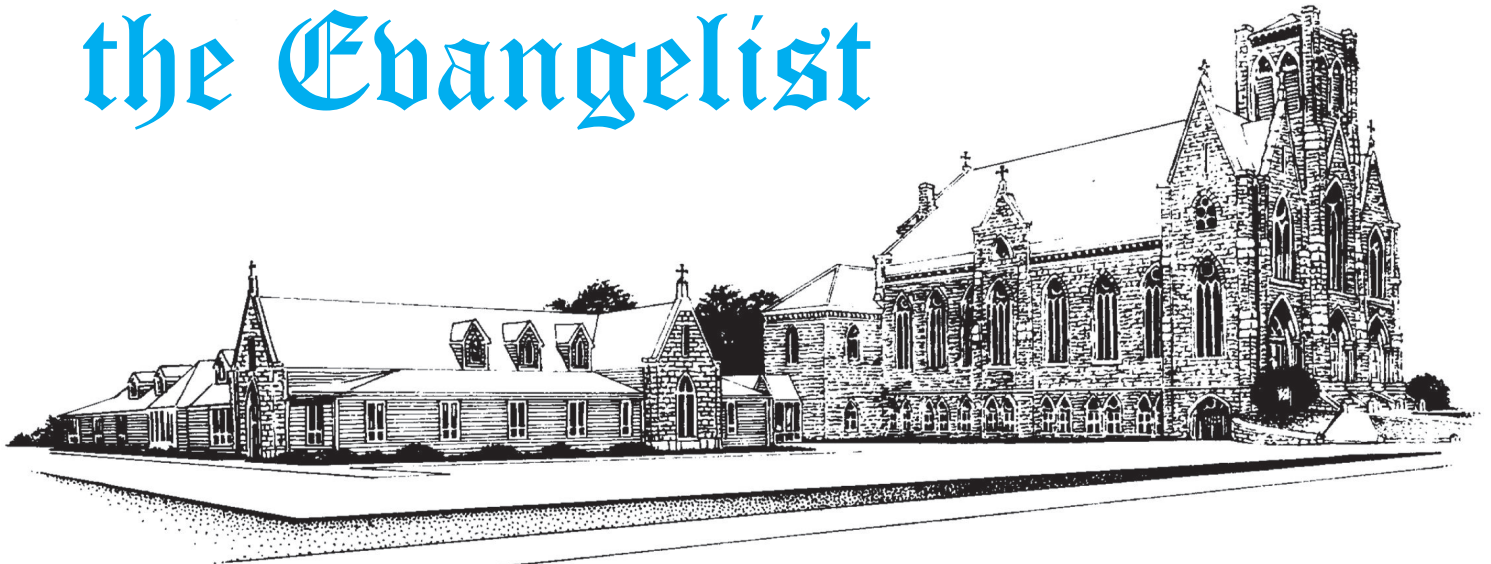


# St. John the Evangelist



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## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

## PASTOR

Rev. Richard E. Cannon

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6  
Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8  
Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

## PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager

## ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,  
please call: **508-435-3313x207**

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM  
No Mass on Thursday  
Saturday 8:00 AM

## HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon  
Please call for information.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

## ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Richard Romiti **508-517-6855**

## PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than  
Monday noon. (Holiday weeks require a longer lead  
time.)



**"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 16, 2015:  
 Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**  
 5:00 PM Donna McGuire
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
 10:00 AM John Mullins  
 6:30 PM Frank & Rita Brenna
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**  
 9:00 AM Frank & Rita Brenna
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**  
 9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**  
 8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00 PM Frank & Rita Brenna
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**  
 8:00 AM E. Aubrey & Joan Doyle  
 (wedding anniversary)  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
 6:30 PM Brendan Tobin

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church.** All are welcomed.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is recited at 11:45AM followed by *Benediction*. Please feel free to drop in for a visit.**

 *Rest in Peace*

Keith Jordan  
 Helen Haven

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection **NEXT** weekend  
 Parish Upkeep and Debt Reduction

**Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Parade**

Volunteers are needed to decorate St. John's float, "His Story". If you are interested, please contact Maureen Belger at 435-3313x210 or [parishhallstjn@gmail.com](mailto:parishhallstjn@gmail.com).

**NO DAILY MASS**  
 Please note that there will be no daily Mass here at St. John's **Monday August 10, Wednesday, August 12.** As usual, there is also **no daily Mass on Thursday.** The daily Mass schedules of our neighboring churches are as follows:

**St. Cecilia's**, 54 Esty Street, Ashland  
 Monday through Saturday at 9AM

**St. Matthew's**, 105 Southville Road, Southborough  
 Monday through Saturday at 8AM  
 Thursdays at 8AM communion service only

**St. Mary's**, 8 Church Street, Holliston  
 Monday through Saturday at 9AM

**Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best**

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children on May 3, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our lady asked, **"are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He will send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which he is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?"**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated **Saturday, August 15.** The holy day obligation is suspended when the solemnity falls on Saturday.

**TRAVELING?**

**FREE** ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) from any Internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, August 15.**

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. **Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.**

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY



On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

### Natural Family Planning Classes

Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes, taught by the Couple to Couple League, will take place in the St. Brendan Parish Hall (Bellingham) on the evenings of Saturday, August 29 and Saturday September 26 from 7-10PM. NFP is a safe, healthy and morally acceptable way for married couples to plan their families. For more information, please feel free to call or email Mark and Maureen Trettel at 508-634-3865 or mtrettel@verizon.net. Registration is done online at ccli.org.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our request. It is very much appreciated. We pray more will respond. Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Several caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for **all** grades. Help us plan for next year. If you would like to teach with a partner, we will find one for you. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need **all** of us to grow in the faith.

***“Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”***

—Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

### MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.



### Middle School (Gr. 6-8) High School (Gr. 9-12)

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 30 at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. Have a great summer! See you all in the fall!

### High School Youth Group

Our High School Mission Trip to Queens, N.Y., was a huge success. The students and their chaperones had safe travels, much work was done and a difference was made. The H.S. Youth Group will host a coffee hour on **Sunday, August 30, after the 10AM Mass** and would like to say thank you for the parish's support. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have for them. Stop by the parish center after the 10AM Mass and meet these awesome students and adult leaders.



### ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall students will have the opportunity to attend classes at the following times, October to May:

- **Grade 1** will meet two Wednesdays each month, 4:15-5PM
  - **Grade 2** will meet every Wednesday, 4:15-5PM with three exceptions when classes will meet on Sundays, 9-9:50AM while parents meet with Carol Zani
  - **Grades 3-5** will meet every Monday or Tuesday, 4:15-5:10PM
  - **Grade 6** will meet every Monday, 2:15-3:15PM
- Grades, 1-6**, will have a limited optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability – first-come, first-served. Sign-up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

### GRADES 7-10

<b>Grade 7</b>	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM)
<b>Grade 8</b>	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM)
<b>Grade 9</b>	Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
<b>Grade 10</b>	Sunday (5:00-7:15PM) once a month

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please try to do so as soon as possible. Please come into the Rel. Ed. Office to fill out a registration form and present a Baptismal Certificate if your child was not baptized at St. John's. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208.



**AUGUST 9, 2015**

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**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it? We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe. Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

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