February 24, 2013*

***God who created me,***
***You offer me new life through your Son***
***and through the gift of your sacraments.***
***While I see new life all around me,***
***I don't always recognize the new life you offer me.***

***Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care.***

**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:**
No Classes.

**Next Week**:
**Sunday, March 3**
Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Grade 2 Parent Meeting/Visit
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, March 6**
Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45 PM

***Friends for Good*** is a dynamic component of the Religious Education Program designed to enable older students (Grades 7-10) to put their faith into action while deepening their individual commitment as life-long disciples of Christ. The wide variety of activities and events are intended to encourage personal reflection, create a sense of community, and promote social outreach. Through camaraderie, fellowship, and good will, participants foster the mission of the Catholic faith for the benefit of themselves and their neighbors. For more information please visit the Parish web site, www.stjohnwellesley.org, and visit the ***Friends for Good*** page in the Religious Ed section.
Every 9th and 10th grade 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**
Come join Jesus on the
**Way of the Cross**… Walk with Him; pray with Him. *Every* Friday during Lent, From 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m, in the Chapel

**KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
***Stephen Mintz (brother of Linda Colozzi)*** who has gone home to God. May the souls of all our faithful departed share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Tuesday, February 26**
**7:00 p.m. *(time change)*, Social Hall**
*The Christ–centered Theology of*
*Hans Urs von Balthasar*
Hans Urs von Balthasar was one of the giants of 20th century Catholic Theology. His massive production of books and articles fills a whole bookcase, and the architectural mass of his work resembles a great cathedral. But its basic lines are clear and straightforward. Fr. Imbelli's presentation will seek to illuminate the basic patterns and perspectives of von Balthasar's thought, mindful that for von Balthasar, theology is at the service of Christian living. He speaks of his theology as a "praying theology:" one that derives from prayer and leads to prayer.

Fr. Robert Imbelli, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, teaches theology at Boston College. He recently edited B.C.'s Church in the 21st Century's Issue on "The Catholic Intellectual Tradition."

**Wednesday, February 27**
Book Launch
*New Voices in Catholic Theology*
Presenters: Anna Bonata Moreland, Professor, Department of Humanities, Villanova University and Joseph Curran, Professor of Religious Studies, Misericordia College
B.C., Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 2**
Film Evening & Potluck Dinner,
*Of God and Men* See details below.
Social Hall, after 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday, March 5** **** * * CANCELLATION * * ****
Evening for Women, Unfortunately it is again necessary to cancel our next program scheduled for March 5. Sr. Evelyn has developed some unexpected medical issues but is hoping to return to the parish before too long. As always she deeply appreciates your prayers.

***WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS*** for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially: ***Eileen, Jim, JoAnne, Maryellen, Moira, and Susannah.***

## OF GODS AND MEN

**MOVIE NIGHT & POTLUCK SUPPER**
**Saturday, March 2 • In the Social Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

We invite all parishioners to a showing of the movie "Of Gods and Men". A deeply moving and profoundly beautiful film about a group of monks working in the mountains of Algeria who are faced with the most difficult and collective decisions when the country erupts in civil war. Loosely based on actual events that took place between 1993 &1996. 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.

A GIFT TO BE STILL *"...but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice."* (1 Kings 19:13)

How do we hear that still small voice? We offer three opportunities to be still and listen – with an hour of very gentle yoga stretching along with quiet meditation on Scripture passages and prayer.

Three sessions (attend all or one) facilitated by Anne Wachtmeister and Svea Fraser
Wednesdays February 27 and March 6 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Center, Chapel Room. NO experience necessary: only comfortable clothing and an openness to finding ways to quiet our souls.

*"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)*

***PROJECT RACHEL:*** Retreats offered by the **Project Rachel** ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston can help women find hope, healing and reconciliation after abortion. If you or a loved one is suffering from post-abortion pain, contact **Project Rachel** about upcoming "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreats to be held March 16 and April 6, 2013. For more information and to register for the date of your choice, call **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or email help@projectrachelboston.com. All inquiries are confidential.

