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*July 18, 2021*

## *ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH*



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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### **Sacraments of the Church**

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

**Daily Liturgy:** Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **Communion Service** Friday 7:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:00p.m. in Chapel or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment

**Charismatic Prayer Sponsored by the Haitian Community:** Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:** By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

#### **Inquirers:**

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not received these sacraments and are considering doing so, please call Fr Joe MacCarthy at the Rectory.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17, 2021

4:00 p.m. Fr. Russell W.M. Best, Jr. Memorial

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. Rev. Richard P. Wasnewski Memorial

11:00 a.m. Yvonne Gallant Memorial

Bill, Kitty & Billy Gillespie & Hugh McGonigle Memorial

Monday, July 19, 2021

12:10 p.m. Marie Kane Memorial

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

12:10 p.m. Cheryl Normile Healing

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

12:10 p.m. Lillian Pisani Memorial

Saturday, July 24, 2021

12:10 p.m. Alfonsa Barba Memorial  
John Torci 20th Anniversary

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9:00 a.m. George Kisich Anniversary

11:00 a.m. Leslie Mili Memorial



Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

Mary Wall, Vinny Nguyen, Arlene Hinsley, Larry Higgins, Rick Gerbrands, David Barry, Patricia Gillan, Cyril MacDonald, Pat Fisk, Lawlor Family, Bobby Rudolph, Bill Baril, Josie Woodwell, Jean McCarthy, T.M., Joan Melanson, Elaine Rossignol, More Family, Luther Family, John More, Andrew More, Normile Family, David O'Hearn, James Higgins, Dani Steininger, Johnson Family, Mary Clarke, Thomas Fisher, Gerry Luongo, Lee-McCarthy Family. Joan Gianino, Helen Dixon, Christina Sicari, Bob Cyr, Amber Healy Bassett, Antonio Pinto, Don Coram, Alexia Jones, Lorretta McQuade, Joy Sanders, Maria Frazier, Mary White, Michael White, Terry Sullivan, Paul G. Levesque, Elsa LaTorre, Sue & Bob Bullen, Izilda Lopes, Barbara Glick, Mary Corbett, Pamela Nadeau, Mary Hurley, Theodore (Teddy) Coughlin, Margaret Pedro, Sephora Rubim, John MacIsaac, Calabria Mejia, Sr. Phyllis Doucet.

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**John Vitale**

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Healing Prayer

*Lord Jesus heal me. Heal in me whatever you see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from you. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay your hands gently upon me and heal me through your love for me.*

*Amen*

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HN Kevin Lee

(U.S. Navy)

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Alexander Clark

(U.S. Air Force)

Captain Joseph Megnia

(U.S. Air Force)

Lance Corporal Robert Rudolph

(U.S. Marines Reserves)

Staff Sergeant Riley Higgins

(U. S. Army)

L Cpl Alexander J. Casey

(U.S. Marines)

Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PASTORAL STAFF

To reach our pastoral staff please call 617-547-4880 and choose one of the extensions listed below

**Office Hours (time subject to season)**

**Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Administrator – Fr. Joseph T. MacCarthy**

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### Sunday Mass Invitation

Cardinal Sean has indicated that very soon the dispensation from mandatory attendance at Sunday Mass will be lifted and so he, and all of us at Saint John's extend the heartfelt invitation to come back to the celebration of Sunday Mass here. While we would never want to apply the word obligation to such an invitation offered to adults, we do urge a spiritual friendship with Jesus Christ which is culminated each week at the Eucharist. We also have as a motivation for such invitation the desire to see and speak with all of the good folks of our parish. While we will continue to offer live streaming of all funeral Masses celebrated here, we will soon end the streaming of Sunday Mass in order to urge in person attendance.

Thank you and God Bless, Fr. Joe.

### Reminder

If you have forgotten your envelopes or are visiting, please use one of the yellow "Welcome" envelopes found in the information centers located at the entrances of the church. If you know your parish number please place it where it says envelope #

**Thank you** for your continued donations of **nonperishable** food items to local food pantries. These donations are ongoing and you can leave your items on the side porch of the rectory at any time.



### St. Vincent De Paul Boxes

You may have noticed the St. Vincent De Paul Boxes, located near the entrances and information centers of the church. The donations collected in these boxes go to those in our parish community, in need of services provided by St. Vincent De Paul Society. The St. Vincent De Paul Society of our Parish community is dependent on your generosity to help those in need. Please give to these donations boxes, as you are able, on your way in and out of the church. No contribution is too small.

Even pocket change can make a difference.

Thank you.

### Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

#### Parishioner's donations for July 10th & 11th

\$2,872.00. from the English community

\$1,310.00 from the Haitian community

\$ 837.00 from online giving

\$5,019.00 Total

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### Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail [info@stjohncambridge.org](mailto:info@stjohncambridge.org)  
We are here to serve you!

### St. Paul's Food Pantry

Greetings all, just a reminder that the ST. PAUL'S PARISH FOOD PANTRY REMAINS OPEN: Free bags of fresh produce, bread, and groceries every Saturday 10-12 outside the church, enter at 29 Mount Auburn Street.

All are welcome!



