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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.)



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of

mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 13, 2016:  
Is 43:16-21/ Ps 126:1-6/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

5:00 PM Leo Lavoie

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 AM Timothy Sparks  
6:30 PM Christos and Gertrude Bezdaris

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

9:00 AM Michael W. Duffy  
(living special intention)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

9:00 AM Jessie and John Dzerkacz

**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



**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

5:00 PM Grade 10

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Easter Sunday.....March 27  
Ascension Thursday.....May 5  
First Communions.....May 7, May 8, May 14  
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 30

**Winter Weather Notice:** Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.



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

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

**2016 Catholic Appeal**

This week, Cardinal Seán is asking Catholics across the Archdiocese to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. Please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.

**A Lenten Mission**  
**Giving and Receiving Mercy**  
**in this Jubilee Year**

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

St. John's will have a Lenten Mission on Giving and Receiving Mercy in this Jubilee Year presented by Fr. Robert Lacombe of Providence. Mass will be at 7PM each evening in the lower church 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.

**LENTEEN 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

**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.**

## FOURTH 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.**

### 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 11: STATIONS ONLY at 7PM, no meal  
March 18: TESTAMENT

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

Another title in the handwritten register of Archbishop Williams, May 15, 1877, reads: "Blessing of Cornerstone in Hopkinton. At 3pm blessed the cornerstone of St. John's Church. This church is to be of stone. The day was delightful. All the Catholics were present with 18 priests. Rev. Fr. M— from Lawrence preached. The collection amounted to \$3,000. Rev. John P. Ryan, Pastor, Rev. John Cullen, asst." From this entry, we know our patron—St. John—was chosen before our church was built. There are few churches named "St John the Evangelist" in the diocese, and we were probably the first to be blessed under that title. Incidentally, the \$3,000 collection that day amounted to half the amount Fr. Ryan paid Dr. Pratt for the property the year before.

### 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.

### Adult Appalachian Service Retreat

Serve the poor in Eastern Kentucky. Come experience a service retreat in one of the poorest regions of our country **July 9-16, 2016**. A typical day includes morning Mass, work, meals in common, activities with the locals, simple living, evening prayer, and God's abundant grace! Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Trip costs including room, meals and transportation are covered by a donation of \$300. If you are interested, please attend an information night on **Tuesday, March 15**, at 7PM and **Thursday, April 21**, at 7PM at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, McPherson Conference Room, 573 Washington Street, Newton, Mass. For more information, contact Vincent Vignaly (508-835-9084 or [vvignaly@gmail.com](mailto:vvignaly@gmail.com)).



### 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.

### 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](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com).

**Mystery Night Out—Saturday, March 12**

For those signed up to go, please be at the parish center by 5PM.

**Youth Group Meeting**

**Sunday, March 6, 7:15PM**



### 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.

### REMINDER

**Grade 10 Confirmation meets THIS Sunday, March 6, From 5:00-7:15 PM**

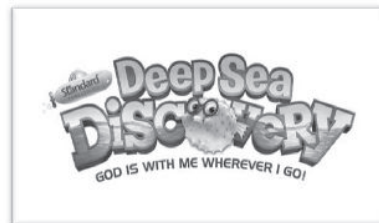
### World Youth Day

### 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!**

### 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](mailto:stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com).

**MARCH 6, 2016**

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### **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title *Metamorphosis*, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech...then light shall rise for you in the darkness...you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

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### **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.

### **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!

### **Birthright Roller Skate-A-Thon**

Birthright of Hudson-Marlborough is hosting its 5th Annual Roller Skate-A-Thon! Join us for this family-friendly and fun event on **Saturday, March 19, 2016, 6PM-8PM** at Roller Kingdom, 5 Highland Park Ave. in Hudson, Mass. 100% of funds earned will go to this non-profit organization, which supports pregnant women and mothers in need. There will be karaoke and games included, or laser tag for \$4 each. There will be door prizes, a raffle, and a 50/50 raffle! Please email [birthrightofhm@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightofhm@gmail.com) or call 508-481-2055 with questions. For more information about Birthright, see the official website at <http://birthright.org/en/>. We hope to see you there.