

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

8:30AM

Monday at St. John's
Tuesday at St. Vincent's
Wednesday - No Mass
Thursday at St. John's
Friday at St. Vincent's
Saturday at St. Vincent's

Saturday:

3-3:45PM Confession at St. John's
4PM Mass at St. John's

Sunday:

8AM at St. John's
10AM at St. John's
11:30AM at St. Vincent's
1PM in Spanish at St. Vincent's
4:30-5:15PM Confession at St. Vincent's
5:30PM at St. Vincent's

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Readings for the Week of February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

The **SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. John's** this weekend is for the Repair & Maintenance Fund.
 The **SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. Vincent's** this weekend is for the Snow Removal.



ASH WEDNESDAY: is **Wednesday, February 26**. **Masses at St. John's** will be at 12PM & 7PM. **Masses at St. Vincent's** will be at 8:30AM & 7PM (in Spanish). The collection taken up on this holy day will be for Diocesan Evangelization.



ST. JOHN'S

Offertory for February 15 & 16 - \$4,714.07
 Monthly Development Fund - \$2,457.00

ST. VINCENT'S

Offertory for February 15 & 16 - \$2,732.50

As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

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This Weekend | February 22 & 23

4PM - Rose Walsh (†)
 8AM - Viriato Raposo (†)
 10AM - Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Beatty (†)
 11:30AM - Augustinho & Maria Estrela Correia (†)
 1PM - Martin & Luz Divina Montanez (†)
 5:30PM - Emma Pelletier (†)

This Week | February 24 - 29

Monday 8:30AM - Dianne M. Sullivan (†)
 Tuesday 8:30AM - Jeanne McNally
 Wednesday 8:30AM - Maria Bridges
 Wednesday 12PM - For the Parishioners
 Wednesday 7PM SJE - Joao Feteira (†)
 Wednesday 7PM SVdP - For the Parishioners
 Thursday 8:30AM - Frederick Baskin Jr. (†)
 Friday 8:30AM - For the Legion of Mary
 Saturday 8:30AM - Noe Pereira Faria (†)

Next Weekend | February 29 & March 1

4PM - For the Parishioners
 8AM - Elizabeth M. Roque (†)
 10AM - June Astrid Robillard (†)
 11:30AM - Manuel Rainha (†)
 1PM - Kenneth Malone (†)
 5:30PM - Joe M. Aguiar (†)

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. John's** this week burns in loving memory of **Jean Carroll**.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. Vincent's** this week burns for the Intentions of **our parishioners**.



The **HOSTS** for February at **St. John's** were donated in loving memory of **The Lange and Graney Families**.

If you are interested in donating the **HOSTS** for March at **St. Vincent's** for either a week or the month, please call or email the Parish Office at 508-226-1115 or stvincentdpatttboro@gmail.com.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. On Ash Wednesday & all Fridays of Lent, which includes Good Friday, all those 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of abstinence and fasting for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

After all Masses KofC Pancake Breakfast, St. John's

Monday, February 24

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Tuesday, February 25

12PM Legion of Mary, St. John's

7PM Spanish Rosary, St. Vincent's

7PM Choir Rehearsal, St. Vincent's

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

11AM Library Book Club, St. John's

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Thursday, February 27

Friday, February 28

4PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, St. John's

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, St. Vincent's

Saturday, February 29

5:30-8:30AM Men's Group: *That Man is You*, St. John's

Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday in Lent

10AM Family Mass, St. John's

After 10AM Mass Coffee & Donuts, St. John's

Monday, March 2

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Tuesday, March 3 - Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

Presidential Primary

12PM Legion of Mary, St. John's

7PM Spanish Rosary, St. Vincent's

7PM Choir Rehearsal, St. Vincent's

Wednesday, March 4 - Feast of St. Casimir

6PM Rosary, St. John's

6:30-9PM Joyful Hearts, St. John's

Thursday, March 5

6:30PM Fellowship Rosary Group, St. John's

Friday, March 6

First Friday

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, St. Vincent's

7PM Devotions, St. John's

8-9PM Devotions, St. Vincent's

Saturday, March 7 - Feasts of Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

