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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *September 27, 2015*



Welcome Weekend

This weekend, September 26-27

St. John Parish lifts high the banner of *WELCOME!*

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)

CONFESSION - in the Chapel

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m. (or by appt.)

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

Grades 1 – 6: There is capacity for all grades on Sunday mornings and registration is ongoing. The new Grade 5 and Grade 6 curriculum is such that we can accommodate more students on Wednesday **for these grades only**. Wednesday classes for grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 are over capacity and we are unable to accept any more registrations.

Grades 7 – 10: Registration is ongoing. **We are looking for a volunteer to team teach 10 on Sunday evenings.** Please contact Jane Leonard if you're able to help.

2015/2016 Class Schedule

Classes for all grades will begin as follows:

Grades 1 – 6:

Sunday, 9/27, from 10–10:45 a.m. **or**

Wednesday, 9/30, from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Grades 7 – 10: Sunday, 9/27, from 6 – 8 p.m.

All registered families should have recently received an email detailing opening day procedures with links to the final calendar and program information on the Parish website.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Leonard, jane.leonard@stjohnwellesley.org, or Linda Messore, linda.messore@stjohnwellesley.org.

WELCOME to one and all as we celebrate the life of this community and the countless ways this life continues to grow and deepen in faith and love and service. To our visitors, to those who recently moved into the area, and to those for whom the Parish is your spiritual home, a **warm** welcome.

WELCOME WEEKEND— This Sunday, September 27: During “Welcome Weekend” we lift high the banner of WELCOME to one and all as we celebrate the life of this community and the countless ways this life continues to grow and deepen in faith and love and service. Each September is always a new beginning! Come, join us to make this year the best! Come join us following our morning Masses on Sunday for refreshments, games, pony rides, a petting zoo and more!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

October 6 - Evening for Women:

Evenings for Women begin again for the 16th year. We gather every first Tuesday, beginning October 6 at 6:30 p.m., in the Church/Social Hall (Powers Hall) for an evening to reflect, pray, share and enjoy a wonderful pot-luck!

Pope Francis sets the theme for this year's program with the announcement of his Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Putting Out Into The Deep... Where Mercy Dwells

So come join us for this year's journey into the Deep All Welcome! Moderated by: Sr. Evelyn Ronan, SND (Bring your favorite Fall recipe)

October 8—Book Discussion Group:

Continuation of the conversation on Laudato Si' Pope Francis' Encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Sponsored by the St. John's Book Discussion Group Thursday, October 8, 7:30 p.m. Parish Center. Chapters 4-6 will be discussed at this session. Please contact John Stewart for a copy of the questions to be discussed and for any additional information at (617) 969-0950, email johnstewart@alum.bu.edu.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Amy Jennings and Vince Maduri II
Mary Theresa Pendergast and Thomas Lorentz I

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for members of our Parish who are ill, remembering especially: **Alanna, Andrew, Bill, Bryan, Carolyn, Cindy, John, Joseph, Kaitlin, Kristen, Lynn, Michelle, Scott, Susan and Stanley**

WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

	Saturday, September 26	Sunday, September 27			
	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Connelly	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Sepe	Fr. Connelly	Fr. Sepe
Lector	Kate Brady	John Stewart	Catherine Murrey	—	Anita Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne DeFilippo Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey	John J. Riley Bill Larrenaga Margaret Flannery	Jerry Kehoe Christine Kehoe John Riley Joan Riley Sheelah Sullivan Regina Watts	Christine Hayes Richard Wright Virginia Wright	Tim Curtin Liz Curtin

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

We are all on our individual spiritual journeys, yet come together to join in community at Mass each week. If you, or someone you know, are seeking greater participation and understanding of our faith and practices, we invite you to the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those who may have been baptized but who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. We also warmly invite those of other faiths and those who are seeking God and who feel drawn towards the Catholic Church.

We are also calling for volunteers to journey with those in the RCIA process this year. We are looking for individuals to join us in our welcome. The experience is enriched by the presence of other Catholics who are willing to listen and learn and pray for one another. Please consider deepening your own faith by being a participant or a sponsor.

RCIA will meet on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office (781 235-0045) or Svea Fraser at (781 237-7560 or email sveafraser@gmail.com)



POLO (Parents of Little Ones) PLAYGROUP: If anyone is interested in starting the POLO playgroup back up this Fall, please email Chrissy Cassa chrissy.cassa@stjohnwellesley.org to be added to the email list. The Playgroup is a parent-organized drop-in group that meets once a week for a couple hours (day & time to be determined) in the Church Social Hall. It's a great way to meet new families and friends - just bring your coffee and snacks and let the kids run and play!



WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE: Thank you for the warm reception last weekend for the young people who are taking part in the WYD pilgrimage to Krakow. It has come to our attention that some of the flyers we gave out omitted the price of the tickets for the closed end raffle to support our young people. The ticket price is \$100. The raffle will be drawn on 12th October. World Youth Day flyers are available at the back of the Church or at the Rectory Business Office. *We are so grateful for your support!*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

INVITATION FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS: A special invitation for you to consider: to become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector. For many years we have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve our Parish in this way. There is need now to increase the number of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for our Masses. Please pray about this and contact Sr. Evelyn at evelyn.ronan@comcast.net or (781) 235-0045. Many, many thanks! Training programs: Saturday Oct 17, 2:00 p.m. for new Lectors, Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Ministers.

