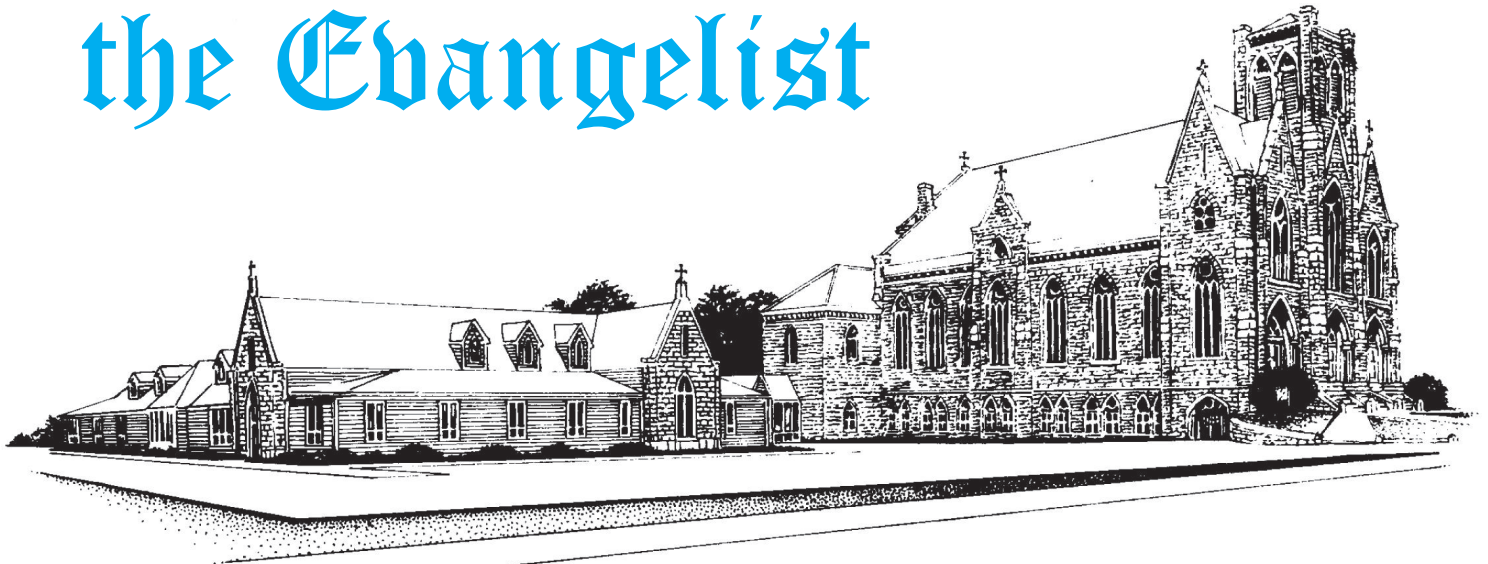


# St. John the Evangelist



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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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### 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

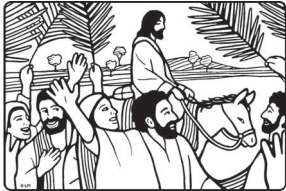
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### PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, April 16, 2017:**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4/  
 Jn 20:1-9



**MONDAY, APRIL 10**  
 9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**  
 9:00 AM Albert Germain  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**  
 9:00 AM Fr. Walter Ciszek



**MONDAY, APRIL 10**  
 2:10 PM Grade 6  
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5  
 7:00 PM Grade 9  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**  
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5  
 6:30 PM Grade 8  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**  
 4:15 PM Grade 1

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15—NO CLASSES—VACATION WEEK**  
**CLASSES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**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.**

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS (lower church)**  
 WEDNESDAY, 4/12 6:30-8:00PM  
 SATURDAY 2-3PM  
 Please note there will be no Saturday morning confessions on Holy Saturday.

*Rest in Peace*  
 Rosalie R. Martin

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY**

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



**DAILY MASS**  
 MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 9:00AM  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00PM  
**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  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** (April 23)  
 MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 1:30 - 3:30PM  
 \*Please note there will be **NO 8AM Mass and NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday and NO 6:30PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday: General Notes**

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. Communion under both forms will be made available as it is highly recommended by the Church. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 10:00pm.

**Good Friday**

The holy water fonts are emptied. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths.

**The Easter Vigil**

The Easter Vigil times place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Octave of Easter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** The schedule for Mercy Sunday at St. John's will be as follows:

- 1:30 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.
- 2:00 PM** Confessions will be heard.
- 2:30 PM** Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.
- 3:00 PM** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.
- 3:30 PM** Benediction and Final Blessing.

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



### **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.**

### **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.

### **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](mailto:stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best**

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our lady asked "are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?" —The Divine Mercy Prayer Group

### **St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.



### **Middle School Youth Group**

Check back here for upcoming events.

### **High School Youth Group**

**SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, May 21, 6:30 PM**

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



### **Religious Education Bulletin Board**

When you're in the parish center be sure to take a look at the corridor bulletin board. Mrs. Power's third grade class created the board as an extension of their lesson, *We Are All God's Children*. The board reminds us of spring, new life, and the fact that God loves us.

### **Food Drive Thank You**

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. John's parishioners for their participation in last weekend's food drive. Thanks to your generosity, 125 bags of food were collected at St. John's for Project Just Because.

### **WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS TO AGAPE!!!**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 29**

Agape gathering: 5-7PM at the McCann home, 13 John Matthew Road, Hopkinton. *AGAPE* (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a Catholic high school faith group that meets once a month to discuss issues facing the culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith through fun activities, videos and small group discussions. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or would like to attend the April gathering, please R.S.V.P. by April 28 to Linda Lane ([lindalane13@verizon.net](mailto:lindalane13@verizon.net)), Heather Petruney ([hpetruney@verizon.net](mailto:hpetruney@verizon.net)), or Meg Gaughan ([gaughan1family@gmail.com](mailto:gaughan1family@gmail.com)).

### **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 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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**APRIL 9, 2017**

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## **Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence**

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence. FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

### **Good Friday Ecumenical Service**

**April 14, at 12 Noon.** Join with the churches of Hopkinton here at St. John's as we ponder together the work of our Lord's cross. Members of the clergy from churches across the town participate together in this annual traditional service. Please join us!

### **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."

### **Purgatory Corner**

The message of Divine Mercy given through the scriptures, church tradition, and the writings of Saint Faustina is a message that extends to everyone in need of God's mercy. This includes the souls in Purgatory. The spiritual works of mercy remind us that the seventh work is to "pray for the dead." There are many ways we can bring Divine Mercy into our prayer life for the souls in Purgatory. **"Of all the prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual."**

—St. Thomas Aquinas