ATTENTION ACTORS: Seeking Actors &Actresses grade 3 and older to help "perform" the Passion Play at the 9:00 AM Family Mass Palm Sunday, March 24. Attendance at one rehearsal Saturday 3/23, from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon is required/mandatory. Confirmation candidates earn 5 hours of community service credit. Please contact Maria Wardwell, 781-237-2148, maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org, or Chrissy Harding 781-416-7362,cctharding@aol.com, for information and registration.

## PARISH REVENUE

**Parish Annual Appeal**

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| **Actual** (2/17/13) | $385,227 |
| **Prior Year** (2/17/12) | $377,409 |
| **Full Year Budget** (FY13) | $443,700 |

**Weekly Offertory**

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| **FY2013** | 2/17/13 | $276,671 |
| **FY2012** | 2/17/12 | $268,101 |
| **FY2013 Budget** | 2/17/13 | $272,860 |

Thank you for your generous support. If you have not given to the Parish Annual Appeal, please consider a gift to help support the operating needs of the Parish.

***2012 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS:*** Upon request, the Parish Business Office will prepare a statement of your 2012 tax deductible contributions to St. John the Evangelist. Please call (781) 235-0045 or e-mail stjohnbusinessoffice@comcast.net.

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

## WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

| | Saturday February 23 | Sunday, February 24 | | | |
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| | **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. Powers |
| **Deacon** | — | — | — | — | — |
| **Lector** | Ed McCourt | Fergus McCann | — | Corinne Spinale | Art Greenwood |
| **Eucharistic Ministers** | Paul Cronin<br>Pam McCourt<br>Christine Tierney<br>Joe Tierney | Margo Yie<br>Bob Peretti<br>Janice Peretti | Helen Boucher<br>Kevin Brady<br>Renee Curtin<br>John Calcio<br>Susan Calcio | John Johnson<br>Richard Wright<br>Ginny Wright<br>Jon Bonsall<br>Kathy Bonsall | Rick Kinney<br>Anne Wachtmeister |
| **Altar Servers** | — | — | — | — | — |

# St John's 2013 Lenten Gift

**2013 Lenten Gift: Rebuilding in Faith – Supporting St. Margaret Mary Parish, Staten Island, NY**

This week our Lenten Gift story continues as we introduce the devastating Hurricane Sandy and its impact on residents of Staten Island, particularly those in the St. Margaret Mary Parish located in the Midland Beach area.

*Superstorm Sandy – Hurricane turned cyclone causing major devastation*

The storm originated in the Caribbean and for ten days gradually made its way through Jamaica, Cuba, and the Bahamas before turning northward up the eastern U.S. seaboard. The storm grew to about 1,000 miles in diameter (twice the size of Hurricane Katrina) and earned the nickname of "Frankenstorm." On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit Staten Island, located at the mouth of New York harbor, with a combination of strength (winds of 80 mph), astrological high tides and an angle of approach that produced a record storm surge of 16 feet. The storm surge wiped out homes on the water and flooded neighborhoods up to one mile inland with 8 feet of water. Trees and power lines were down and people were stranded in their homes until emergency personnel could rescue them in boats.

The storm resulted in over 100 deaths, $60 billion in damage, and over 100,000 people being displaced from their homes. New York City officials estimate that nearly 6,000 buildings sustained damage on Staten Island causing occupants to seek temporary lodging elsewhere. People are still recovering from the loss of property and home as they struggle to take care of their most basic needs and attempt to re-build for a future.

*St. Margaret Mary Parish*

The Parish is located in the Midland Beach section on the east coast of Staten Island, originally a beach community with many one-story bungalow style homes. The parishioners suffered the full brunt of the storm as their homes were severely damaged by the storm surge and resulting flood due to their location on the island's east coast, the storm's thirteen inches of rain and the housing stock's small size and low rise design. Hundreds of families are still struggling to put their lives back together with city officials estimating 300 homes are still without power or heat and another 200 homes classified as uninhabitable because they were destroyed or rendered structurally unsound. While all of this occurred over three months ago, hundreds of families continue to struggle to rebuild their shattered lives. They live in temporary housing, their children are bused to schools far away, and they have lost many of their prized possessions. The parish has established a relief fund which has been very successful but the proceeds go out as fast as they are raised due to the community's great need. Our St. John's 2013 Lenten Gift will go to this fund.

