

Saint Joseph Parish

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Weekly Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL:

4:00PM

SUNDAY:

9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:00PM

DAILY:

Monday - Friday 12:10PM

CHURCH OPEN DAILY:

6:00AM to 6:00PM

OFFICE HOURS:

10-12, 1-3 MON-THURS

Reconciliation:

*Prior to all Masses
& any time by
appointment*

Rosary:

*Wednesday following
Mass*

Sacraments & RCIA, Baptism, Marriage:

*Contact the parish
office to arrange an
appointment.*

New Worshipers & Registration:

*Please introduce yourself
to Fr. White after Mass.
To become a registered
parishioner, please
contact the parish office
or visit our website.*

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

4:00 pm.....Robin Ford Clifford

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

9:00 am.....Renewal of Hope

11:30 am.....Alfred DiAloria

5:00 pm.....Hope and Recovery

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

12:10 pm.....William R. Bastie

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

12:10 pm.....Thomas DePoto

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

12:10 pm.....Doris LaRoche

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

12:10 pm.....The Pasqua Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

12:10 pm.....Roland J. Hutching

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

4:00 pm.....Daniel Sherrin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00 am.....Dennis Evans

11:30 am.....Joyaln & Swithen Rodriguez / Stephanie Bamonte

5:00 pm.....Emily Huezo Cercena

MARKING THE ADVENT SEASON

As we wait for the coming Messiah, we mark the Advent season in various ways. By sight, we display violet, representing royalty and anticipation. Movement is minimized, as liturgical ministers sit in place before Mass, alert and ready, rather than processing. The candles of the Advent wreath brighten each week with increasing hope. Our longing resonates in songs of the season, and our community's prayer response, "Be born in us; be born in our world."

- David McIntyre

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory

Nov 25th (INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING).....\$2186.36

Weekly.....\$143.10

Grand Annual.....\$895.00

Grand Annual To Date.....\$12,625.79



SAVE THE DATES

- Liturgical & Parish ministry update and sign up at outreach table.

- Saturday Dec 8th 12:10pm Mass
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Saturday Dec 8th 6pm - Christmas Tree Lighting @ Cushing Park

- Sunday Dec 9th 10am (after 9am Mass) - Christmas Carols
@ Regina Cleri Residence (next door to St Joseph Parish)

- Friday Dec 21st 12:00am
29th Annual Interfaith Homeless Persons Memorial Service
@ Church On The Hill - 140 Bowdoin Street

- Friday Dec 21st 6:30pm - St Joseph Christmas Decorating
Pizza and Refreshments !!!

- PARISH FUNDRAISER \$25K give away TICKET SALES HAVE BEGUN
250 tickets sold at \$250 each this contribution can be made individually or as a shared purchase of several folks joining in a ticket. Each Ticket is entry into drawing, event, and entertainment. February 28 - Dinner & event will take place

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Giving Tree this year will support three outreach efforts nearby Christopher's Haven a nearby home for kids and their families during the battle of cancer. This home is more than a place to stay, it's a support system to help with things large and small, a community where families can be together, share and be comforted and comfort others. Also gift cards to assist our seniors and others in need A couple of specific families with children

ADVENT A SEASON OF HOPE AND EXPECTANT LIGHT!

Advenire, the Latin from which advent is derived, translates "to arrive""come to"
Advent recalls God's first coming in Christ's birth and looks toward his return at the end of time.
With its twofold character Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration and season of Christmas (Dec 24 evening until Jan 13 Baptism of the Lord!)
The prayers and hymns of Advent reflect its twofold character: We who watch for the day...when Christ comes again in glory... Remembering and celebration Christ's first coming, watchful for his return, and living our faith in hope, fill our advent prayers and fill our hearts with glad rejoicing. Hope and Joy are highlighted in the season.
Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent Scriptures are a journey of stories of a Messiah foretold and God's unbreakable covenant with Israel as well as the fulfillment of those promises in Jesus Christ. The readings draw us in to look at life as it is happening right now. Looking carefully we see the themes of love, hope, peace and joy are present, but so are themes of destruction and restoration, exile and freedom, promise and fulfillment. In an age where people are gripped with uncertainty and even fear, remember that the God who comes intimately to us in human form is our source of solace and hope. We, like the figures we hear about through advent scriptures can both recognize and marvel that God sends Jesus into the world to reconcile all peoples all things.

