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December 6, 2020



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—PASTOR'S CORNER

Bulletin
12.6.20

Dear Friends:

Recently, I received a second "Save the Date" card from a couple whose wedding Mass I was to have celebrated in California last month. Due to the pandemic, they have postponed the date. The new card reads: "Let's do this again!" and "good things come to those who wait." I like their positive and hopeful attitude!

Advent is a season of hope. But our hope is deeper than simple optimism or positive thinking. We find our hope in Our Lord's words to us: "I am with you always until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20). We know Jesus as Emmanuel: "God with us." (Mt. 1:23) As St. Paul repeatedly reminds us: "God is faithful." (1 Cor 1:9) No matter what uncertainty we may face in our lives and in our world, we live in joyful hope for our God is not distant but ever by our side, comforting us with his love, friendship and grace.

Last weekend, we processed with the Blessed Sacrament and placed Our Lord in the center tabernacle of our beautiful church, which is the original location. The Risen Lord belongs in the center of the church, just as he belongs at the center of our lives. Some have inquired if the priest and deacon chairs will remain to the left side of the altar. The answer is yes, for a few reasons. Practically speaking, we would not want to sit with our backs to the Blessed Sacrament. We also have the chairs facing the ambo, so that we can be attentive to the Scriptures being proclaimed at Mass. Spiritually, this configuration helps focus our minds and hearts on the altar, the ambo and the tabernacle, as is appropriate. It is our hope that these modifications will help increase reverence for the Real Presence of our Eucharistic Lord, not only in the tabernacle but in the Holy Communion we receive.

"In you, O Lord, I have found my hope!" (Psalm 131)

God bless,

Father Bryan Parrish



MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT

Ester Munt-Brooks is an educator and public speaker and leads programs designed to help Catholics deepen and apply faith in their daily lives. Please join Ester for a series of three meditations during Advent, to prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of our Savior, find more joy in the season, and deepen our relationship with Mary. All are welcome!

Sunday, 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Dec. 6 ~ Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas
Dec. 13 ~ Waiting With Joy
Dec. 20 ~ Advent With Mary

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84032208313?pwd=RklzMWQxSjM5ZzhLVStibTR3RGxwUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 3220 8313
Passcode: 040113



For the second week in Advent,
we focus on

PEACE

In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Two purple candles are lit.

Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

**The month of December is
dedicated to the Immaculate
Conception**



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,



It's hard to believe that Fr. Bryan and I arrived and began ministry at St. Joseph almost three months ago! Certainly, it has been a challenging year for us all.

As the month of December begins to unfold, the month which the Church honors and celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is a worthy reminder to us all the sanctity of each and every human life from conception to natural death. Indeed, life is a precious gift from God. Our faith, too, is a precious gift from God. We must never forget these truths, and be gracious always.

I confess that although I was raised Catholic I didn't embrace the faith for a significant portion of my life. During my high school and college years I turned away from Christ and His Church heralding the secular, contemporary notion that any religion or faith is no good. However, with the grace of God, what brought me back to the faith and to Church were a close-knit community of friends and coming to grips with philosophy, specifically with the Transcendentals of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. That means as created human persons, this desire to know truth, serve goodness and love God are written in our very hearts and souls, in our very own being. They are an essential part of who we are.

Take for example, have you ever experienced that mysterious sense of awe when watching the sunrise or sunset? Or the majestic view of the horizon on a mountaintop? Or even on a more personal moment the birth of a child? These experiences of beauty are insights to the goodness and truth of reality itself. That we can find God in the world and in these kinds of experiences because God Himself is Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. So, anything that is true, good, and beautiful finds its origin in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

More examples of such beauty can be found in our church building itself. Have you ever gazed upon the large stained glass window of the Holy Family in the choir loft? If the weather and timing are right you can catch the blazing sun shine through this window casting a spectacle of colors in our church. I frequently imagine this array of colors as the Holy Spirit coming down upon each and every one of us, and is a reminder to pray for our parish family and all families. For now, that stained glass window of the Holy Family is my favorite at St. Joseph. What are some of your favorite pieces of art or stained glass windows in our church?