First Saturday

5:30-8:30AM Men's Group: *That Man is You*, St. John's

11AM First Communion Parent Mtg., St. John's

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Looking for a Spiritual pick-me-upper? **LA SALETTE RETREAT CENTER** in Attleboro MA has published its complete schedule of 2020 retreat programs and days of recollection. Visit its website at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org. Or, send for its catalog of programs at: La Salette Retreat Center, 947 Park Street, Attleboro MA 02703.



The next **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** at St. John's is the weekend of **February 29 & March 1**. This month we are in need of boxed potatoes, fruit, and cereal. Monetary donations are also welcome. Baskets are available for food drop off at the doors of the Church or the Hospitality Center Monday-Friday, between 9AM-3PM.

BUDGET ENVELOPES: We are grateful to all of our parishioners who donate in a variety of ways (using the parish envelopes, making donations directly via cash or check, or by making their weekly donations online). If you would like to **make donations online** or **begin receiving envelopes**, or if you **already receive envelopes and would prefer not to use them**, please contact the Parish Offices.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL: at St. Vincent de Paul Parish is accessible 24/7. The front door of the church is always open, and the chapel door has a combination lock. If you want to stop by the chapel to pray and do not have the access code, please call one of the



contact people (listed on the bulletin contact list) who will provide you with the access code. Perhaps you want to make a commitment for a particular time; if so, one of the contact people can set that up for you. We do not yet have enough people to assure that there is always someone in adoration,

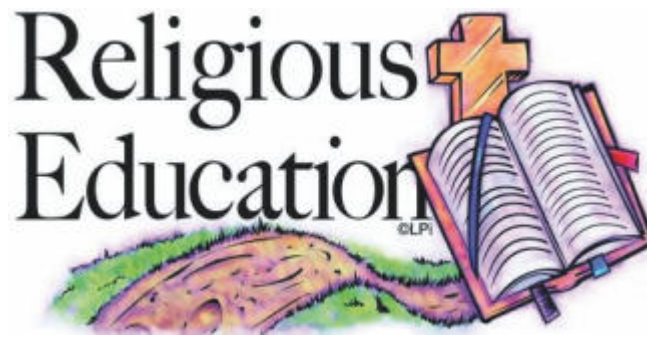
therefore, when no one is in the chapel, we close the doors of the tabernacle. **Please do not use the chapel when Mass or Exposition is in the main church.**



We welcome into our faith community **Blaise Lennon** who was **RECENTLY BAPTIZED**. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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****All Classes, K-9 Confirmation II, will be held as usual this week!****

Confirmation II (Grade 9) will attend the 5:30PM Mass this Sunday, February 23 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish and sit in designated pews with their class. Class will follow the Mass at 6:30PM at St. John's Hospitality Center.

The Religious Education Program will participate once again in the **OPERATION RICE BOWL** during the Season of Lent. Rice Bowl will be distributed to the students during class. The Operation Rice Bowl Program supports Catholic Relief Services. We ask that all rice bowls be returned the week of April 26. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



SOUPER BOWL THANK YOU: This year's 23rd annual Souper Bowl Sunday raised a total of \$1845 in support of the Food n' Friends Soup Kitchen. Thank you to the Confirmation I (Grade 8) students who stood at the doors of both churches after all Masses. Your help and support was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the sixth grade students who made posters for this special event. This is a national effort by many churches and denominations to help in local communities. We are truly grateful for the generosity from the parishioners of our parish community!



