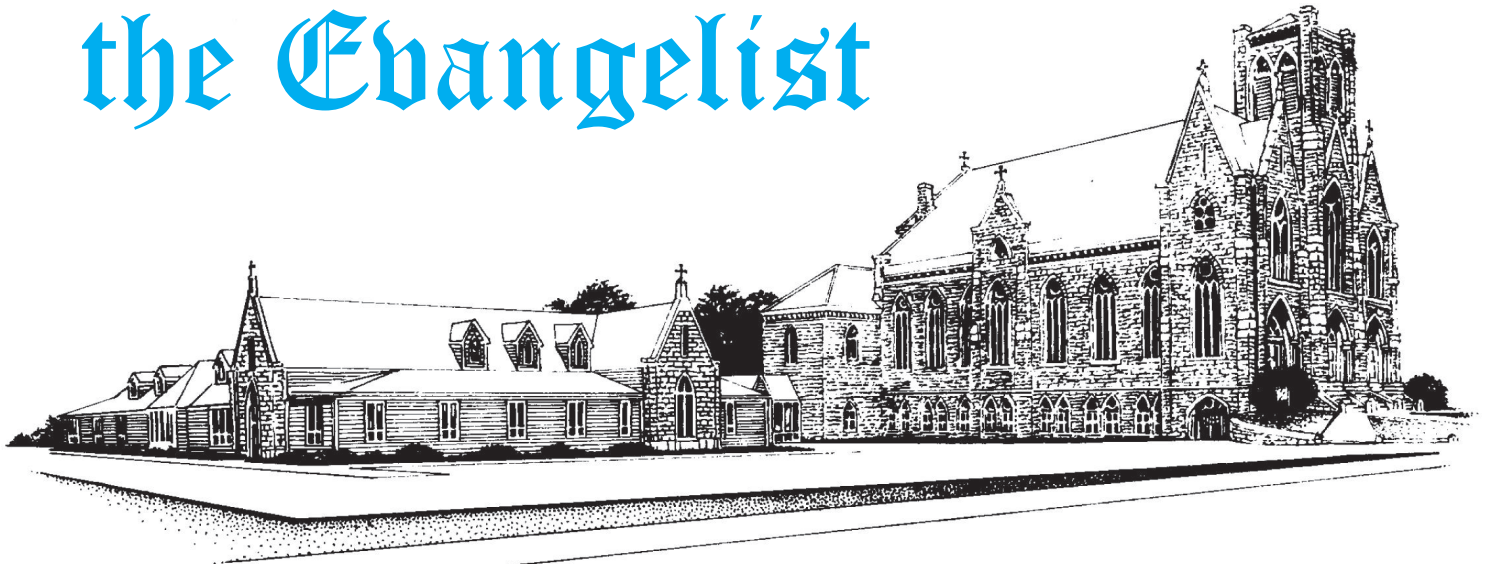


St. John the Evangelist



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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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**Carol Zani, 1-6
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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

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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 9, 2017:
Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14-27:66



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 PM Umberto Tosti

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 AM Carmen Forzese

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 AM Rosemary Rogers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM Albert Germain

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 AM Rita and Frank Brenna



SUNDAY, APRIL 2

5:00 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, APRIL 3

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 17
MASS WILL BE AT 8AM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 16
First Communions.....April 29, May 13, May 14
Confirmation (2 Masses).....May 6
Ascension Thursday.....May 25

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 8.



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

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep and Maintenance

SOUP & STATIONS

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. This week's Soup & Stations will be hosted by the Mustard Seed Ministry.

LENTEN 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 (4/5, 4/12)	6:30-8:00PM

Altar Server Rehearsals for Easter

For those altar servers scheduled for Easter Masses, please note the following rehearsal schedule:
Holy Thursday—4PM rehearsal
Good Friday—10:30AM rehearsal
Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday—rehearsal Sat. at 4PM



DAILY MASS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY	9:00AM
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HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7:00PM
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GOOD FRIDAY

ECUMENICAL SERVICE	12:00PM
THE LORD'S PASSION	3:00PM
THE LORD'S PASSION	7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY*

CONFESSIONS	2:00-3:00PM
EASTER VIGIL MASS	8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8AM, 10AM & 11:45AM
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 23)

MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS	1:30 - 3:30PM
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*Please note there will be **NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday** and **NO 6:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

FIFTH 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.**

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.