Fr. Bryan and I thank you for welcoming us to your home at St. Joseph. Over the course of my stay serving the people of Needham I really look forward to getting to know you, allowing you to get to know me, and together grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. If that sounds good to you let us adventure together on our pilgrimage of faith.

Sincerely in the Peace of Christ,

Fr. Joseph

P.S. My days off are Monday-Tuesday. Please don't hesitate to invite me over to break bread and share a meal together! I don't have any food allergies :)



781-449-3744



Religious Education Registration

Religious Education classes have begun, but we are still accepting registrations. Please go to the Parish website for the link to the registration form and register as soon as possible.

The final classes for Grades 9 & 10 are: December 6, and 13.

Though the Religious Education Office remains closed, Melissa Harrigan, Director for Gr. K-6 and Debbie Coyle, Coordinator, Gr. K-11 can be reached via their emails:

mharrigan@saintjoes.com and dcoyle@saintjoes.com

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



Christmas Mass Information

Due to limited capacity in the church, this year all will be required to sign up in advance to reserve your seat at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

3 pm- (Upper and Lower Church)

5 pm- (Upper and Lower Church)

7 pm- (Upper Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:30 am (Upper Church)

9 am (Upper and Lower Church)

11 am (Upper and Lower Church)

For those who prefer to participate virtually, the 7 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be live streamed on the parish YouTube channel.

Both the upper and lower church are fully accessible by our new elevator.

You may sign up on the parish website, www.stjosephparishneedham.com, or by calling the Parish Office at 781-444-0245.



Needham K of C introduces "Virtual Tootsie Rolls"!

The Needham Knights of Columbus, Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council 1611 is pleased to announce this year's Tootsie

Roll drive has gone virtual! In an effort to control the spread of COVID-19 you will not see us in our yellow vests and canisters this year handing out Tootsie Rolls in the cold and snow. Instead we have set up an easy way to donate to help children and adults with physical and mental disabilities by collecting on-line. Please visit www.needhamkofc.org for details on how to donate, or find us at [facebook.com/needhamkofc](https://www.facebook.com/needhamkofc). And don't worry, we'll be sure to give you TWO Tootsie Rolls next year! Please stay safe, and keep those around you safe by wearing a mask, washing your hands, and social distancing.



Jesse Tree Project

In our second week of Advent, our Jesse Tree project is in progress, supporting Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston with toy donations and Needham Community Council with gift cards. Parishioners can participate by purchasing either a non-violent toy for a child (6 months up to 12 years old), or a \$25 or \$50 gift card to CVS or TJ Maxx. Ideas for toys can include games, soccer balls, arts & crafts, puzzles, etc.



This Sunday, December 6 we will have contactless drop-off of toys and gift cards in the Highland Avenue parking lot for St. Joseph's School from 8 AM to noon. You will be able to pull up and pop your trunk. A member of our committee will collect your unwrapped toy for distribution to Holy Redeemer or gift card for the Needham Community Council. Our second and final collection of gifts will be on Sunday, December 13.

These gifts will be delivered to Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston and Needham Community Council by next weekend.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE—THANK YOU

A Mass of Remembrance was celebrated on Friday, November 20th at St Joseph Church, in memory of the members of our parish who died during this past year. Thank you to the St Joseph parish Bereavement Committee for their help with the preparation for this Mass.

Many thanks to Bridget Tennis for arranging the beautiful flowers on the altar and additional thanks to the Eaton Funeral Home for their generous donation to cover the cost of the flowers for this special Mass.

If you have not had a chance to pick up the candle with the name of your loved one, please feel free to do so during the next week. These blessed candles are available to be picked up from the Linse Room.