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## Python Coding Camp

The Young Adult Group is planning to start an introductory Python computer coding class for youth in our community this Summer. Classes will be designed for students that have just completed their High School Freshman or Sophomore year. No programming experience is required. The intent will be to meet at the Church on **Saturday from 2-4 pm for about 8 sessions.**

The first meeting is planned for **July 17th** and will be slightly shorter to ensure all students have the right equipment and programs installed. We ask that students bring their own laptop and charger, if this is not possible, we can try to arrange for a computer to be provided. We ask that parents attend the first 30 minutes as well for an introduction to the course. For more information and to register, please email [youngadults@stjohncambridge.org](mailto:youngadults@stjohncambridge.org). As this is the first time it is being conducted, we're limiting student numbers this summer. But if things go well, we hope to continue to grow this project for the St. John community!

## Reconciliation Update

Confessions have resumed in the lower church Chapel. Confession are held on Saturdays from 3:30pm 4:00pm or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment. Please note there is a time change.

**The picture below was drawn by a child attending Mass last Sunday for Fr. Joe. It's a picture of his table (aka altar). How precious**



## A Summer Prayer

*Long warm days. The pace of life slows. A time for picnics and rest in the shade. Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people*

*Amen* *Author unknown*

## Christmas Holiday Fair



The Holiday Fair will be held on November 6th and 7th. We are so happy to be back to help our parish financially. If anyone has any suggestions, new ideas, donations, or information on donating please feel free to contact Joan Rudolph by text or call at 617-435-9646 or by email at [jrsings@live.com](mailto:jrsings@live.com).

We're looking forward to the FUN! So start your knitting, and crocheting, and don't forget to save those attic treasures and jewelry to donate. More information on our bake sale will be published at a later date. This year's Christmas Holiday Fair is dedicated to the memory of Lorene Harling, Maureen Neil & Ann Sheahan who worked tirelessly for so many years. Ann will be watching that Jewelry Table, Maureen will giving out numbers and Lorene will be directing us from Heaven. We are saddened by the loss of our friends. They will be greatly missed.

It is with a heavy heart that we have lost two more of our Church & Holiday Fair Family. Leslie Mili who was always there helping her mother in law Olga with the white elephant table & Lucille Kelley who turned all the little children and some adults into lions, tigers, and kittens. You will never be forgotten.

## Holiday Fair Helpers



The Holiday Fair Committee is looking for people to fill some pretty big shoes. With the loss of so many of our friends we are in need of volunteers to help continue to make our fair a great success. If you would like to join the Holiday Fair team please watch for notices regarding meetings in upcoming bulletins or you can reach out to

Joan Rudolph at  
617-435-9646 or email [jrsings@live.com](mailto:jrsings@live.com).

## Weekly Reflection

*This week we hear about the disciples returning to tell Jesus about the work he had sent them to do. Take a few moments today to look back over the past week to those times when you, like the disciples, did works of charity or mercy. Offer a prayer of gratitude to God for those times you spoke a healing word, offered comfort to a person in their loss, or welcomed a newcomer to your parish. And ask God for the grace to respond to whatever opportunities arise for you to put your discipleship into word or action this week.*

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## **Pastor's Corner**

The Gospel selection offered from Mark for our celebration of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time acts as a hinge or connecting piece between the conclusion of the mission of the Twelve and the beginning of the section which focuses strongly on bread and nourishment necessary for being spiritually and physically strengthened for task. The apostles come to Jesus to report all that they had done and taught and Jesus, realizing that they need rest and rejuvenation to continue, invites them to come away awhile to a deserted place and rest. More and more people have been coming to Jesus and the apostles to see and to learn and the experience must have been exhausting. But, as more and more look to follow Jesus and the apostles, even when they have gone away awhile, Jesus has compassion for them and looks ahead to satisfying their need for spiritual guidance.

So it is with all of us who are trying each day to live and act in accordance with the example of Jesus and to be something of an example ourselves to those who are looking for spiritual guidance. We need time to “go away awhile”, to rest and spiritually regenerate. For most people, this opportunity is fulfilled in the practice of daily prayer. We offer ourselves and our longings to God in a way which is humble and peaceful and which is filled with the desire to be refreshed by God. The matter of the practice of the faith can be trying at times as we struggle with the difficulties of doubt and questions surrounding the institution, the latter being meant to be a conduit for the expression of faith which at times confuses itself with God Himself. We require a “refueling” which can be provided by prayer, retreat, and public communal expressions of prayer such as parish retreat and or gathering. We, like the disciples, need to remain close to Jesus in friendship and love in order to remain close to each other and those we have not yet met, in order to fulfill the good of the evangelical call.

Last week we lost the operation of the “chiller” a component of our air conditioning system. Perhaps this has been a problem for some of you at home given the crushing heat we have been experiencing. Our difficulties are a reminder of how much we rely on operations in our parish church which remain hidden to eye and ear unless there is a disruption. There are so many seemingly hidden costs the payment of which are necessary and incumbent upon us. It is why when we give we include in the assessment of our gift those things which might not at first be noticed. For example, we do not open the church windows because of the possibility of destruction. They need to be fixed and in some cases replaced. For example, the computerized communicator between the heating and air conditioning systems which needed to be replaced recently cost the parish close to \$10,000. How many would have been aware of such if not mentioned here? I could go on but the point is that we need everyone to consider a reassessment of the gift offered to the parish. To those who are giving out of need now, we say thank you. But to those who could increase gift, we ask you to consider such.

The summer months are a time for rest and recuperation. It is my hope that everyone who calls Saint John's their spiritual home, can find some time to “come away and rest awhile”. Whether it be relaxing at home or away on vacation, may you remain safe, healthy and blessed. Thanks and have a great week!

God Bless,      Fr. Joe

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