

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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER

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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

Brendan Kenney
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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



"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?'"

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 1, 2017:
Ez 18:25-28/ Ps 25:4-9/ Phil 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 PM Pat Fox

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 AM David Bilodeau

10:00 AM John & Helen O'Brien

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Eugene Spinosa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM Todd Carey

5:00 PM For the conversion of sinners

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Agnes Petzold

6:30 PM John A. Kszystyniak
(3rd anniversary)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

3:00 PM Teacher training, Gr. 1, 3-6

New teachers

4:00 PM Teacher training, Gr. 1, 3-6

Returning teachers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM Grade 2 opening class
for parents and students

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.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

2nd collection THIS weekend
Parish Upkeep and Maintenance

A New Transitional Deacon for St. John's

We are pleased to announce that St. John's will be receiving a transitional deacon for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. A transitional deacon, as many know, is a deacon who will be going on to the priesthood. Deacon John Maksym, who is to be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, is in his final year at Pope St. John the XXIII Seminary, in Weston, Mass. We are honored as a parish to have with us this outstanding man as part of our pastoral team through the spring of 2018.

Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited NEXT Sunday, October 1, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Coffee and donuts will be served for this joyful occasion. We hope you will join us!

Two-Day Parish Mission on Fatima

We are very pleased to have with us Fr. Robert Lacombe, who will be giving us a two-day parish mission on Fatima. Fr. Lacombe will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at **7PM in the lower chapel on October 10th and the 11th.** The timing is excellent, Friday, October 13th, is the 100th Anniversary of what is probably the best known of the Marian Apparitions at Fatima: the day the sun danced. Please join us.

Your Offertory Dollars at Work

During the summer months, we had the outside window frames around the stained glass painted and sealed where necessary. Some of the wood was bare, which could have led to wood damage and also could have been a source of moisture getting to the church interior. Additionally, we painted the exterior of the parish center and repaired damaged clapboards. The south side of the parish center, especially, had really been taking a beating. This work was long overdue. Also, some slate had fallen from the roof above the working sacristy, sometimes called the chapel. There was interior damage and we repaired the roof and repaired and repainted the interior wall. Lastly, we installed a railing leading to the lower church entrance and replaced the carpeting in the entrance area of the lower church as well. Thank you all very much for your outstanding generosity to St. John's.

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

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.



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.

St. John's Children's Choir 2017-18

All 3rd thru 8th graders are welcome to join St John's Children's Choir. Weekly rehearsals begin **THIS THURSDAY, September 21, 6-7PM**; in the rehearsal room to the right of the upper church sanctuary. The Children's Choir sings at the 10AM Mass one Sunday a month; collaborates with the Parish Choir for select feast days; and sings during other devotions and concerts throughout the year. This spring, the choir will have an opportunity to sing with hundreds of other young choristers in the Pueri Cantores Festival and Mass at the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Boston. Registration will take place at rehearsal. However, for more information on St. John's Children's Choir and to get on our email list and receive our 2017-18 calendar, please contact Lynn Maginnis (508-435-9615, lynnmaginnis@verizon.net).

Baptismal Ministry

St. John the Evangelist parish is blessed to have a group of women who make baby blankets for each child baptized into our parish family. The blankets are made at home and the women say prayers for the child who will receive it. The blankets are knitted, crocheted, quilted, or no-sew fleece. This group has completed over 5 years of sharing their handiwork. However, the number of members has decreased and so we are looking for some help by others. Even if you can only make one or two over the year, it would be appreciated. If you are interested, please call or email Margie Pomeroy (MargaretPomeroy@verizon.net or 508-435-9456). Thank you.

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.



GRADES 1-6 CATECHISTS

Thank you so much to the many parents who offered to teach a class this year. Your commitment and sacrifice of time and talent are so appreciated. Our parish is fortunate to have you.

Grades 1-6 Catechists

Catechist Training will take place **TODAY, Sunday, September 24**, 3-6PM for catechists who have never taught at St. John's, 4-6PM for returning catechists.

