

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

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.)



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, July 31, 2016:**
 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/ Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
 Lk 12:13-21

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:00 AM Francis Max Carey and Mary McDonough Carey
 10:00 AM Charlotte Marquedant and Mary Korbey
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM Bill McRobert
 (2 year anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

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.

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

150th Anniversary Mass at 10AM. 150th Anniversary Dinner at 2PM. More details to come. Please call the parish office (508-435-3313x203) if you know of any former parishioners who have moved that might like to be notified of the 150th Anniversary Dinner.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning

You may be wondering about the Archdiocesan pastoral planning process and how it involves St. John's. The Archdiocese, in an effort to maximize the effectiveness of a limited number of priests, has developed a pastoral planning effort titled "Disciples in Mission" which it began to implement in 2012. **This plan is not about closing parishes,** it is about clergy staffing issues and evangelization. Most parishes will team with one or two other parishes to form an administrative group called a collaborative. Each parish in the collaborative will remain a parish and so retain its own canonical status and financial assets. Each parish will remain its own independent financial unit. One pastor will be assigned to each collaborative. The planning efforts will be spread out over seven phases, with each phase taking about a year to implement. This year has seen the implementation of the third phase of "Disciples in Mission." To date of about 300 parishes or so in the Archdiocese, the planning effort has involved 33 collaboratives and 72 parishes. St. John's will eventually become a collaborative with St. Cecilia's in Ashland. At this time St. John's and St. Cecilia's have not been assigned to a particular phase, but the implementation of our collaborative should be sometime within the next five years. **Neither St. John's nor St. Cecilia's will be closing.** "Disciples in Mission" has its own website: disciplesinmission.com for those who would like further information. We will keep you posted on any updates from the Archdiocese in regards to their planning efforts.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on **ParishPay**. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (435-3313x202).

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 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated **Monday, August 15.** The holy day obligation is suspended when the solemnity falls on Monday. Masses at St. John's will be on **Monday, August 15, at 9AM and 7PM in the lower church.**

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Before you enter the upper church through the middle doors, take a look at the memorial plaque on the left side of the doorway. The plaque honors members of St. John's who served in the first world war. Brigadier General Michael Lenihan is at the top of the list. General Lenihan was the son of James and Catherine, among the very first parishioners of St. John's. James lived with his wife and 8 children on Ash Street. He farmed 4 acres and owned a small boot shop. Facing the sanctuary, you can find the stained glass window they donated on the right side of the church, second from the sanctuary. In 1878 at age 13, Brigadier General Michael Lenihan served at the first Mass at St. John's, which took place on Christmas Morning in the lower church. Legend has it that Michael was the first to receive Communion from Fr. John P. Ryan on that memorable morning. A staunch, practicing Catholic to the end of his colorful life, General Lenihan's memories of Hopkinton as a child are preserved in his autobiography, "I Remember, I Remember" published by Lulu.com. St. John's library owns a copy.

Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault will be celebrating Mass with us on **Sunday, August 14, at 10AM**. The Mission Apostolate group hopes you can join us to celebrate Mass as well as afterward in the lower church to catch up with Fr. John. In addition to his many other duties in Gonaives, Haiti, Fr. has been working with people who have Hansen's disease (leprosy) and doing his best to get them treatment. While there is one sanctioned private clinic that can deal with this, it is a long distance away and bus transportation for the more than 100 patients is expensive. Fr. Henault has been working to get a clinic open locally but this continues to be met with resistance since the government does not want to admit that the disease even exists in their country. Further, all workers at government hospitals and clinics are currently on strike. The Missionaries of Charity sisters that Fr. Henault works with have a weekly health clinic with 2 doctors and a few nurses. Because of the strike, they have been receiving over 1500 people each week recently. As you can see, Fr. has a difficult task, especially for someone who is 80 years old. The funds that we at St. John's send are helping keep people alive. Anyone wishing to make a donation over the coming weeks can forward it to St. John's in an envelope marked for Fr. Henault either in the collection basket or mailed to St. John's Parish Global Mission Apostolate.



HS/Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. Have a great summer! See you all in the fall!

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

The High School Mission Trip was a huge success! Our students have returned from Appalachia, West Virginia. They had safe travels and much work was done. A big thank you for all the support the students received from the parish. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming presentation the students will be giving about their trip.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall, elementary students will have the opportunity to sign up for classes at the following times, October to May:

- **Grade 1** will meet two Wednesdays each month, 4:15-5PM
 - **Grade 2** will meet every Wednesday, 4:15-5PM with three exceptions when classes will meet on Sundays, 9-9:50AM while parents meet with Carol Zani
 - **Grades 3-5** will meet every Monday or Tuesday, 4:15-5:10PM
 - **Grade 6** will meet every Monday, 2:10-3:15PM
- Every grade, 1-6**, will have a limited optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability – first-come, first-served. Sign-up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

GRADES 7-10

Grade 7	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 8	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 9	Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
Grade 10	Sunday (5:00-7:15PM) once a month

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208 for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year.

PLEASE CONSIDER TEACHING

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Several 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). Our students need all of us to grow in the faith.

JULY 24, 2016

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us. But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children. For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven! What more do we really need to ask for?