From Mormon Missionary to the Catholic Church by Thomas Smith

Thomas Smith was raised in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and can trace his lineage back seven generations. In this talk, he shares his beliefs and incredible experiences as a Mormon missionary in Alabama and how this led him to convert and become a Protestant minister and later enter the Catholic Church. Mr. Smith is a popular speaker and the author of *Inside Mormonism*. For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Hall.

Food for Families

THIS weekend, the Knights of Columbus Ashland/Hopkinton council will be collecting food for its annual "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!

Middle School Youth Group

This past week 83 Middle School Youth Group students came together on an early release day to make Easter Bags for the Mustard Seed in Worcester. They were able to make over 200 bags filled with lots of goodies. A huge thank you to the Middle School Youth Group adult team for all their hard work in putting this project together. Also, thank you to all those adults that came to chaperone and assist. And thank you to all the families that donated items for the bags. The Mustard Seed and their families will be pleased to receive these bags! The students also made cards for the hospital ministry which will be distributed by our Deacon Tony Sicuso.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

"A Starry Night" Spaghetti Dinner

Calling all adults!—Come support our HS Youth Group's mission trip to the Adirondacks in N.Y. **Saturday, April 8**, at 6PM. Dinner, drinks, drawings and live music plus a 50/50 drawing. The cost of the ticket for the dinner is \$10 per person. We are also selling 50/50 tickets. The cost of this ticket is \$50. This ticket can also be used as an admission (for 2) to the dinner. You do not need to be present to win. Come join the fun! Please continue to pray for our youth and their leaders. If you have any questions, email stjohnythmin@gmail.com. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekend of April 1.

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 21, 6:30 PM

Parents and high school seniors are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Mass followed by a dinner in the Parish Center. Invitations to come.

St. John's Confirmation Program Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, March 11, and Saturday, March 18, St. John's confirmation program participated in our annual build for Habitat for Humanity. 15 students and several adults volunteered their time, energies, and heart for a Habitat build. This is the 13th build the confirmation program has participated in over the years. This year the Knights of Columbus were also involved and took 4 of the confirmation students on their build on Saturday, March 11. The homes are located in Holliston. There are two homes being built, and the families will be able to move in sometime late this summer or early this fall. The duties for the day were moving some snow which had fallen on the Tuesday before the build, moving wood and organizing the materials. We put two second floor sides up and it was quite an experience. So much was accomplished and we certainly learned a lot. The Habitat team was very pleased with the amount of work that was completed. A huge thank you to all the students and our adults who gave their day to this incredible endeavor. Habitat thanks you, and we at St. John's thank you for all your hard work. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Habitat for Humanity, go to www.gwhfh.org.

Easter Baskets for Project Just Because

This past week several confirmation students met to put Easter Baskets together for PJB. The baskets were filled with lots of goodies. A huge thank you to all the families that donated items for the baskets. Project Just Because was pleased and amazed at how beautiful they were. A lot of love was put into this project! Thank You!

APRIL 2, 2017

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE IS BACK!!

Monday, July 10-Friday, July 14, from 9AM-Noon at St. John's Parish Hall. Bible lessons, crafts, music, outdoor games, Bible videos, and snacks each day. New this year: we are accepting fifteen 4 year-olds to our week-long program. Registration now open for children 4 years old to grade 5. Please register through St. John's website: <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com/> (under the "Ministry" tab). If you have any questions, please email stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 4 of Hopkinton, sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Parish, will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast **THIS Saturday, April 8, 2017**, from 7:30AM until 11:30AM at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall. General admission is \$6, \$4 for senior citizens, and our veterans eat free. Tickets are available in advance from your local scouts, or at the door. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will support high adventure trips for Troop 4 scouts including hiking in our National Parks, and camping and biking opportunities.

The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in *Paschale Solemnitatis*, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place June 12-16. At this time we are accepting donations of household items and small furniture only (such as small tables, chairs, lamps). Drop off at back of church at the storage container. Every Monday 4-7PM (April 3, April 10, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22). For more information or questions, call 508-435-3313x203.



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