HS/Middle School Youth Group

Our parent kick-off meeting is **THIS Wednesday, September 27, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. We hope to see you there!

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

If you have been storing your bottles and cans all summer, **GOOD NEWS**: Our High School Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans again on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning **Saturday, October 7, from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The collections from these drives help fund the different activities for the High School Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Liam Maginnis (lmaginnis@hillers.org or 508-435-9615).



CLASSES BEGIN

GRADES 1-6

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| Sun. Oct. 1 | Grade 2 | 9-10AM (parents & students) |
| Sun., Oct. 15 | various classes | |
| Mon. Oct. 2 | Grades 3-5 | 4:15-5:10PM (students) |
| Mon., Oct. 16 | Grade 6 | 2:15-3:15PM (students) |
| Tues., Oct. 3 | Grades 3, 4 & 5 | 4:15-5:10PM (students) |
| Wed., Oct. 1 | Grade 2 | 4:15-5PM (students) |
| | Grade 1 | 4:15-5PM (parents & students) |

GRADES 7-10

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| Grade 7 | Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month Starting October 10 |
| Grade 8 | Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month Starting October 17 |
| Grade 9 | Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month starting October 16 with a <u>meeting for students and parents</u> |
| Grade 10 | Sunday (5-7:15PM) once a month starting October 15 with a <u>meeting for students only</u> |

Parents Please Note!!

If you are planning to register a child for the very first time, please fill out a registration form by going to the parish web page: www.stjohnhopkinton.com. Please double click on the Religious Education button (not the drop down list) and this will bring you to the Religious Education page. Click on the Religious Education Reg. form. Fill the form out and mail it back to the Religious Education Office along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate if your child was not baptized at St. John's. If you have questions please feel free to call 508-435-3313 x208.

Service coordinator needed for Grades 9 & 10. Please contact Debbie at dlysiktjn@verizon.net.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Bike Collection—Sunday, October 1, 2017

Do you have unwanted bicycles sitting around your garage or basement? We have a use for them. St. John's Global Mission Apostolate is working with the Hopkinton/Ashland Chapter of the Knights of Columbus to hold a bike collection in conjunction with the Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) program in Jamaica Plain. Since 1984, BNB has sent over 55,000 bikes to 14 countries in the global south including Central America, the Caribbean and Africa. Donated bikes directly benefit communities in the developing world as well as teens in Boston through their Earn-A-Bike and Girls in Action programs. Also, their recycling efforts have saved thousands of bicycles from ending up in landfills. In developing countries, bicycles are a very important source of transportation—they improve access to everything—water, food, employment opportunities, schools and healthcare. Bikes are often converted to haul farm produce or other goods to market. With bikes, street vendors are able to travel to more locations and sell more products resulting in increased income. Bikes open up educational opportunities for adults and children to travel to schools distant from their homes. Also, bikes are often converted into pedal-powered machines that shell and grind grain, power rope-pumps for well water extraction and de-pulp coffee. Bike repair shops stimulate local economies as well. The bike collection will take place **NEXT Sunday, October 1, 2017, 9AM-1PM** behind St. John's Parish Center. BNB requests a donation of \$10 per bike to help defray the costs of international shipping, bike storage, and/or youth programs that get the bikes into positive use again. BNB will, of course, accept bikes without this donation. Read more about BNB's programs by visiting their website at www.bikesnotbombs.org.

Global Mission Apostolate

Anyone interested in assisting with the activities of or joining the Global Mission Apostolate, please feel free to contact Paul St. Jean at 508-435-6827 for further details.

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 yourself to God and bear all the suffering 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?”**

PURGATORY CORNER

“Purgatory is not a chamber of horrors. It is a place where shallowness and selfishness are overcome. It's a time of spiritual growth and nurturing. It infallibly leads to the beatific vision of God.”

—Fr. Michael Taylor S.J.; scripture scholar

*Marriage
& Banns*

I. Thomas Dal Molin, Jr. & Kaitlyn Hall