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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

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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

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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.)



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

*Readings for NEXT Sunday, April 3, 2016:
Acts 5:12-16/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19/ Jn 20:19-31*



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 AM Fr. John Patrick Ryan
(135th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM Anna Marie Duffy (living birthday)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM Clarence MacLaine

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

5:00 PM Ernie & Rita Fecteau

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Robert C. Ovian
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



MONDAY, MARCH 28

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ascension Thursday.....May 5
First Communions.....May 7, May 8, May 14
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 30

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.

Your Easter Offering

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday, established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.

2:00 PM Confessions will be heard.

2:30 PM Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.

3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.

3:30 PM Benediction and Final Blessing.

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

MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 18 MASS WILL BE AT 8AM

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.

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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, April 2 .**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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.

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.

2016 Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign. Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in the 2016 Catholic Appeal, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

According to the 1890 "History of Middlesex County," after Fr. Ryan's death, "Nearly every priest in the diocese was mentioned as the next rector..." Who could inspire St. John's parishioners to continue the work Fr. Ryan had left unfinished; who could even raise enough money to pay off the remaining debt? Finally, Fr. Mohan, an experienced pastor of Ayer, Mass., was chosen to replace Fr. Ryan. A year passed before Fr. Mohan attempted to collect anything beyond what was necessary, and just as he prepared to solicit additional pledges to pay off church debt, the calamity of April 4, 1882, struck Hopkinton.

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

150th Anniversary Mass at 10AM. 150th Anniversary Dinner at 2PM. More details to come.

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.



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. The cost of the ticket for the dinner is \$10 per person. We are also selling 50/50 tickets. The cost of this ticket is \$50. This ticket can also be used as an admission (for 2) to the dinner. You do not need to be present to win. Come join the fun! Please continue to pray for our youth and their leaders. The students will be selling tickets after all the Masses this weekend. Questions or tickets? Email stjohnyouthmin@gmail.com.

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, April 3, at 7:15 PM

Baccalaureate Mass

Parents and High School Seniors: Save the date: **Sunday, May 22, 6:30 PM**. Baccalaureate Mass followed by a dinner in the Parish Center. Invitations to come.



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!

Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!



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 27, 2016



Middle School Youth Ministry

On Friday, March 18, thirty-five middle school students came to St. John's to put together Easter bags of candy and toys for the Mustard Seed in Worcester. More than 100 bags were completed. They were brought to the soup kitchen this past Friday for the staff there to hand out to some of the families that utilize the facility. This will be a nice treat for those families. A huge thank you to all those that donated items for the bags and also to the adults that came to assist and, of course, to all the awesome middle schoolers that came to help. Lots of love went into this service project.



St. John's Confirmation Program Easter Baskets

This past week, several confirmation students came together to assemble Easter baskets for Project Just Because. They were able to make 40 baskets and also to put some bags together filled with lots of goodies. A huge thank you to all the families that donated items for the baskets and to the adults that came to assist the students in the making of the baskets. Project Just Because was pleased and amazed at how beautiful they were. Thank you to all the students that came to help and you did put a lot of love into this project. Thanks again.