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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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DEACON

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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.)

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



"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

*Readings for NEXT Sunday, May 29, 2016:
Gn 14:18-20/ Ps 110:1-4/ 1Cor 11:23-26/ Lk 9:11b-17*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 21

5:00 PM Leslie Sables

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
6:30 PM Graduating High School Seniors

SUNDAY, MAY 29

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

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.

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.

 *Rest in Peace*

Mary E. Foss
Helen F. Cady

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

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

St. John's 150th Anniversary Book

We are planning to include in the Anniversary Book commemorating the founding of our Parish, a section devoted to those special memories or short reflections that current or former parishioners may have of the Parish. If you wish to contribute to this section, please forward your thoughts electronically or in person to Denise Antaki (antakifamily@yahoo.com) or John Palmer (johnpalmer87@verizon.net) or to the parish office.

The Most Holy Trinity

"The Spirit of truth... will take from what is mine and declare it to you." Jesus says in today's Gospel that the Spirit declares something to us. We actually have a kind of share in the blessed life of the Trinity through this spiritual declaration. In particular, God gives us the gift of his truth. Traditionally, we say that God--the Blessed Trinity--is the source of all truth, beauty, and goodness. Today's reading reminds us that truth exists, that it comes from God, and that we can know it, hear it, and live according to it. "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." This is so important to remember in today's cultural climate. These days, the very idea of truth is a touchy subject. Because there is so much focus on tolerance and not offending anyone, we tend to shy away from discussions about "absolute" truth. Instead, we hear a lot of talk about "what's true for me" or "what's true for you." Too often we get confused about how to respect others' differing beliefs while still maintaining our own. Instead of embracing the fact that there is real truth--like, for example, the truth that God became man and was born of Mary--it is more popular to refer to "beliefs" and "traditions" and "practices," emphasizing that these things differ among people. Yes, those things differ. But truth does not change. Either Jesus is God, or he isn't. Either his claims were true or they weren't. It's not a matter of personal opinion. The Holy Spirit helps to convince us of what is really right. But we needn't fear that this will lead us to be intolerant. It is this same Spirit within us that brings the fruits of love, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, May 28.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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

After the nearly three hour long Dedication Mass of September 3rd, 1889, Father Murphy invited the 100 or so clergymen, 60 members of the choir, 20 musicians, invited guests, and newspaper reporters to a catered dinner at the Town Hall. The spectacular menu, recorded by the "Milford Daily News", included, among other delicacies, green turtle soup, salmon, roast spring lamb, sirloin beef, oyster patties, chicken grouse, and upland plover served with lobster salad and a variety of potatoes and green vegetables, followed by exotic desserts such as Charlotte Russe, Macedoine of Fruit in Jelly, Chocolate Harlequin, as well as more familiar cakes, fruit, and French coffee. Among the guests were former priests of the parish and the parents of Father John P. Ryan.

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!



St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place June 13-17. The sale will begin at 9AM on each day and remain open until 7PM. **The committee would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, household items, furniture, sports equipment and tools.** Everything should be clean and in working order. **Drop off will begin THIS Monday, May 23 at the parish center from 9AM-5PM.** We also can use plastic grocery bags and shoe boxes. We appreciate your clean usable donations, however, 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 in the fall.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Mission Trip—6/26-7/1, Appalachia, West Virginia

Next mandatory meeting is **Thursday, June 9 at 6:30PM** in the lower church hall.

Baccalaureate Mass

Parents and High School Seniors: **THIS Sunday, May 22, 6:30 PM.** Baccalaureate Mass followed by a dinner in the Parish Center. Thank you to all that have replied. If you did not reply but would still like to come, you are more than welcome to join us!



Please Consider Teaching St. John's Needs More Catechists

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Many caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for all grades. Help us plan for next year. If you would like to teach with a partner, we will find one for you. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need all of us to grow in the faith.

Vacation Bible School at St. Cecilia's, Ashland

Vacation Bible School at St. Cecilia's in Ashland will be on **June 27, 28, & 29.** If you were not able to register for St. John's Bible Adventure and would still like your child to attend a Vacation Bible School, St. Cecilia's in Ashland still has openings! This year's theme is *Egypt - Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace.* Music, games, snacks, and drama create a fun way to learn. Please sign up as soon as possible to allow time to order supplies needed. Contact Janet Wilkinson at 508-881-6107.

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.

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.

MAY 22, 2016

HAIL MARY

The Hail Mary is probably the most popular prayer known by Catholics outside the Mass. It forms part of the rosary, the Angelus, night prayer, and certain otherwise hopeless situations involving a football.

It took us hundreds of years to write the Hail Mary. The first part came easy. It draws from the angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary, that she would give birth to Jesus: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). When Mary visited Elizabeth, pregnant with the John the Baptist, Elizabeth greeted her with the next phrase we use in the prayer, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). Over a period of centuries, Catholics combined these two greetings of Mary and made them our own, figuring if Gabriel and Elizabeth could get Mary's attention this way, maybe we could too. We strung these greetings together with our own prayer for Mary's intercession. Part scripture, part tradition, the Hail Mary runs deep in Catholic spirituality.

Two popular prayer forms use the Hail Mary: the rosary and the Angelus. In the rosary, it serves as a mantra, a repetitive sequence of words, thoughts and rhythms that draw the believer into a prayerful trance before the mysteries of our salvation. In the Angelus it reminds the faithful three times a day of the incarnation, the Word of God becoming flesh.

In liturgical prayer, the Hail Mary has never staked out territory in the Mass. The Scripture quotations it borrows from Luke's Gospel do occur at Mass as antiphons and responses on feasts of Mary, but we usually substitute a hymn to Mary in their place. However, among liturgical prayers, we find the Hail Mary at the one we call "night prayer." The liturgy of the hours is the official Catholic prayer form marking the principal hours of day morning, daytime, evening and night. The brief service that ends the day concludes with a prayer to Mary. The church offers us several options here, but the most familiar of them is the Hail Mary, the last prayer of the day.

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