



Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent • March 3, 2013



*Lord, help me to honor these days of Lent.
Remind me of the ashes that were placed on my
forehead so I do not forget where I have come from and
where I am going.*

*May I acknowledge to you my sins and my deep need
for your loving forgiveness and grace.*

*I pray that this Lenten season will make me so much
more aware of how much I need your healing in my life.*

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, 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

Next Week:

Sunday, March 10

Grade 2 Mass 9:00 AM
Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45 AM

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.



EASTER CANDY COLLECTION:

The Parish will be collecting your donations of Easter candy at all Masses the weekend of March 23rd. The candy will be used to fill Easter baskets for the families residing in the shelters operated by St. Mary's Women's and Children's Center in Dorchester. Easter baskets for 131 children and moms will be assembled by Religious Education students in grades 7 – 10 and delivered to St. Mary's during Holy Week. *Thank you for your generosity!*



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:

Norman Zaworski (uncle of Joan Savitt) 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, 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.

Wednesday, March 20

Book Launch: Encountering Jesus in the Scripture
Presenters: Fr. Daniel Harrington, SJ & Christopher R. Matthews, Professors, STM Theology and Ministry Library, BC, 5:30 p.m.



EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC:

Would you like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers or Easter music in memory of a loved one during this holy season? If so, you may make a donation using your offertory envelopes, the collection basket, ParishPay, or by dropping your donation off at the rectory or in the mail. Please make sure to include the name of the person you want remembered in this special way. The deadline to submit names of loved ones so that they are included in the Easter bulletin is



Wednesday, March 20. Thank you!

FR. HEHIR'S LENTEN LECTURES

Monday, March 4: *The State of the Church*
Monday, March 25: *Church and State: Here and Abroad* (note change of date)

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



There is a Good Samaritan
in each one of us.

This weekend, St. John the Evangelist joins with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston in the 2013 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal supports the 50 ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs. This is the most effective way for our parish community to join in the Church's universal work of caring for those among us who are in need. We are each called to care for our neighbors, and during this holy time of Lent, we have the opportunity to be the Good Samaritan to others through our support of the Catholic Appeal. Please pledge your support on the envelope provided in the pews and return the completed form to the back of the Church. You may also pledge to the parish campaign at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support of this important effort.

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

Wednesday 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.

No mats are necessary & no floor exercises will be done.

“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 a.m. 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

Actual (2/24/13) \$386,722

Prior Year (2/24/12) \$381,760

Full Year Budget (FY13) \$443,700

Weekly Offertory

FY2013 2/24/13 \$286,843

FY2012 2/24/12 \$278,059

FY2013

Budget 2/24/13 \$282,230

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. If you missed any collections due to the weather or vacations, feel free to drop them in this weekends collection, in the mail or at the Rectory.



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.

WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

	Saturday March 2	Sunday, March 3			
	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. Hehir
Deacon	—	—	—	—	—
Lector	Sally Miller	Joellen Toussaint	—	Janine Kurth	Pat Colton
Eucharistic Ministers	Mae Capobianco Jim Eckert Debra Surner Kathy Boyce Brian Boyce	Margaret Flannery Clare Mungovan Bob Mungovan	Lucy Kapples Jim Stokes Regina Watts Jerry Kehoe Christine Kehoe	Kathi Aldridge Paula Gomez Jim Post Jeannette Post	Marcia Gorgone Patrick Dowdall Susanne Dowdall
Altar Servers	Marianna Baffa Paul Loeber	—	Joanie Sullivan Andrew Scherrer Daniel Scherrer	Molly Morgan Liam Morgan	—

St John's 2013 Lenten Gift

Rebuilding in Faith – Supporting St. Margaret Mary Parish, Staten Island, NY

The Rebuilding Effort

As the storm devastation became clear, the reality that the families of Staten Island needed major support became obvious. St Margaret Mary Parish stepped forward in service by distributing \$500 gift cards to parishioners provided by the Archdiocese, starting a relief fund and creating a food bank as residents looked to friends and relatives to provide shelter. Strong early donations of approximately \$215,000 went quickly in the days immediately following the storm as families looked to get resettled.

The “rip out” stage of the rebuilding effort progressed swiftly in this community of teachers, fire fighters, police, many with the skills to make repairs. Volunteer laborers by the hundreds and donations of tools and supplies came from services organizations from all over the area. St. Margaret Mary provided organization and administrative support coordinating the donations and recycling the tools and supplies. Now, however, the costly rebuilding stage starts and the unsettling realization that insurance covers only a fraction of the basics.



