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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
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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.)



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 27, 2016:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4/
Jn 20:1-9



TUESDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Valerie M. Egan
(living special intention)



MONDAY, MARCH 21

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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 Communion.....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.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, March 26 from 2-3PM



Richard A. Caisse

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY



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 8AM Mass and NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday and NO 6:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: General Notes

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. Communion under both forms will be made available as it is highly recommended by the Church. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 10:00pm.

Holy Thursday and the Washing of the Feet

Pope Francis has issued a decree revising the rules for the traditional foot-washing ritual on Holy Thursday, saying the rite should no longer be limited to men, but also include women. Those participating in the ceremony, the decree says, should be representative of the entire community. The change, Pope Francis wrote, is "an attempt to improve the method of implementation, to express the full meaning of the gesture performed by Jesus at the Last Supper, His gift of himself 'to the end' for the salvation of the world, His boundless charity."

Good Friday

The holy water fonts are emptied. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil takes place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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.**

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE AND SCHOOL

Again this year the Hopkinton schools have chosen to hold school on Good Friday. We encourage all of our families to observe Good Friday by participating in prayer services and other personal devotions that are in keeping with the sacred character of the day. This is best accomplished by keeping our children home from school. As we advocate for the spiritual welfare of our children, we also advocate for the spiritual welfare of our people who are school administrators, teachers and support staff that they be allowed to observe this religious solemnity. As Catholics we need to do our best to keep Good Friday holy and sacred— it is not just another day.

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.

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

A photo of St. John the Evangelist probably taken around the time of Fr. Ryan's death shows a church that looks very much like St. John's today. A closer look, however, reveals that the windows and doors of the church are simply boarded over. In addition, there are no front steps. We know the interior of the church was one great empty space, and the steeple envisioned by Patrick Ford, the first architect of St. John's, would remain non-existent. This was the state of the church for five or six years after Fr. Ryan's death. Only the basement was in use.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events

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

THIS Sunday, March 20, at 7:15 PM



FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREATS

Sunday, April 3, and Sunday, April 10, 72 second graders will attend their Mini-Retreat. They and their parents will be treated to delicious breakfast snacks prepared by some girl scouts and their leaders and parents. They will make their name banner for their family's pew on First Communion day, and learn more about the sacramentals that are used during Mass for the Consecration. Thank you to all who provide breakfast treats, and good luck to our First Communion candidates. Please pray for them and their parents and catechists as they continue to prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in 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 \$50.30!

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.

SPRING CLEANING? DECLUTTERING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale to be held **June 13-17**. We will also need plastic grocery bags and shoeboxes. **Drop-off your items at St. John's beginning Tuesday, May 31st!**

MARCH 20, 2016

Special Thanks

The members of the Rummage Sale committee would like to give a special THANK YOU to the Eagle Container Company of Southboro for their donation to the parish of a large storage container to be used by the parish in the collection of donated furniture for the Rummage Sale. We are very grateful to the Eagle Company for their generosity to St. John's. The Rummage Sale committee would also like to thank Fr. Cannon, Mrs. Jeanne Taylor and Dr. Joe and Denise Antaki in making storage available to us.

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

March 25 at 12:00 Noon

Join with the churches of Hopkinton as we ponder together the work of our Lord's cross. This year's Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be hosted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Members of the clergy from churches across the town participate together in this annual traditional service. Please join us!

Lenten Regulations

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.

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. 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 words 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."