**Next Week:** We introduce one of the impacted St. Margaret Mary parish families and their struggle to *Rebuild in Faith*.

**CATHOLIC TV** **Verizon - 296, RCN - 85, Comcast - 268, Charter - 101**

## *SACRAMENTAL & DEVOTIONAL SERVICES*

***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**

### *Family Members of our Parish who are Serving in the Military*

Sr. Airman Melissa Beecher; Capt. Eric Calton; L.Cpl. Brandon Gerard Cotter; Sergeant Joseph Delaney; PFC William Gingrass; Lt. Tom Hennessey, Jr.; Captain Gregory Holownia; Capt. Patrick H. Joseph; Lt.Col. David Lamy; Lt.Col. John Lee, PFC Walter Mengden; Pty.Off.3 Daniel F. Murray II; A1C Derek Sherman; Lt.Col. Christopher Spigelmire and Staff Sgt. Raymond Wrensch.

**SO OTHERS MAY EAT (S.O.M.E.) *This* Sunday, February 24** is another opportunity for St. John's to provide sandwiches to Bristol Lodge in Waltham. Contact Liz Phillips at (781)237-4430 or Liz.Phillips@comcast.net with questions.

***MARIAN MOVEMENT:*** Every **Tuesday**, for those with special devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are invited to pray the Rosary, 7 p.m., in the Chapel.

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

***ANOINTING OF THE SICK:*** The Sacrament is administered after the Liturgy on the first Saturday of the month **(Saturday, March 3).** Those who are chronically ill, are having treatments, or will be having surgery are invited to come receive this source of strength.

**Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended for the month of February.**

***FIRST FRIDAY MASS:*** St. John School will celebrate First Friday Liturgy on Friday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church. All parishioners are most welcome to join them.

**Please note that our weekly bulletin is accessible on our Parish website at stjohnwellesley.org.**

## *NEW PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE*

*If you are just beginning to worship with us at St. John Church, WELCOME! We invite you to register as members of our Parish. You may drop your completed information in the basket, or return it to our Parish office. Please introduce yourselves when you have a chance!*

*NAME* _____

*ADDRESS* _____

*TELEPHONE* _____

*E-MAIL* _____

□ *THIS IS A NEW REGISTRATION* *(You will be sent a complete registration card)*

□ *THIS IS AN UPDATE FOR:*
- □ *Change of Name*
- □ *Change of Address*
- □ *Send envelopes*
- □ *Moving out of Parish*
- □ *Someone in Hospital*
- □ *Someone Homebound*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
*Every* Wednesday during Lent,
6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Chapel
Also every Saturday, 3:30-4:00p.m. and
Holy Saturday, March 30, 10:00-12:00 noon

## 2013 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The St. Paul Catholic Men's Fellowship Group is planning to car-pool to the **Catholic Men's Conference** to be held at the DCU Center in Worcester on **Saturday, March 16**. Scheduled for this all-day conference are dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Father James Martin, SJ; NHL & Olympic Referee Kerry Fraser; Father Sammie L. Maletta, and Joe McClane, *"The Catholic Hack."* Bishop McManus will offer the conference Mass. Bishops, diocesan and religious priests are available for confession. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call **508-929-4345** or visit the website, www.firstmensconf.org for information and ticket purchase. Tickets are $45 per person ($60 after March 3rd). We cordially invite the men of St. John the Evangelist Parish as well as their sons, brothers, fathers and friends to join the St. Paul Men's Group in this annual event. **For Wellesley car-pool information call Tory DeFazio 781-237-6738 or Joe Cavanaugh at 781-237-0759**

## CONSIDER THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST WITH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY. . .

Rehearsals for **Holy Week and Easter** will begin on Sunday, March 3. Check the parish website or this space for more information about rehearsals and St. John's Music.

The **Parish Choir** meets at 10am (except on the first Sunday of the month when it meets with the *FIRST SUNDAY CHOIR* at 9:00 a.m.) to prepare hymns and responses for the 11am Mass.

