

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.

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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

HOLYDAY 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



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23

Readings for NEXT Sunday, July 23, 2017:

*Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/ Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-30*

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JULY 15	
5:00 PM	Special Intention
SUNDAY, JULY 16	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John
TUESDAY, JULY 18	
9:00 AM	Jeanne Arbour (month's mind)
FRIDAY, JULY 21	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY, JULY 22	
5:00 PM	David and Kevin Beattie
SUNDAY, JULY 23	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM	John Dudley
6:30 PM	Mary McLaughlin

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, July 22.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

As part of the annual Missionary Cooperative Program, Monsignor William P. Fay, a representative of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all Masses THIS weekend about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. He will share stories from the missions with us as a way to raise awareness about the need to spread the Good News to the more than one billion people in the world who have yet to hear it proclaimed. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Church dedicated to helping missionaries bring the Gospel to people in need around the world.

Your Offertory Dollars at Work

During the month of July, we will be having the outside window frames around the stained glass painted and sealed where necessary. Some of the wood is currently bare, which can lead to wood damage and also could be a source of moisture getting to the church interior. Additionally, we are going to be painting the parish center exterior and repairing damaged clapboards. The south side of the parish center, especially, has really been taking a beating. This work is long overdue. Lastly, some slate has fallen from the roof above the working sacristy, sometimes called the chapel. There has been interior water damage. We hope to have the roof repaired sometime in early July and the interior wall repaired and repainted sometime this summer. Thank you all very, very much for your outstanding generosity to St. John's.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it." So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit. First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us. Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer-"Thy will be done"-can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering. Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs. So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.



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.

RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

We are very grateful for the generosity of all those who donated, purchased, or worked the sale. We had a very hardworking group of women and men who dedicated many hours to this endeavor. Thank you to the Ashland/Hopkinton Knights of Columbus and to our parishioners, men and women, who gave so generously of their time to set up, work at the rummage sale, and clean up, making the rummage sale a success. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to this big parish project to raise money for the painting of St. John's. We could not do this without your help. We are very pleased to announce that sales totaled over \$20,000!

MUSTARD SEED

Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. John's Women's Group will meet Tuesday morning, July 18 at 10AM. outside the lower church and on Wednesday evening, July 19 at 7PM in the same location. Please join us for prayer, study, and fellowship. For more information contact Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com or call the secretary at St.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet through song! With beautiful music and meditations on God's mercy throughout salvation history by Jeff Cavins, you'll be inspired to sing with all your heart. Written and performed by Vicki Kueppers and featuring special guest Darren Rust. Orchestrations by Steven C. Anderson. For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Hall.

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are DESPERATELY needed. Please donate: bras-new and gently used; female underpants-new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the parish hall.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

The High School Mission Trip was a huge success! Our students have returned from the Adirondacks in New York. 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.



Please Consider Teaching

St. John's Needs More Catechists, Gr. 1-6

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. for grades 1-6 next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for grades 1-6. 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.

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, 4:15-5P
- 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, 4:15-5:10P
- Grade 6 will meet every Monday, 2:15-3:15PM

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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of a breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the Eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or Eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the Eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

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