

St. John the Baptist Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

Mission Statement of St. John's Parish



Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the community of St. John's Parish works to spread the Gospel message through a ministry of compassion, education, and stewardship. Our life as believers is centered in the Eucharist, which encourages and fosters a deep sense of identity in Christ Jesus and the mission the Lord Jesus calls us to embrace.

We welcome all who have come to worship in our parish community. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to any of the priests or deacon. May we experience together the love of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday

Latin Mass: 7:00 a.m. (lower chapel)
1st & 3rd Wednesday

Holy Days and Holidays: as announced

Rev. Richard E. Cannon, *Pastor*

Rev. Robert J. Cullen, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Thomas S. Foley, *In Residence*

Dn. Paul A. Lewis, *Financial Administrator*, 617-773-1021

Elaine Walsh, *Administrative Assistant*, 617-773-1021

Joanne Curry, *Religious Education Director*, K-9, 617-877-5014

Donna Niosi, *Secretary of Religious Education*, 617-877-5014

Paul Kelly, *Music Director*

Edward Philie, *Director of Maintenance*, 617-921-1026

St. Vincent de Paul Society, 617-472-4908

Sacrament of Matrimony: Congratulations! In order for the priest or deacon to spiritually work with the couple, arrangements must be made at least six months before the wedding date.

Infant Baptism: Celebrated third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Call a Parish Priest or Deacon at least one month in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Lower chapel, Wednesdays, 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. or by appointment at the rectory.

Confirmation and Holy Orders: Call a Parish Priest or Deacon.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Before you enter the hospital for tests or surgery, we encourage you to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at one of our Eucharistic celebrations. Priests are not available at the hospital as they once were to anoint patients. We strongly advise you to clearly inform the admissions staff at the hospital that you are Catholic and desire to be visited by one of the Catholic Pastoral Care Ministers.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Lower Church Chapel

- ◆ Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ First Saturday, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Peter & Kathryn Gelzinis
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

7:30 a.m. Mass for the People
9:00 a.m. 2nd Anniversary Margaret Behenna
11:00 a.m. Month's Mind Eleanor O. Villard
5:30 p.m. 12th Anniversary Mary & Nicola Copellupo

Monday, February 6

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Memorial Lorenzo & Maria Francesca Polese

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 9

8:00 a.m. 46th Anniversary Lorenzo DiNardo

Friday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Memorial Anthony Ferrigno

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Memorial Patrick & Mary Smith

Sunday, February 12

7:30 a.m. Mass for the People
9:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary John E. DeAngelo
11:00 a.m. 8th Anniversary Nicholas J. Fantasia
5:30 p.m. 3rd Anniversary Vincenzo Tripodi

The Spirituality of Stewardship

*Receiving God's Gifts gratefully;
Nurturing God's Gifts responsibly;
Sharing God's Gifts in love and justice;
Returning God's Gifts generously.*

Sunday Offering for January 28/29

Total Sacrificial Offering by Parishioners \$9,611.60

10% Stewardship

Simon of Cyrene Society	\$ 321.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 320.00
Mass Citizens for Life	\$ 320.00

Total Stewardship Offering by Parishioners \$ 961.00

There is one cause of support this weekend, February 4/5. There will be two causes of support next weekend, February 11/12. The second cause will be a special collection to help defray projected expenses of painting the upper church. There are envelopes in the pews for your use.

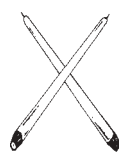
Thank you for your generosity!

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Ralph R. Lewis, Jr., Eunice Spere, Louis Napolitano and all our parishioners who have died recently and for all our deceased relatives and friends. Also, please remember all those who are ill and please pray for the intentions of all our parishioners.



Blessing of Throats at all Masses this Sunday



There will be a general blessing of throats at all Masses this weekend in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, which fell on Friday, February 3. There will be an individual blessing for all who wish after the Masses.

Donations

For the week of February 5, the Bread and Wine have been donated in Memory of Ellen Kelly. If you would like to make a memorial donation for the altar bread and/or the altar wine in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the rectory at 617-773-1021. The donation for the altar bread or the altar wine is \$30 each for one week (\$60 for both).



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society's office hours are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening in the trailer at the back of the school parking lot.

For those who are so generous to the important work of St. John's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society, please send donations directly to the rectory or please use the blue envelope marked SVDP and drop into the regular parish collection. For further information, please call 617-472-4908. Our food pantry is sustained through parishioners' donations. There are also baskets at the entrances to the church for your food donations. Thank you for your support.