Chanukah (Hanukkah)
Our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate the 8 day festival of lights Dec 2 - Dec 10
Commemorates the re dedication during the second century BC of the second temple in Jerusalem. Chanukah is not mentioned in the Torah because the events that inspired the holiday occurred after it was written. It is however mentioned in our Gospels in which Jesus attends a "Feast of Dedication"
Let us all pray for light, hope and renewal.

Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services (AARPSS)

This ministry is intended to assist parishes throughout the Archdiocese ministering to addicted persons and families of addicted persons. In an effort to provide pastoral support, we collaborate with a variety of agencies and organizations. Education, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery all provide hope and healing to those affected by the disease. One organization that is very helpful with the spiritual needs of families and parishes is The National Catholic Council on Addictions (NCCA). AARPSS can be reached through Fr. Joe White here at St. Joseph Parish, frjoe@stjosephboston.com and the NCCA can be reached at 1-800-626-6910 or www.nccatoday.org.

Values of justice, mercy and the common good are themes of both the Advent season and Catholic Social Justice. Having love as the motive for acting in justice and mercy is fundamental to who we are as Catholic Christians. Christian life is less about feeling and more about action. We need to put our hearts into what we are doing.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons we are predisposed to act out of love. Here at Saint Joseph's we committed 2018-2019 to CCV care, compassion and values. Faith formation has focussed on this CCV using a mosaic of our city of Boston at the coffee cafe section in our lower hall. A miniature post card replica of this mosaic is available near the Giving tree at our outreach table. Please take a copy home, place it on or near your advent wreath, Christmas tree or crèche, pray for love, justice, mercy and hope this Advent.

Recently several of us gathered with an elderly parishioner for lunch and coffee. As we gathered we joined our prayers. A four tealight candle set was lit, our parishioner spontaneously gave each candle a theme; faith, hope, charity and love. May we each have these core values light up our Advent season. May the Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukah, also share these core values.

It's hard dealing with the challenges that the church presents in our day. Hurt, Resentment and indignation, worries and concerns, feelings of real anger and betrayal - we've experienced these and more. In this darkness what light does the remembrance of Jesus' Advent and birth shed? Born in a manger, dying on a cross, could he have been more vulnerable?

We who are Christ's disciples need to use all our resources, talents and energies to do Gods' work. We need to keep that crib and that cross in perspective to remind us that the world is not being saved by us but by one as poor and vulnerable as a child in a manger. We in the church remain strong to the extent that we are nurtured by Christ and doing his work. God is right here with us, we proclaim this as we sing Emmanuel - God with us. It means we are not traveling alone. We might be blessed enough to have the opportunity to recognize the face of God in one of our brothers or sisters, our neighbors, our parishioners. That four tealight candle lighting was precious to those of us visiting with a neighbor parishioner. We thought we were bringing Christ while in fact we met Christ in that moment. Advent is about encountering Christ, our hope where justice, peace and mercy kiss.

During Advent we encounter Christ through his coming into our world as an infant, into our hearts here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come again. Let's share our encountering Christ here and now with others around us in this time and place. Imagine North Station, the West End & Beacon Hill alive with the shared encounters of Christ.

Advent Blessings,
Gigaiag

Fr Joe



OUTREACH - Advent

Food Collection for Local Food Pantry
contact Sarah saras@msn.com

Food donations can always be placed in baskets at our outreach table to support ABCD food pantry at our local West End Library.

Oasis Meal provided by a number of interfaith communities of Oasis coalition.

Help is needed 1st MONDAY EACH MONTH TO PROVIDE A MEAL

All levels of participation are needed from shopping to cooking to serving and cleaning up.

The vision of the coalition:

“to encourage the marginalized to overcome adversity through community”

On Mondays this meal for those in need and/or those who otherwise eat alone has been offered for dozens of years. Over the past several weeks, Jeffery Malone has coordinated this effort at St. Joseph's. If interested in offering your services contact office@stjosephboston.com

P3: PRAYER, PENANCE, PUB

You are invited! Every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, young adults and young professionals gather at St. Joseph for Eucharistic adoration, guided meditation, confession, and fellowship over food and drink at the Hill Tavern on Cambridge Street.

Confession & Adoration: 7:00 p.m.; Reflection & Benediction: 7:30 p.m.; Pub: 8:15 pm, The Hill Tavern - More info: www.p3boston.org email p3boston@gmail.com

SUGGESTION BOX:

Consider utilizing this simple tool to provide concerns, interests, pointers or complaints!



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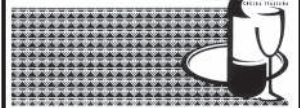
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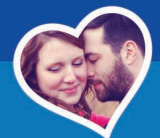


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