

## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

Serving Wellesley - Newton

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# *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *September 15, 2013*



## *The Prodigal Son*

*This son of mine was dead,  
and has come to life again;  
he was lost, and has been found.*

### 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

### 2013/2014 Class Schedule

Classes for all grades will begin as follows:

**Grades 1 – 6:** Sunday, 9/22, from 10 – 10:45 AM or  
Wednesday, 9/25, from 3:30 – 4:45 PM

**Grades 7 – 10:** Sunday, 9/22, from 6 – 8 PM

A final calendar can be downloaded from the Parish website.

### **Opening Day Procedures**

#### Grades 1 - 6

- All parents and students should report to Philbin Hall in the lower level of St. John's School to receive class room assignments.
- Assignments will be posted on the wall in alphabetical order.
- Parents should accompany their children to their classrooms, which will have class lists posted.
- Parents, please introduce yourselves to your child(ren)'s teachers.
- Volunteers will be available in the corridors to help guide parents and students to classes.
- If you have not filled out a registration form and/or have not paid your registration fee, please report to the registration desk in Philbin Hall.
- Students will be dismissed to the coned off area in the parking lot to be picked up, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.
- As a reminder, dismissal times are **10:45 AM** on Sunday and **4:45 PM** on Wednesday.

#### Grades 7 – 10 Classes meet Sunday evening, as scheduled, from 6 – 8 PM

All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students should report to Philbin Hall in the lower level of St. John's School at 6PM for room assignments.

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades students should report at 6PM to the Parish Center located across the parking lot from the school for room assignments.

**Please be considerate and register your child prior to the first class meeting.** We may not be able to accommodate your child in the most appropriate classroom (i.e. with children from his/her elementary school, or with friends) if you do not register in advance. Wednesday classes for several grades are at maximum capacity and are now closed. The registration form is available for download on the Parish website found at [www.stjohnwellesley.org](http://www.stjohnwellesley.org). The late registration fee now applies; please include \$25/child in addition to the stated fee.

Our Parish's Confirmation preparation is a two year program beginning in grade 9. Except for those enrolled in Catholic schools, all students must complete the two year program prior to being Confirmed. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic school students planning to be Confirmed in May 2014 must fully participate in the second year of the Parish Religious Education Program. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Leonard at [jane.leonard@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:jane.leonard@stjohnwellesley.org) or at 781.237.0141.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### **SAVE THESE DATES!** Details to follow.

**Tuesday, October 1**

Evening for Women, 6:30 p.m., Social Hall

**Saturday, October 5**

Film Night and Potluck Dinner, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Social Hall

**Thursday, October 10**

Book Group *Reluctant Saint: The Life of St. Francis Assisi* Donald Spoto  
Parish Center, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For information: Peter Mongeau at  
[pmongeau@verizon.net](mailto:pmongeau@verizon.net) or John Stewart at 617 969-0950

**Wednesday, October 30**

**The Francis Papacy: Reform, Renewal, and Resistance** B.C., Robsham Theater,  
6:00 p.m. Vatican analyst John Allen shares insider stories of the emerging papacy of  
Francis and presents his observations on how this humble pastor is renewing the  
Catholic Church of the 21st century. Seating is limited.

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS** for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially:

***Bob, Eileen, Jim, JoAnne, Kathy, Kerry, Pat, Peggy and Steven.***

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**St. John the Evangelist**  
Wellesley, MA

### Planning Study Summary

**Personal Interviews conducted:** 23

**Focus Groups:** 4 focus groups- 47 participants

**On-line survey:** 125 participants

**Case Statement:** Sections of the original part of the church, most notably the tower, are in need of significant repair and reconstruction. The heating and cooling systems need updating and the parking lot needs repaving and improved lighting. Estimated cost: \$1,100,000

### Study Highlights

- **St John- St Paul Collaborative.**

There is some misunderstanding regarding the parish collaborative. While some understand that the collaborative is primarily about “staffing” others fear there is a possibility of merging with a neighboring parish. It would be helpful for the parish to once again address the issue- through a bulletin article, homily, or by the Planning Committee.

- **Prioritize Fundraising Projects.**

Several parishioners suggested that the maintenance projects should be prioritized according fundraising goals achieved.