ALTAR SERVERS: Training for new servers and refresher training for returning servers will be held on Friday, October 23 and October 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church. Any child who has made his or her First Communion is eligible to serve. More information will be coming soon. **If your child may be interested in becoming an altar server**, please let us know so we can send you information on training as soon as it's available: **email us** at stjohnwellesley@stjohnwellesley.org or call the office at 781-235-0045. *Thank you for your service to the St. John's community.*

MUSIC MINISTRIES



ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS: Our 15th Annual Christmas Youth Choir sign-up and first rehearsal will take place Sunday, **November 8th**: 10:50-11:50 a.m.. All students in grade 1-8 are invited to participate. High School, grade 9-12, Assistants are also welcome (counts towards confirmation community service credit)!

7 Rehearsals will take place on the following dates: 10:50 -11:50 November 8,15,22, 29* and December 6,13,20* . Note* November 29th and December 21st rehearsals are begin eralier. Children will participate in the Parish Christmas Concert 12/13 **AND/OR** Christmas Eve 5:30 Family Mass. All rehearsals are in St. John's Chapel. For more information, please contact Maria Wardwell at 781-237-2148 or maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org

GAUDETE—ST. JOHN'S NEW TEEN CHOIR: All teen singers in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join St. John's new youth choir GAUDETE. We will be singing in the Christmas concert and during the Easter season as well. This choir is led by Michael Meraw, a St. John's parishioner, a classical singer and a voice professor and director of the Undergraduate Opera at New England Conservatory. Come make beautiful music and glorify God! Please email me at: michael.meraw@necmusic.edu if you are interested. Rehearsals begin mid-October.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT: The Parish Choir will resume participating in liturgies this Sunday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. This is St. John's Parish Welcome (back) Weekend.

All from high school age and beyond are invited to join us in the Music Office downstairs at 9:30am. Breakfast refreshments will be available. Our first week night rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, September 30** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. First Sunday Choir members may join this rehearsal if they wish, or simply come **Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

Our team of choir directors includes: Larry Carson, Dr. Anita Kupriss, Kelly and Dr. Michael Meraw

We gladly welcome new members at any time during the year - but particularly now at the beginning of the season. This lively, energizing ministry is a perfect place to share the love of singing together, rekindle old friendships and begin new ones.

Watch throughout the year for additional information on the parish website. *Hope to see you there!*

ANSWERING THE CALL

An Interfaith Gathering for Climate Action

SHARE Pope Francis' encyclical message on environmental responsibility, social justice, and care for "our common home"

LEARN how we can work together to ensure a clean energy future in Massachusetts

BUILD an interfaith movement for action on climate change

Monday, October 12

Welcoming Reception & Sign-in: 6:30pm
Program: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Temple Beth Elohim
10 Bethel Road, Wellesley

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Fr. Bryan Hehir will be participating in this event.

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COLLABORATIVE INFORMATION

ST. PAUL 6:45 A.M. DAILY MASS: The daily Mass survey has been conducted at both St. Paul and St. John and the results are in. Clearly those attending the 6:45 at St. Paul are unable to travel to St. John for the 7:00 a.m. due to traffic, and an earlier Mass at St. John would not alleviate this issue. Unfortunately the 6:45 daily Mass currently celebrated at St. Paul parish will end Friday, October 2. I know this is not only an inconvenience but a painful loss for many. I ask for your understanding and prayerful support as I, Fr. Arthur and our pastoral staff continue to work hard to address the pastoral needs of the St. John / St. Paul Collaborative.

- Fr. Sepe

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Collaborative Council advises the Pastor in his role in forming and implementing the mission of the Parishes in the Collaborative. Since there is one Pastor for the Collaborative, there will be one Collaborative Pastoral Council (CPC). St. John the Evangelist and St. Paul Parishes will soon begin the process of forming their first CPC. The CPC will include parishioners from each parish.

Expectations of CPC members include ongoing meetings (up to twice a month initially) and participation in council training sessions for Disciples in Mission where three topics will be addressed at three separate training seminars. More information on the process for CPC nominations will be in the bulletins in the next few weeks. We ask that you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve this important ministry.

PARISH STAFF NEW HIRE: Tricia Fraser has joined the Collaborative staff as Director of Finance and Operations effective September 21, 2015. Tricia comes to the Collaborative staff after having many years of experience as a financial consultant for parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. Tricia is on board to support the parishes, school and councils with financial, administrative and operational matters. Tricia's office is located at St. John the Evangelist Parish and she may be reached by calling the office phone number or by email tricia.fraser@sjspwellesley.org.



