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150th Anniversary

2016

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

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 bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 20, 2016:
Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14--23:56



SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 PM Jacquelyn Lavoie

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Grade 2 children and their families

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy (living birthday)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM Veronica Collier

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Tim and Catherine Sullivan

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



MONDAY, MARCH 14

2:15 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

4:15 PM Grade 2

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

Easter Sunday.....March 27
Ascension Thursday.....May 5
First Communions.....May 7, May 8, May 14
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.



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the World Youth Day group going to Krakow Poland in July 2016.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Parish Upkeep and Debt Reduction

A Newly Assigned Deacon and an Old Friend

We have some excellent news for the parish. Deacon Tony Sicuso, a long-time parishioner at St. John's with his wife Barbara, has just been assigned to the parish as a deacon. Deacon Tony was ordained to the diaconate in 1986 and is returning to active ministry following a voluntary leave of absence. We look forward to Deacon Tony's presence in ministry here at St. John's and as he shares his many gifts with us in the parish, let us assure him of our prayerful support in the years to come.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (lower church)

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM
FRIDAY 9:00 AM
SATURDAY 8:00 AM

ROSARY (lower church)

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8:35 AM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM
FRIDAY 8:35 AM

SOUP & STATIONS

FRIDAY EVENINGS (6PM-Soup, 7PM-Stations)

RECONCILIATION (lower church)

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15AM
WEDNESDAYS (3/16, 3/23) 6:30-8:00PM



DAILY MASS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 9:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00PM
THE LORD'S PASSION 7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY*

EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 3)

MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 1:30 - 3:30PM

*Please note there will be NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday and NO 6:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.**

Parish Council Meeting

After a fall hiatus, the parish council will be meeting in the parish hall library **THIS Tuesday evening, March 15, at 7PM**. As a reminder, parish council meetings are open to any member of the parish.

SPECIAL TEEN LENTEN NIGHT

Agape Catholic Faith Group invites all high schoolers to kick off Holy Week with a very special "Lenten Night" **THIS Saturday, March 19th from 6-8PM**. We will meet in St. John's Parish Hall for pizza and activities followed by Stations of the Cross with teen reflections. You will not be disappointed! Please come and bring a friend. Newcomers always welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MEETING

For all those interested, there will be a meeting **THIS Wednesday, March 16, from 7-8:30PM** in the parish center, room 3, to plan for Divine Mercy Sunday.

SOUP & STATIONS

All are invited to join us in fellowship and a light meal followed by 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. Hosted by: March 18: TESTAMENT

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

The death of Father John P. Ryan on March 26, 1881 is also recorded by Archbishop Williams in his register. It reads simply, "Rev. J.P. Ryan, rector of Hopkinton, being in delicate health went south in January and being taken sick in St. Louis went to the hospital where he died this morning. *He was always a good priest, and his death is a loss to the diocese.*" High tribute to Father Ryan, indeed, in a register that rarely includes a personal comment. On March 30th an entry entitled "Funeral of Father Ryan" concludes, "At 10am this morning after the office of the dead, high Mass was sung by Rev. J. D. Cullins...He was buried in the basement on the gospel side of the altar. There were about 125 priests present and the church was packed." The gospel side is Mary's side. There was no free-standing altar in the sanctuary at that time. The priest would have faced the altar, not the people, at the back of the sanctuary.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Friday, March 18, 2-4PM, Parish Center

Service Project—We will be putting together Easter surprises for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen. Please join us.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Country Spaghetti Dinner—Calling all adults!—Come

support our HS Youth Group's mission trip to West Virginia. **SATURDAY, APRIL 9, at 6PM**. Dinner, drinks, drawings and live music plus a 50/50 drawing. Questions or tickets? Email stjohnythmin@gmail.com.

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, March 20 at 7:15 PM



PERSONAL SAFETY CURRICULUM

Personal Safety & Keeping Children Safe

The schedule for your child's grade indicates the dates these lessons will be taught. The lessons are available for viewing and questions any time – just ask Carol Zani

FIRST COMMUNION RETREATS

Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10

Please pray for the children and their parents who continue to prepare for First Holy Communion.

World Youth Day

WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

Every Saturday 10AM-2PM @ Ice House Pond Depot, 50 West Main Street. 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 \$78.05

Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE



This year's Summer Bible Adventure theme is Deep Sea Discovery! It will take place **Monday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th from 9AM-12Noon**. 5 year olds through 5th graders as of September of 2016 can

register now!! To register please visit the parish website at <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com/> under the ministries tab. For more information or any questions please email us at stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com.

Marian High School

Marian High School, a Catholic, college preparatory, co-educational secondary school, is now enrolling grades 9-11. Visit www.marianhigh.org for more information.

MARCH 13, 2016

5th Sunday of Lent

"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free--not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees--but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter. We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns? The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.

The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in *Paschale Solemnitatis*, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries up until 1970. We would like to do it again at St. John's. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the worlds of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

SPRING CLEANING? DECLUTTERING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will also need plastic grocery bags and shoeboxes. Drop off dates will be announced soon!