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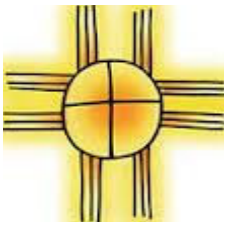
***FIRST SUNDAY CHOIR*** meets on the first Sunday of every month October- June at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a special choral piece to be sung that day at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children, grownups, families and former choir members are invited as we meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Music Office downstairs to learn a simple anthem to be sung at Mass. No prior music experience is necessary, there are no auditions. Children under 12 must bring a singing adult with them!! We'll have a good time together and offer some very accessible music. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to sing, but cannot commit to a regular rehearsal schedule. Please speak with Larry Carson or any choir member with your questions or to express your interest in becoming part of this exciting ministry. Our next *FSC* will be Sunday, March 3**.**

**ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS!** Children in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the St. John's Easter Youth Choir. High School Assistants are welcome. There are 4 rehearsals: **3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24** at 10:50-11:50 in the Chapel. The Children will sing at the 9:00 AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. For more information call Maria Wardwell 781-237-2148 or maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org.



**Lectio Divina** Words, Words, Words. Words have power. In the midst of the relentless bombardment of meaningless sound bites some really hit home. They hit us in our deepest core. They resonate with a deeper interior truth.

Allowing the words of sacred Scripture to touch us this way at the center of our being is an ancient prayer method called Lectio Divina, literally "holy or sacred reading." It's simple and flexible for anybody with an over stimulated mind seeking to stir the embers of faith and love of a relationship with God. It begins with a short passage—a verse or two of Scripture (lectio) until a word or phrase jumps out at you. Next, ask What does this mean to me? What is God trying to tell me? (meditatio). This leads into a time of prayer—a conversation with God (oratio). Finally, you take a moment to silently rest in the presence of God (contemplatio).

Sound interesting? Want to learn more? Lent is the perfect season to try it out.

Sr. Evelyn Ronan and Deacon Tom Shuler invite you to re-ignite the embers of faith" this Lent with a four-session program, "Holy Reading." Join them each **Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel beginning February 24th.** You're welcome to come to one or all sessions. And there's no need to register for anything.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | February 24 | RCIA | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Rectory |
| | | Lectio Divina | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Parish Center Chapel |
| Tuesday | February 26 | Marian Movement | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel |
| | | Fr. Robert Imbelli Lecture | 7:00 p.m. ***(time change)*** | Social Hall |
| Wednesday | February 27 | Lenten Yoga Series | 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Parish Center |
| | | Reconciliation | 6:30—8:00 p.m. | Chapel |
| Friday | March 1 | Stations of the Cross | 5:30 –6:30 p.m. | Chapel |
| Saturday | March 2 | Movie: Of God and Men | After 5:00 p.m. Mass | Social Hall |
| | | Anointing of the Sick | After 5:00 p.m. Mass | Church |

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, February 23 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Donna Steinkrauss |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Memorial | † | Martin Benante |
| Sunday, February 24 | 7:30 a.m. | 18 Anniv. | † | Mary McDermott Sweeney |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Joan Hallisey |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Anniversary | † | Gino Fiore |
| | | Memorial | † | Francis M. Graham |
| | | Memorial | † | Margaret Capasso |
| | | Memorial | † | Virginia Cerrito |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Memorial | † | Joan Duffy |
| Monday, February 25 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | William Furdon |
| Tuesday, February 26 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Evelyn Louise Shimkus |
| Wednesday, February 27 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Thomas Fuss |
| Thursday, February 28 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | For the Parish |
| Friday, March 1 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Ann Minkel Corkery |
| Saturday, March 2 | 7:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Margaret Hostage |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Memorial | † | Blanche Pike |
| Sunday, March 3 | 7:30 a.m. | Memorial | † | Giles Mosher |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | David Reilly |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Memorial | † | Blanche Pike |
| | | Memorial | † | Henry J. Skala |
| | | Memorial | † | Catherine E. McGann |
| | | 7th Anniv. | † | Thomas Merlino |
| | 5:00 p.m. | 4th Anniv. | † | Richard J. Sullivan |

## *PARISH DIRECTORY*

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