The mud and waste left the house with extensive damage.



One Family's Struggle

Let's look at this rebuilding phase through the experiences of the "Rodriguez" family (not the actual family's name), a family of four, occupying two small homes on one lot of property. The property, located near Gateway National Park, has never had any problems with water and therefore no flood insurance was required or taken on the property. Originally the maternal grandmother lived in the smaller of the two homes until her death two years ago. The father is a New York City police officer, the mother is a homemaker and the two children include an 18 year old daughter with Crohn's Disease and a 15 year old son.

The night Sandy struck, Mr. Rodriguez was on duty but left his car for the family in case they needed to evacuate; however, the storm came so quickly they were unable to get out. Their car was totaled as the sea engulfed everything. Mom, son and daughter took refuge in the attic for safety.

When the water receded they were able to come down to find everything covered in mud and sand with all personal items drenched in a mix of sewer and sea water. Their car sat upside down having been swept by the storm surge. Upon inspection, Mr. Rodriguez realized his house had shifted by the force of the water, causing a crack in the ceiling and in one of the walls.

The damage to the small homes was extensive. Repairs just to regain occupancy included a new floor, new wallboard and insulation, new doors, as well as systems and appliances. FEMA has given the family \$6,500 “for construction costs.” No other assistance is available as their homeowner's insurance covers nothing as the damage is considered flood damage. The Rodriguez story is not uncommon as hundreds of families in Midland Beach are left with limited and inadequate insurance and disaster relief.



The home after the damaged floors and walls were removed.



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

WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK: Starting **Tuesday, April 2** and running for six weeks (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7), a Workshop on **Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound** will be offered at **St. Bridget, Framingham from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Alyssa Adreani, Coordinator of Catholic Pastoral Services from Newton-Wellesley Hospital, will teach the course.

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40.00. Registration information is available at St. Bridget's Parish Office or call (617) 746-5843. **Pre-registration is required. Please register by March 27.**



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



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00a.m. **March 10.** Please remember to turn your clock **ahead** 1 hour.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend's second collection is the special monthly for St. John. **We appreciate your generosity.**

Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended indefinitely.



†**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FOOD PANTRY:** Next weekend, **March 10** (and every second Sunday). Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to our Glen Road entrance. Contact Angela Spinale (781-431-0008) with questions.

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*

☐ *Moving out of Parish*

☐ *Change of Address*

☐ *Someone in Hospital*

☐ *Send envelopes*

☐ *Someone Homebound*



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Wednesday during Lent,
6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Chapel
Also every Saturday, 3:30-4:00 p.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 today Sunday, March 3. Check the parish website or this space for more information about rehearsals and St. John's Music.

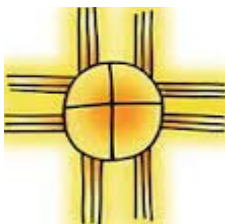
The **Parish Choir** meets at 10:00 a.m. (except on the first Sunday of the month when it meets with the *FIRST SUNDAY CHOIR* at 9:00 a.m.) to prepare hymns and responses for the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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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.



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**. You're welcome to come to one or all sessions. And there's no need to register for anything.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	March 3	RCIA	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Rectory
		Easter Youth Choir Rehearsal	10:50-11:50 a.m.	Chapel
		Lectio Divina	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Parish Center Chapel
Monday	March 4	Fr. Hehir's Lecture	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Church
Tuesday	March 5	Marian Movement	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Wednesday	March 6	Lenten Yoga Series	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Parish Center Chapel
		Reconciliation	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Chapel
Friday	March 8	Stations of the Cross	5:30 –6:30 p.m.	Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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
Monday, March 4	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Kenneth J. Langley
Tuesday, March 5	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Margaret Hostage
Wednesday, March 6	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Kay Martin
Thursday, March 7	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† For the Parish
Friday, March 8	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Emmett McNamara
Saturday, March 9	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† James Frame
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Giles Mosher
Sunday, March 10	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	† George Thompson
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Sr. Catherine Mullahy
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Ann Tambascio
		Memorial	† Arthur & Eleanor Sullivan
		Memorial	† Bernardine Walsh
		Memorial	† John Larry Harvey
	5:00 p.m.	2nd Anniv.	† James H. Walsh, III

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Rev. Thomas F. Powers	781-235-0045
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