

1866

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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DEACON

Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6

Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8

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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: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, April 24, 2016:**
Acts 14:21-27/ Ps 145:8-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



MASS INTENTIONS

- SUNDAY, APRIL 17**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
- TUESDAY, APRIL 19**
9:00 AM The Bautista Family (special intention)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**
9:00 AM The Chua Family (special intention)
- FRIDAY, APRIL 22**
9:00 AM Special Intention
- SATURDAY, APRIL 23**
5:00 PM Michael Anderson
- SUNDAY, APRIL 24**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Jean and Joe Murray



Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 17—NO CLASSES, SPRING VACATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 24—CLASSES RESUME

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.

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.

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



Judy King
Robert F. Evers

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend at the end of each Mass, Dennis Skowera, seminarian at St. Pope John XXIII National Seminary, will give a brief witness talk about his discernment to become a priest. Dennis has spent Sunday mornings during the school year at St. John's parish completing an internship in our Religious Education Program and our RCIA. He has also served as extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at 10AM Masses. You may want to introduce yourself and talk with him after Mass. He will be happy to chat with you about his vocation and seminary life.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **Thursday, May 5.**

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 4 at 5PM
Thursday, May 5 at 9AM & 7PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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, April 23.
Additional evening times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday, April 19 from 6:30PM-7:30PM and
Tuesday, April 26 from 6PM-7PM
Please enter the lower chapel through the center doors connecting the church to the parish center for these evening times.

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

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

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Eight years after Fr. Ryan's death, St. John the Evangelist was at last completed and dedicated. Reverend Michael D. Murphy, our fifth pastor, rallied the parish to undertake the enormous task. While the intended steeple over the central tower remained unbuilt, the rest of the exterior at the time of Fr. Ryan's death appears complete in photographs. The interior church, however, had remained untouched. Furring and lathing, stucco and plastering, frescoing and painting, woodwork, windows, altars and vestment cases, stations and statues, gas fittings, railings and candelabra, carpeting, steam fittings, a boiler, outdoor steps and curbing—all are referenced in a contemporaneous newspaper account of the 1889 dedication.

TESTAMENT

Have you ever wondered about the plaque in the lower church—wondered why Father John P. Ryan is buried in the sanctuary? Did you know the first Catholic church in Hopkinton was built on Cedar Street in 1851? Have you ever been curious about St. John's first parishioners? **THIS Wednesday, April 20**, outside the lower church, Mary Kniaz, a parishioner and member of the 150th Anniversary Committee, will share what she has learned about Father Ryan, the building of St. John's and the beginnings of our parish. Her power point presentation containing historic photos will begin at 7:30PM. This presentation is open to all the men and women of the parish.

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.

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place June 13-17. Please save your unwanted items to donate. **Drop off of donations will begin on May 23. WE CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items: dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, box springs, mattresses, day beds, hospital beds, trundle beds, water beds, computers/printers, console stereos, large exercise equipment, baby cribs, baby car seats, metal desks, office furniture, large sofas, sleeper sofas, oversized chairs, gas grills, lawn mowers, paint/all chemicals, pianos/organs, ping pong tables, pool tables/bumper pool tables, ski equipment, large rugs, treadmills, wall units.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Kudos to our H.S. Youth Ministers, Jen Fairbanks, Liz Burke, Margaret Driscoll and Mary Pawela, for putting on a very successful fundraiser this past Saturday night. We would also like to thank all of those who helped make our fundraising event a great success. We are very grateful to the many families and individuals who donated items for our drawings and silent auction. In particular, we would like to thank The Fuse for the great music, Ken and Debbie Lysik and Denise and Joe Antaki for their hard work in the kitchen, Bernie Mitchell for bartending, Olive Garden in Marlborough for their donation of salad and breadsticks, Bill Maginnis for paper products and Keefe Tech for printing the flyers and tickets. We are already looking forward to next year!

Mission Trip

Mandatory youth & parent meeting on **Thursday, April 28, at 6:30PM** in the lower church area. Final payment of \$200 is due at this time.

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.

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 ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!

This year's Summer Bible Adventure, Deep Sea Discovery, is almost full! First-come, first-served as we have a maximum of 60! 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.

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.



APRIL 17, 2016

Parish Debt Situation Update

This is a summary update of our parish debt situation: In July of '09, the parish borrowed \$125,000 from the Archdiocese for front of the church masonry work and in June '11 borrowed another \$85,520 for the parish center roof work. The masonry loan was paid off in October 2013 and the parish center loan was paid off in May 2015. Two years ago we contracted with Normandin Roofing for \$105,000, which we paid for in cash. However, they found an additional \$70,000 worth of roof work that was needed. We took out a third loan for said amount in November '13. Of this amount, a balance of \$40,000 remains. We have made significant progress on these loans. In September of 2012, we had \$84 in the parish savings account with the Archdiocese and owed \$117,500. In three years' time, we have reduced our total outstanding loans to \$40,000, plus we have increased our savings to \$26,500. Thanks to you, our extraordinarily generous parishioners, we're getting there.

Your Offertory Dollars At Work

In addition to the roofing work performed by Normandin two years ago the following has also been accomplished:

- Repaired and re-stripped the parking lot and added more lighting.
- Restored and re-stained the outside church doors.
- Repainted the golden crosses on the upper church roof.
- Repaired and repainted the two upper church sacristies.
- Renovated all the statues in the lower chapel (St. Francis Xavier and St. Antony have just been completed) and the upper church.
- Stopped leaks in the lower church by installing new steam pipes.

Church Painting and Other Things

As you can see, the progress in the upper church is coming right along. Keltic Painting is the company the parish has contracted with to do the painting. We are running ahead of schedule and instead of doing the sanctuary in July and August, we hope to start sometime in April. Scaffolding will be erected in a way that will still allow us to have Mass. We would like to get at least the top portion of the sanctuary done, i.e., from the bottom of the murals up and finished by sometime in May. The nave, the central portion of the church, is scheduled to be done in the summer of 2017. Also, Marmelo Masonry is currently in the process of doing spot repairs around the entire church. Minor stained glass work is also scheduled in April through Serpentino Stained Glass out of Needham. The work noted above is being paid for through our parish's Renew, Restore, Rejoice Campaign, in which \$1,030,000 has been pledged over a 3-5 year period. To date, the capital campaign has taken in \$260,000, which is allowing us to do the above mentioned work. A more thorough breakdown of capital campaign revenue and expenses will be forthcoming. To all our parishioners: Thank you very, very, very much for all your generosity and sacrifices that you make on behalf of St. John's!!! It truly is deeply appreciated.