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150th Anniversary

2016

# St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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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

Brendan Kenney

## PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the Murchie Family.

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 14, 2016:  
Dt 26:4-10/ Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

5:00 PM Anne Flaherty

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Michael Arena

6:30 PM Thomas Edward Coburn, III



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—NO CLASSES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**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 welcome.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Ash Wednesday.....February 10  
Easter Sunday.....March 27  
First Communion.....May 7, May 8, May 14  
Ascension Thursday.....May 5  
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 30

*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.*



Jeanne P. Nealon  
Joanne Duffy



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

8:00 AM	MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM	MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM	ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM	MASS & ASHES

All in the upper church

**SOUP AND STATIONS**

All are invited to join us for Soup and Stations of the Cross, every Friday evening during Lent. Soup, bread, and drinks are provided for adults, and a kid friendly meal is also provided. Join us at **6PM** in the Parish Center for the meal, and at **7PM** in the upper church for stations, as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross, with Jesus.

**A Lenten Mission on Living the Year of Mercy**

**Monday, March 7, through Wednesday, March 9**

St. John's will have a Lenten Mission on Living the Year of Mercy presented by Fr. Robert Lacombe of Providence. Mass will be at 7PM each evening with an opportunity for confession before and after each Mission. The topics discussed will be as follows:

**MONDAY: Our Need for Sacramental Reconciliation and the Plenary Indulgence of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year.**

**TUESDAY: Reflecting the Face of God's Mercy in the Corporal Works of Mercy.**

**WEDNESDAY: Finding Opportunities to Practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

**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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church** **NEXT Saturday, February 13.**

## FIFTH 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.**

### Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

A handwritten entry in the Archdiocesan Register of February 27, 1873 reads, "At 9 a.m. confirmed 184 males and 176 females total 360—on account of a severe snow storm about 20 children from Ashland could not reach Hopkinton. Rev. John Ryan Pastor, Fr. Cullen asst." At that time, St. Malachi was our parish church; Father John P. Ryan had arrived the year before as pastor, and Ashland was a "mission station" attached to our parish. Perhaps it was sympathy for the Catholics of Ashland that led Father Ryan, in spite of his heavy responsibilities in Hopkinton, to initiate funding at once for the construction of a church in Ashland.

### SEEKING PARISH CHOIR MEMBERS

Having just finished the glorious celebration of Christmas a few weeks ago, it seems hard to believe that it is already time to begin looking ahead to Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, but the Parish Choir has already begun preliminary rehearsals! We have just started to rehearse some truly excellent music, but we **cannot do it without you!** Although the choir has grown over the past months, we are still in need of additional voices. We are especially in need of lower-voiced men (Basses), and lower-voiced women (altos). Even if you do not regularly attend the 10AM Sunday Mass, you are welcome to join the choir for special occasions like Holy Week and Holy Day Masses. No prior experience is necessary. Please contact Brendan Kenney, Director of Music, by leaving a phone message or email with the Parish Office, or speak to him after the 5PM, 8AM, or 10AM Masses. You can also speak with any of our current choir members - or simply show up to rehearsal on **Thursdays, 7:30PM-9:00PM.** Thank you for considering your participation in this vital liturgical ministry.

### FATIMA SHRINE

**"Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy: Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth".**

**Sunday, February 14, 3:30PM-6PM,** at the Fatima Shrine Hall, 101 Summer Street, Holliston. Presenter: Mrs. Mildred (Millie) Morin—Dorothy Day and the Catholic Workers Movement. No fee and no registration! All are welcome and bring a friend along! For more information, call Fr. Rocco or Fr. Joe at 508-429-2144.



### Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

### High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

### HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 9, at 6PM**

This is the one fundraiser the High School Youth Group does. The money helps defray costs to our students and chaperones for many of the various activities. **We are desperately seeking adult volunteers.** Please contact [stjohnythmin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com).



### WEATHER NOTICE

Any time the Hopkinton Public School District cancels school due to weather conditions, St. John's Religious Education Classes will also be canceled.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Summer Bible Adventure, July 11-15, 2016**

### STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE

A group from St. John's will be attending the Steubenville East Conference this year. Would you like to join us? At a Steubenville Conference, teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. Teens will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyful! Check out the website: <http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east2/>. Here are some highlights: At Umass Lowell, July 15-17th, 2016, price is \$220. There will be national speakers and professional music. Mass, Adoration and Confession are staples of this conference and it makes for a very powerful encounter with God. If you think your child would be interested in attending, please contact Liz Burke: [burkelb@hotmail.com](mailto:burkelb@hotmail.com) to register. This conference sells out quickly!

### WE NEED YOUR BOTTLES & CANS!

**World Youth Day**

### WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

Every Saturday 8AM-12Noon

@ Ice House Pond Depot, 50 West Main St.

Your donations benefit our parish youth who will be traveling to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day, July 2016, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis!

**Last week we earned \$113.45! Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

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### **Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence**

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence. FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

At Habitat for Humanity MW/GW we believe that every family needs a place to call home. Every child needs a place to dream. And every parent needs a safe haven to secure the future for those they love. Our **Home is Where the Heart Is** campaign is designed to help you plant the seeds of giving and watch them blossom. And we need your help! Habitat homes are built completely through donations and volunteer labor of individuals, organizations, businesses and foundations throughout the MetroWest and Greater Worcester areas. To date, we have built over 40 homes and with your help, we will continue to be successful in providing safe, decent, affordable housing in every community. In honor of Valentine's Day, we are asking you to send a different kind of Valentine and put God's love into action! How can you help?

—Dedicate your offering to support one of our local home builds. Currently we are building homes in Auburn, Holliston, Wayland and Worcester. We are also doing Critical Home Repairs for Veterans throughout our 42 town service area.

—Volunteer on a build site or in our ReStore or sponsor a Playhouse build.

—Go on line to [www.habitatmwgw.org](http://www.habitatmwgw.org) and make a donation in honor of someone you love. Be sure to choose **Home is Where the Heart Is**, to direct your donation. And then, let them know that rather than chocolates or flowers this year, you are giving the gift of hope.

—Actively pray for the families who will live in these homes. Your ongoing prayer and support will enable our mission to continue to grow.

By supporting **Home is Where the Heart Is**, you will be helping to "build homes, community and hope" right in your own backyard and you'll help provide a home where love abides. And that is a truly a way to honor the spirit of Valentine's Day and put God's love into action!