- **Fr. Powers, St. John’s Parish gets highly favorable ratings.**

Participants gave highly favorable ratings to the parish for its welcoming and vibrant community. They are especially grateful for the spiritual leadership of Fr. Powers, Sr. Evelyn and Fr. Hehir. They believe Fr. Powers has the ability to lead the parish through a successful fundraising effort.

- **Nearly all participants said they would give to capital campaign.**

Nearly all (91%) of those interviewed and participating in focus groups, with few exceptions, said they would contribute to a capital campaign. They clearly understand the need to address the maintenance issues. They also stressed the need for wide participation in the campaign, regardless of economic status; the need for equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

- **The parish budget and maintenance.**

Several active parishioners noted the need to address on-gong maintenance issues by allocating more funds in the annual budget. While there are some parish reserves, they would like to see additional funds being dedicated to future maintenance.

### Sample of Survey Questions

**Question 2:** *Do you consider yourself an active parishioner?*

- Yes: 71%                      No: 9%                      Somewhat: 20%

**Question 3:** *How would you rate St. John the Evangelist Parish, taking into consideration the parish staff, the worship, the religious education program and the parish organizations and ministries?*

- Very good: 87%              Good: 12%              Fair: 1%              Poor: N/A

**Question 4:** What is your reaction to the Case Statement?

- Favorable: 71%      Unfavorable: 2%      Mixed: 27%

**Question 5:** In addition to the list of projects noted, are there other areas of need not addressed that you see as a priority?

- Common response: Church sound system; Safety issue regarding Ledyard Street entrance

**Question 7:** With regard to your own involvement would you... give to a Campaign

- Yes: 91%      No <1%      Maybe 9%

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the Planning Study indicate that St. John the Evangelist Parish is in an excellent position to conduct a Capital Campaign to address the needs identified by the Parish Building Committee.

Taking into account the annual income of the parish, the strong support for the case, general concerns raised regarding the economy, the initial number of parishioners willing to commit to a campaign (91%), and the early indication of pledges, we believe St. John the Evangelist Parish should set the campaign goal at \$1,250,000.

Respectfully submitted by: Cornerstone Fundraising. LLC, 223 Low Street, Newburyport, MA • www.CornerstoneFundraising.com

### Parish Revenue

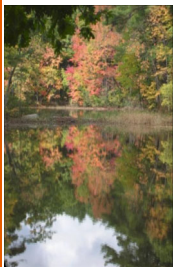
The results through September 8 are listed below. As you can see, our numbers are trailing last year at this time. Please consider using Parish Pay. Information is available on our website, or by calling the Parish Business Office at (781) 235-0045.

#### Weekly Offertory

**Actual (9/08/13)**      \$73,716  
**Prior Year (9/08/12)** \$77,274  
**Budget (9/08/13)**    \$74,600

#### Annual Appeal

**Actual thru 9/08/13** \$21,115  
**2013-14 Budget**      \$444,399  
**Percent Complete**    4.8%



**PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT:** “After my abortion, I was broken and desperate for help. I turned to Project Rachel. After the experience, I left feeling like a whole person again. Forgiveness became a reality for me, a feeling I never imagined was possible.” The pain of abortion haunts many women. 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 September 21, October 26 and November 23, 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](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). All inquiries confidential.

### WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

	Saturday, September 14	Sunday, September 15			
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Connelly	Fr. Powers	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Powers
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Murphy	Joellen Toussaint	Tricia Tilford	Patricia Murphy	Dan Kenslea
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anne DeFilippo Bob Feige Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey	Margo Yie Bob Peretti Janice Peretti	Mary Barber Renee Curtin Jerry Kehoe Christine Kehoe	Paula Gomez Christine Hayes John Johnson Jeanette McNally	Patrick Dowdall Susanne Dowdall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Arianna Baffa Katie Gourdeau	Juliette Connors Julia Murphy	Andrew Scherrer	Owen Conway Paul Santozzi	Elizabeth Dew





### **Collaborative News**

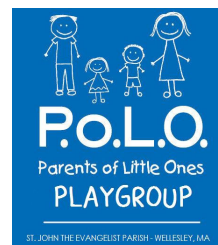
The St. John and St. Paul parishes will, in the near future, be joined in a collaborative under a plan developed by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Commission. The St. John, St. Paul collaborative committee will, from time to time, publish in both bulletins, and on both parish websites, information regarding this collaboration. In the coming weeks, we will be presenting a series of 14 “Frequently Asked Questions.”

