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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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER

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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.)



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, April 17, 2016:**
 Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Ps 100:1-3, 5/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
 Jn 10:27-30



MASS INTENTIONS

- SATURDAY, APRIL 9**
5:00 PM Luzvismin Asperin
- SUNDAY, APRIL 10**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Grade 1 children and their families
- MONDAY, APRIL 11**
9:00 AM Salud Bautista
(living, special intention)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 12**
9:00 AM Rosemary Rogers
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**
9:00 AM Luzvismin Asperin
- SUNDAY, APRIL 17**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



- MONDAY, APRIL 11**
2:15 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9
- TUESDAY, APRIL 12**
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
6:30 PM Grade 8
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**
4:15 PM Grade 1 and 2
- SUNDAY, APRIL 17—NO CLASSES, SPRING VACATION**

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

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

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.

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 16. 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.

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.

THIRD 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

A few months after the fire, Bridges & Co., owners of the demolished factory, announced they would not rebuild in Hopkinton. "All thought of completing the church was now at an end, and it was deemed impracticable to attempt to pay off the old debt." Many of St. John's parishioners had lost their livelihoods with the loss of the factory. The Mahon Bros., active parishioners, had lost their grocery store to fire for a second time. When three years later, Fr. Mohan was transferred, no work towards finishing St. John's had been attempted, though to his credit, the parish debt had been reduced. "History of Middlesex County" Vol. 3

St. John's Mustard Seed

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's middle school students, the disadvantaged of Worcester had a brighter Easter. Our students made over 135 Easter gift bags that had Easter candy, coloring books and crayons, bubble soap and much more. Since St. John's was serving their Good Friday dinner, we took the presents out to the Mustard Seed with us. Everyone was surprised and loved them. Even the older folks, because it gave them something to give to their children and grandchildren this Easter. Nice job middle school students! He has risen. He has truly risen.

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 Monday, May 23!!!**

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

On **Saturday and Sunday, April 9th and 10th**, the Knights of Columbus Ashland/Hopkinton council will be collecting food for its "Food for Families" drive. This program is targeted at helping local families at this critical time of year when supplies are running low, yet the need is great. The Ashland Food Pantry and the Project Just Because Food Pantry of Hopkinton need your help! Collection Boxes will be at the rear of the church all weekend long. Frequently needed items include canned meat, fruit, vegetables, meals, juice bottles and boxes, school snack items, paper products, laundry detergent, toiletries, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

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



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

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.



FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT

This weekend, Sunday, April 10, 35 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 collected 3,093 bottles and cans and earned \$154.65!!

Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

ONLY 6 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.

At The Advertisers

LOOK Supporting Our Church Bulletin

APRIL 10, 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.