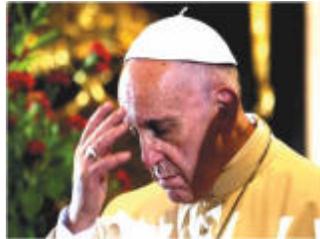
We all deserve a little treat after the year this has been! Please help to support the St. Joe's first grade Daisy troop! All cookies this year will be shipped directly to you. Visit the link below to purchase. Questions? Contact Caitlin Moran cmmoran@gmail.com.

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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

The Holy Father's Intention for December 2020

FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER



We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Mass for the Immaculate Conception
Dec 7- 4pm Vigil,
Dec 8- 6:50 and 9:00am

Stewardship

Offertory: Week 22 November 29, 2020	Received	Goal	Variance
In Church & by mail	\$7,408		
Online – Weekly	\$3,473		
Online – Monthly	\$2,065		
TOTAL for Week	\$12,946	\$15,500	(\$2,554)
TOTAL Year to Date	\$310,844	\$341,000	(\$30,151)

Grand Annual 2020/21	Received	Goal	Still to go
Number of Gifts	132	325	193
Amount	\$107,536	\$180,000	\$72,464

St. Joseph Grand Annual Appeal 2020

St. Joseph's Grand Annual Appeal continues. This Annual collection, supports the day-to-day needs of the parish such as employee and clergy compensation and benefits, utilities and building maintenance, faith formation and various pastoral ministries.

An anonymous family in the parish has generously offered to match any \$1000 gift to the Grand Annual Appeal (up to maximum total match amount of \$5000) from a parishioner who makes this level donation for the first time.

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have supported the Grand Annual Appeal and hope that this challenge will assist in increasing participation in this important collection.

Sign up through the parish website www.stjosephparishneedham.com or by downloading the app from the Apple or Google store. Or if you prefer, you could set up a regularly scheduled e-check through your own bank account. For those who use envelopes, a Grand Annual envelope has been included in your November and December Offertory Packets.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5

8:30	Mary Alice Looney– Memorial
4:00	K. Robert Cole- Memorial

Sunday, December 6

7:30	Linda Belliveau– Special Intention
9:00	Ray Dolce, Lucy Brennan– Memorial
11:00	Daniel J. Kennedy– Memorial

Monday, December 7

6:50	
4:00	Vigil– The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception

6:50	
9:00	

Wednesday, December 9

6:50	John Dowd– Memorial
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Thursday, December 10

6:50	Poor Suffering Souls in Purgatory
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Friday, December 11

6:50	Joan Sheehey– Memorial
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Saturday, December 12

8:30	Joe and Peg Finnegan– Memorial
4:00	John Stefanoni– Memorial

Sunday, December 13

7:30	Rita K. Murphy- Memorial
9:00	Louise M. Doucette- Memorial
11:00	Adrienne Garrido– Memorial

Rose for Life–

Each week roses are placed beside the tabernacles as reminders to pray for the unborn.



The week of December 6 roses are donated In Memory of Mabel McGee, Barbara Woods Cote', Frank Woods, Robert Smith and Barbara Walsh

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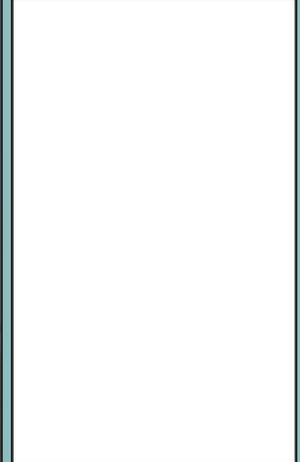
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BAPTISM:

To request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child please fill out the form found on the parish website at: <http://www.stjosephparishneedham.com/baptism> or if you don't have online access or have a question, please contact the Rectory at 781-444-0245.

RECONCILIATION (Confession) :

Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and by Appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Contact one of the parish priests to schedule a date. A preparation period of at least six months must be allowed between initial contact and the date set. Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program during this time.

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TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Daily Mass 6:50 am (Monday to Friday)
8:30 am (Saturday)

Temporary Church Prayer Hours

Lower Church

MON – FRI 6 AM TO 6 PM
SAT – SUN 9 AM TO 5 PM