#### **8. I keep hearing that St. John’s and St Paul’s are forming a Parish Collaborative. Does this mean that one of the churches here in Wellesley will be closing?**

No. Both St. John’s and St. Paul’s will remain open, which happily is a key benefit of the new Pastoral Collaborative program. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission, over the last several years, evaluated the resources (the number of priests, new vocations, church buildings, etc) available in the Boston area for the foreseeable future and has determined how to allocate these resources in a manner that will enable the mission of Christ and the Catholic Church to grow stronger. Think of our Collaborative as an “affiliation of parishes” – not a new parish. St. John’s and St. Paul’s will each maintain its own identity – each with its own name, buildings, canonical rights, bank accounts, books, financial assets, and financial obligations.

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please email your questions or comments about Parish Collaboratives to - [stjohn.stpaul@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn.stpaul@gmail.com)

**PARENT’S OF LITTLE ONES PLAYGROUP** : Starting September 25th! Are you looking to meet other parents from St. John’s or make a friend for your little one? Then come by the Church Social Hall on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the new **Parents Of Little Ones** playgroup. A group organized by parents where they can stop by anytime to meet and socialize with other parents and children. Bring your coffee, snacks and toys. No need to RSVP - just drop in between 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings - the door will be open! (be sure to use the stroller friendly Ledyard Street entrance) If you have questions or would like to be put on the email list please contact Chrissy Cassa at [chrissy.cassa@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:chrissy.cassa@stjohnwellesley.org)



**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Family Mass Coffee & Donuts starts up *this* weekend after the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass! Stop downstairs in the Social Hall after the Mass and grab a donut and coffee and catch up with friends - both new and old. This social hour cannot happen without your help! Please go to the web and sign-up for a Sunday that is convenient for you! [stjohnwellesley.org/donuts](http://stjohnwellesley.org/donuts)

### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



On Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m., please join us behind the Church for St. John’s **Blessing of the Animals**. All loved animals are welcome – real, toy and photo! For their safety, all real animals should be leashed or in a carrier. Please consider donating gently used blankets and towels for local animal shelters.



### **WELCOME WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 21-22**

Please join us *next* Sunday for the **St. John Parish Family Picnic Brunch** after our Sunday morning Masses. We

will have pancakes along with games, pony rides, a petting zoo, and much more! We look forward to seeing you there!

**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 will convene in October from ten to eleven in the Church Rectory on Sunday mornings. 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](mailto:sveafraser@comcast.net), (781) 237-7560.

### **Rehearsals for the Family Mass Music & Contemporary Music Groups Begin this Weekend!**

**Family Mass Music:** Our first rehearsal will be **this Sunday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.** During the school year, we rehearse each Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for that day's 9:00 a.m. Mass, and we also prepare special liturgies for Grade Level Masses, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost. The Christmas and Easter Youth Choirs, directed by Maria Wardwell (781-237-2148 or Maria.Wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org), also join forces with the Family Mass Musicians at those special times of year and have a separate rehearsal schedule. Please contact Chris Holownia (617-513-0823 or christopher.holownia@gmail.com) for more information.

**Contemporary Music Group:** The genre for the the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday evenings tends to be more contemporary, appealing to the young adults/teens and their families, and we seek both vocalists and instrumentalists to rehearse at 4:15 p.m. each Sunday before the Mass that same night. We occasionally plan programming to coincide with the teen Masses and other special events. Please contact Chris Holownia (617-513-0823 or christopher.holownia@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved! **First rehearsal is Sunday, September 8 at 4:15 p.m.**



**ST. PAUL ANNUAL BBQ:** St. Paul Parish invites all parishioners of St. John Parish to join us in our Annual BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's parking lot. Join us for great food, pony rides, crafts, face painting, dunk tank, giant slide, music, pie contest, and much more! **Children \$4, Adults \$5 and Seniors \$4** The event includes a Blue Ribbon Pie Contest. Bring your best pie (ready to serve) to the Parish Hall the day of the BBQ at 2:00. All pie flavors are welcome! Judges will decide on the best tasting pie. Turn in this form at the ticket table after Mass or enter your pie by emailing Mary Kaye at mary.kaye38@gmail.com or by calling 781-489-5067. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Please see the website or call the Rectory for a Pie Contest Entry Form.

Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA 02184



**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** During September, there is an opportunity to add new members to the Parish Pastoral Council. We ask that you carefully consider whom you believe would enjoy serving in this way. Having considered the qualifications and responsibilities and described below, we encourage you to nominate your self or another parishioner. Once we have collected and confirmed the nominations, we will draw four adult members for a three-year term from names submitted.

**Qualifications:** (1) Be a Catholic who is registered and active in the Parish, (2) Participate in the sacramental life of the Church, (3) Be 18 years of age or older.

**Responsibilities:** The normal term of a Parish Council member is three years. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

***As a consultative body, the Parish Pastoral Council is responsible to the pastor, assisting and supporting him in his leadership role. It recognizes the varied gifts of the parish members and invites them to an active leadership role in the parish.***

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

*Please submit this portion with your nomination(s) to the ballot box at the Church entrance or to the Rectory office as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration. Nominations will close on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.*

***Please consider for nomination to our Parish Pastoral Council the following:***

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Name Address (optional)

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Name Address (optional)

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Name Address (optional)

### SACRAMENTAL & DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

**Adoration:** Suspended during the Summer months, will resume in the Fall  
**Anointing of the Sick:** First Saturday, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass • **Baptism:** Schedule with Priest  
**Funeral:** Contact Parish Priest • **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

BANNS - Sarah Roslansky & Phillip Larson (I)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, September 14	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Donald MacMillan
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Karri Kanczak
Sunday, September 15	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	†	Rosalie K. Orr
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Donald Pickersgill
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Agnes Marx
		Memorial	†	Alice & Irwin Bofferding
		Memorial	†	Adeline & Elmer Swanson
		Memorial	†	Sam S. Mullin
		10th Anniversary	†	Grace A. Scammon
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	John Lawler
Monday, September 16	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Ralph James Ruocco
Tuesday, September 17	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Joseph Francis Flynn
Wednesday, September 18	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	D. Delvena Kloss & Mary Ellen Smith
Thursday, September 19	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Nancy E. Pfannenstiehl
Friday, September 20	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Lawrence Strang
Saturday, September 21	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Pasqualina 'Patty' Bernardo
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Kenneth J. Langley
Sunday, September 22	7:30 a.m.	Healing	†	Special Intention
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Sheila Courchaine
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	†	Mark and Nora Ridge
		Memorial	†	Sheila N. Young
		Memorial	†	Eileen Drummy
		Memorial	†	Mary E. Reed
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	†	Don Gibbons

### PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Rev. Thomas F. Powers	781-235-0045
In Residence	Rev. J. Bryan Hehir	781-235-0045
In Residence	Rev. John Connelly	781-235-0045
Pastoral Associate	Sr. Evelyn Ronan, SND	781-235-0045
Business Manager	Gail DeLuca	781-235-0045
Building Superintendent	David Linardy	781-235-0045
Parish Secretary	Sarah Connolly	781-235-0045
St. John School Principal	Robert Arsenault	781 235-0300
Religious Ed. Teacher Development	Christine Tierney	781-237-0141
Religious Education, Grades 1-6	Linda Messoré	781-235-5337
Religious Education, Grades 7-10	Jane Leonard	781-237-0141
Family Mass Coordinator	Christine Cassa	781-235-0045
Music Director and Organist	Laurence Carson	781-235-0034
Parish Cantor	Marian Morrison	781-239-0174
Family Mass Music Director	Christopher Holownia	617-513-0823
Information Technology	Tricia Bombara	781-235-0045
Coordinator of R.C.I.A.	Svea Fraser	781-237-7560
Pastoral Planning Group		ppg@stjohnwellesley.org

### Parish Finance Council:

Sandy Avellone  
 Brian Boyce  
 Joe Creonte  
 George Eldridge  
 Tom Fontaine  
 Rich Green  
 Lucy Kapples  
 Bob McDonnell  
 David Spinale  
 Anne Stabnick  
 Steve St. Thomas (Chair)

### Parish Pastoral Council:

Kate Donovan  
 Art Greenwood  
 Steve Healey  
 Jack Kapples  
 Mark Kelley  
 Marci Loeber  
 Stephanie Morgan  
 Mary Mullen  
 Ed Nelson  
 Suzanne Pasko  
 Christian Rubio  
 Sheelah Sullivan