ParishPay

PARISHPAY: Have you taken a look at our Automated Giving program, **ParishPay**? With **ParishPay**, you can set up a secure, automatic monthly contribution from a checking, savings, or credit card account to replace your weekly offerings. ParishPay can also be used for special collections, Parish Annual Appeal contributions, and Special Celebrations (Christmas & Easter.) There is no cost to you to participate in this program, and you can start, stop, or adjust your contributions privately via secure web access. Find out more by visiting our Website www.stjohnwellesley.org - you'll find complete information and instructions for signing up and getting started.

When traveling within the United States, call 1-800-MASSTIME or visit www.masstime.org for the location and schedule of a nearby Church for Mass.

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

St. John the Evangelist Parish - Property Improvement Updates

Church doors – The application of the new stain on the church doors has been a challenging process due to the age and condition of the doors as well as the direct heat and sunlight of the summertime. The work is ongoing as the weather is cooler and we hope to have the project finished in the next few weeks.

Parish Sign – There will be a new parish sign installed on the granite posts in front of the church. The new sign will look very similar to the old sign. We are completing the procedural steps necessary to install the new signage and expect that process to be completed soon. Thank you for your patience with these improvements.

SERVICE COMMISSION



SERVICE FEST 2015: Celebrating Who We Are and How We Care

Have you been hearing Christ's call to serve, but not sure how? We can help! The specific work of the Service Commission is to be a *catalyst for Christ's call to serve*, that it be continually heard and responded to in all aspects of parish life. **Join us after all the Masses next weekend (October 3-4) outdoors for refreshments and information on the many ways you can participate.** Come and see the Gospel alive! Sponsored by the [Parish Service Commission](#). For more information, please email us: SC@stjohnwellesley.org

SO OTHERS MAY EAT (S.O.M.E.): This Sunday, September 27 is the next opportunity for St. John Parish to help the *Bristol Lodge* with prepared sandwiches. If you have questions, contact Liz Phillips at (781) 237-4430 or lizpagephillips@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE - Weekend of October 17 & 18, 2015



This year, we are adding a Winter Men's Clothing Drive for **St. Francis House**. It is the largest day shelter in New England, serving over 800 men and women on a daily basis. St. Francis House distributes clothing to their guests; on average, St. Francis House distributes **250 sets of clothing per week**.

To help meet this ongoing need, we are collecting **men's gently-used, everyday clothing**.

*We hope you will take the time for a quick closet downsizing, and remember to bring the items to our Church garage on the weekend of **October 17 & 18, 2015**.*

If you need to drop items off sooner due to travel schedules, etc. or have any questions please contact Shilan Yeung, either email at shilanhappy@gmail.com or text/call at 508-801-7072.

Items in highest demand for winter include:

- Footwear (men's sneakers or winter boots)
- Men's pants (especially jeans – given out on a daily basis)
 - Sweaters & Sweatshirts
- Coats, hats, gloves, and scarves (Men's coats most needed during winter)
 - T-shirts (extremely important - given out on a daily basis)
- New, unused, still packaged socks & undergarments (men's)
 - Backpacks/duffel bags

They DO NOT accept children's items or used under garments or discolored items.

*If you can put your items in boxes or secured bags,
and label it with the general contents, it would be a great help with sorting.
Thank you for your generosity!*

PRAYER AND INTELLIGENCE: A new blog by Fr. John Connelly. Check it out at prayerandintelligence.blogspot.com or from the St. John website at www.stjohnwellesley.org. Fr. Connelly would be most interested in your comments.



WHY CATHOLIC?: Come join a faith sharing group and discuss the book *Live: Christian Morality*. Groups meet once a week for six weeks at parishioner's homes. For more information contact Kay Kociuba at St. Paul Parish at (781) 235-1060 or stpaulassociate@verizon.net.

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

MARIAN MOVEMENT: Pray the Rosary, every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



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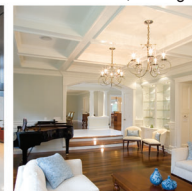
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† James Lanigan
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Marcello Pucci, Artore Gandolfi
Sunday, September 27	7:30 a.m.	Anniversary	† Anthony Pollino
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Charles E. Spigelmire
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Joseph G. Murphy
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Janet & John McCann
Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Joyce O. Theriault
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Stephen Joseph Orr
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Ronald K. Morrissey
Thursday, October 1	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† For the Parish
Friday, October 2	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Robert Cleary
Saturday, October 3	7:00 a.m.	Memorial	† John O'Hearn
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Gertrude Kneeland
Sunday, October 4	7:30 a.m.	Memorial	† Stephen J. Ridge
	9:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Robbie Sweeney
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial	† Thorsten Eikenhorst
		46th Anniv.	† Anthony Gallo
		Memorial	† Sam S. Mullin
		Memorial	† Agnes Marx
		Memorial	† Adeline & Elmer Swanson
		Memorial	† Alice & Irwin Bofferding
	5:00 p.m.	Memorial	† Robert V. Greco

ST. JOHN'S SACRAMENTAL & DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

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 3:30p.m., Chapel (or by appt.)
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact Parish

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