FAMILY MASS: will be held next on **Sunday, March 1, at the 10AM Mass.** All children are invited to sit up on the rug in the Sanctuary during the homily. We will be led in song by the St. John's Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Maureen Merriam. **Deanne Anderson will be signing the Family Mass for the deaf community. All students in grades K-2 are asked to attend!**

Students in grades one and two will sit in designated pews with their class, and Kindergarteners are asked to sit with their families. **All are invited to the Hospitality Center for refreshments following Mass.** There will be a **parish nurse available** for blood pressure checks and any questions.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING: There will a meeting for parents whose children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Communion). We ask that at least one parent/caregiver attend this important informational meeting to discuss the preparation process for this sacramental moment. The parent(s) may choose to attend **one** of two meetings that will be held **on Saturday, March 7 at 11AM and Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30PM in St. John's Hospitality Center.** If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS: All candidates and sponsors who will be attending the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, March 14**, will have a rehearsal on **Sunday, March 8 at 6:30PM.** All candidates and sponsors who will be attending the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, March 21**, will have a rehearsal on **Sunday, March 15 at 6:30PM.** If the sponsor is unable to attend the rehearsal, we ask that a parent/guardian come in his or her place. **Rehearsals will begin at St. John's Hospitality Center.** Robe pick up will take place in the center immediately following the rehearsal. **The final class for all newly confirmed will be on Sunday, March 22 from 6:30-8PM in the St. John's Hospitality Center.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS FRIDAY AT 7PM IN SJE CHURCH!

A S H W E D N E S D A Y

LENT

Pray
FAST AND GIVE ALMS

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday & Wednesday 6PM at SJE
Wednesday 6:45PM *at SVdP*
Thursday 7PM in Spanish *at SVdP*

Legion of Mary: Tuesday 12PM at SJE

Marian Cenacle: Fourth Tuesday 8-9PM *at SVdP*

Prayer Group: First & Third Thursday 6:30PM at SJE

First Friday Devotions: 7PM at SJE
8-9PM *at SVdP*

Adoration Chapel: Chapel open 24/7 *at SVdP*

CLERGY & STAFF

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Baptism: Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of St. John's or St. Vincent's and attend weekend Mass on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Offices for a census form if you are not yet registered. Parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Registration Class. Classes are held one Sunday a month at 1PM in the St. John's Hospitality Center. Contact the Parish Offices to register. Baptisms are held one Sunday a month at 12PM at St. John's, and the second Saturday of the month at 12PM at St. Vincent's.

First Eucharist & Confirmation: Please contact the Religious Education Office to register. Two year preparation required.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Offices at least eight months in advance. Preparation course required.

Ministry to the Sick: Please contact the Parish Offices if someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Communion. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized and would appreciate receiving pastoral visits, please be sure to state your religious preference and place of worship upon admission, and to indicate your desire to be visited by your clergy.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process whereby adults become members of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Offices or email *rcia@attleborocatholics.org*.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Bulletin Requests: Please send bulletin requests to *office@attleborocatholics.org* at least nine days before desired publication date.

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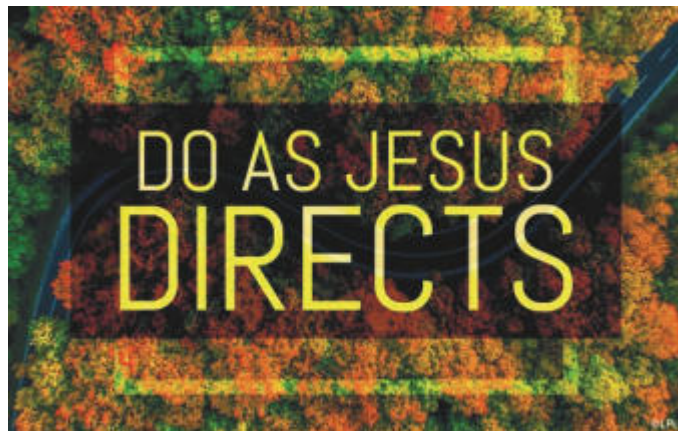
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

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