Bulletin notices must be received by the rectory no later than 4:00 p.m. on Mondays except for weeks with holidays. Notices must be in by Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. the week before

Painting of Upper Church



As you can tell by the scaffolding, the painting of the interior of the upper church is under way. Some of the areas on the walls were beginning to peel and starting to look “tired.” With the parish’s 150th Anniversary coming up in 2013, we wanted to put on our “Sunday best” for the occasion. A thorough painting of the upper church has not been done in over forty years. We want to keep the same basic look to the church and, at the same time, underscore some of the particular features of the truly beautiful architectural lines that constitute St. John’s, namely: the many arches that are found throughout the church; the border delineating the walls and the ceiling on either side of the central nave; to enrich the appearance of the Stations of the Cross; and also to add an accent color in the center of the sanctuary to highlight the central focal point of our Lord’s presence: the altar, the tabernacle and the cross.

We would like to complete the project by mid-March. In the meantime, please excuse our appearance.

Daily Mass will be held downstairs and for any funerals, they will be upstairs, but please know scaffolding will be present. All the Sunday Masses will be held upstairs.

The total cost of the painting is projected to be \$65,000. There will be a special Sunday second collection on the weekend of February 12. Any special donations to the cause would be most welcomed.

Quincy Catholic Academy News

2012-2013 School Registration

Quincy Catholic Academy has begun accepting registration for students enrolling in September 2012 from Preschool through Grade 8. We welcome new families to tour the Academy and see why an education at QCA is truly an investment in your child’s future. Tours are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please visit our main office at 370 Hancock Street, Quincy or call 617-328-3830.

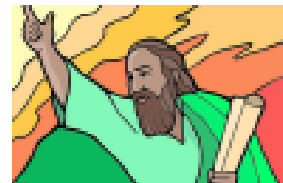


Please welcome into our faith community the following children who were baptized during the month of January.

- Isabella Bann
- Christopher Anthony Deyesso
- Jonathan Anthony Lumaghini

St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to their various programs. Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for individual or group private retreats. Visit our website, <http://www.csjretreatcenter.org> www.csjretreatcenter.org, email Retreat.Center@csjboston.org or call 781-383-6024/6029.



“Need a copy of the bulletin?”

Go to the St. John’s web site - www.stjohnsquincy.org - to download a digital version of the latest bulletin, or subscribe to receive the bulletin by e-mail automatically every Friday, which can be done at the web site.

“He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.” - Mk 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Income Tax Receipts Attn: Parish Envelope Users

If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Please mark it to the attention of Dn. Paul Lewis. Please print.

Envelope # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a year ago that I was in the hospital for the first time in my life. The minor surgery meant that I had to stay overnight. When it came time for the dressing change the next day, I thought that I was going to die from the intense pain. Of course my brief experience of pain was nothing compared to the chronic conditions or acute illnesses that so many people suffer each and every day. When you think of all the people in hospitals or nursing homes, and the countless others around the world who endure without any medical care, the enormity of suffering seems overwhelming.



It is no wonder then that in Jesus' time once the crowds had heard that he cured Simon's mother-in-law, they raced to bring to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. If someone could alleviate the pain, cure the sick, and cast out demons this was definitely an opportunity of which to take advantage.

While modern medicine may help us with our physical illness and psychological pain, there is still a spiritual dimension to sickness that we should not ignore. Sickness separates us. It makes us question our faith. Illness strikes at our heart as well as our body. That is why the church offers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for any who are ill. When we are sick, we are also alone. We need the support of the community of faith. And we need their prayers.

When a loved one is ill-or if you are sick yourself-don't hesitate to request the sacrament of anointing. If your illness confines you for a longer time, ask to receive Communion regularly to nurture you spiritually even as you seek to be strengthened physically. People sought out Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. When we or a loved one is ill, we can seek him out today.

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**Calendar of St. John's
Upcoming Dates & Events**

Saturday, February 4
 8:30-9:45 a.m. First Saturday Devotions Lower Chapel
 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel

Wednesday, February 8
 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel

Thursday, February 9
 8:30 a.m. Lecture Series given by Dn. Paul Lower Church

Friday, February 10
 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Lower Chapel

Saturday, February 11
 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation Lower Chapel

Stewardship Thank You Notes

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for your gift of \$350 to Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS). We are grateful for your partnership in helping us end homelessness on the South Shore... one life at a time. When you donate to FBMS you can be assured that 88% of every dollar goes directly to individuals and families we serve. Please know that your donation is greatly needed to support so many.

In addition of our two individual shelters in Quincy and Brockton sheltering 200 nightly, we also have two family shelters in Stoughton and Middleboro, hosting nearly 82 families per night. Across all programs, we provide case management services that lead people to health care services, counseling and jobs.

At Father Bill's & MainSpring, we never turn anyone away who comes to our doors.

Thank you for supporting our mission. We wish you well.
 Lucille Cassis
 Chief Development Officer

Welcome to St. John's We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Our registry is a vital source of information that we use when we need to contact parishioners. Please call the rectory, 617-773-1021, or return this form to the rectory by the collection basket, mail, or in person. Would you like to have the bulletin emailed to you?



If you would, please give us your email address: _____

Name: _____ Tel. # _____

Address: _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Check if address change: Moving out of parish: Would you like envelopes? (Please circle) YES NO