

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

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



"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:10b-12

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 19, 2017:
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/ 1Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM Maria Guzman
10:00 AM Kunjachan Abraham
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM William Carey

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM Thomas Miller (for healing)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 PM Thomas Derro

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Matthew O'Leary



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

4:15 PM Grade 2

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, November 18.

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.

COFFEE HOUR



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the sixth grade religious education classes.

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

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Retired Religious

Grand Annual Update THANK YOU!

As of last Sunday, 51 parishioners had returned their Grand Annual commitment forms. These wonderful commitments averaged nearly \$520 in gifts to the parish's year-end appeal. To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St. John's. We are now up to \$26,500 raised toward our \$65,000 goal. Thank you very much for this terrific beginning! Our parish has responded with great generosity and enthusiasm. We hope to have all commitments in by Thanksgiving.

Psalm 116:12 *"What return shall I make to the Lord for all He has given to me?"*

TALK ON DIVINE MERCY

The sisters of Our Lady of Divine Mercy will give a talk here at St. John's **THIS Monday, November 13, at 7PM** in the lower chapel. For those who can join us, we will pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30PM.

Altar Server Training

For all young people, grade 4 and older, who would like to be altar servers, an instruction will be held **Sunday, December 3, after the 10AM Mass** in the upper church. The instruction will last about 45 minutes. If you are unable to attend this training, please call the parish office and leave your name, telephone number, and email and we will contact you to make alternative arrangements.

PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE Through Purgatory to Heaven

The souls in Purgatory are those who have some kind of disfigurement on their souls, a self-love, something they will not let go of which prevents the full saturation of the soul with divine love.

What are the sufferings of Purgatory?

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**
2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused in their lives. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death

THIRTY-SECOND 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.

Women's Group

Women of St. John's meet in the church library on the **first and third Tuesday mornings of each month from 10-11AM**. A group also meets monthly on the **second Wednesday evening from 7-8PM** in the church library. Both groups discuss a chapter of our current text, "That Nothing May Be Lost," followed by prayer in the lower church. Please feel free to drop in. No commitment is necessary and it is not necessary to have read the text beforehand. Call or email Mary Kniaz with any questions: 508-380-2358 or maryskniaz@gmail.com

FREE GIFT FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group will be hosting a bake sale on **Sunday, November 19** during coffee hour. Come support our youth and buy some treats for Thanksgiving.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Group Meeting: November 12 at 7:15 PM in the parish center. All youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

December 10: The High School Youth Group will be selling homemade ornaments during coffee hour. Please help us raise money for our Mission Trip 2018 to Houston, Texas.

December 13: Mission Trip 2018 Information Night at 7PM in the church hall. Come find out more information about our upcoming June mission trip. This is NOT the sign up meeting. That will be on January 11.

BAKERS NEEDED!

The Middle School Youth Group is hosting a bake sale on Sunday, November 19 during coffee hour. This is the one fundraiser we do all year. Please come and support the group. We also need bakers to make cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes, breads, muffins, etc. Drop off for the sale can be before or after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 18, or before the 8AM or 10AM Masses on Sunday, November 19. Thank you for your support and help!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children, their families and their catechists who are preparing for their first confession in early December.

DROP SHOP

A Winter Wonderland Party for your little ones sponsored by St. John's Youth Group to benefit Mission Trip 2018 to Houston, Texas. **Saturday, December 9, 12-4PM**. Sign up by Monday, December 4. We can take 50 children, ages 3 and up on a first-come, first-serve basis, so sign up today! \$20 per child, \$30 family maximum. To sign up: Complete google form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/foS7wGOQICRwylfF2>, **Permission Slip:** <http://bit.ly/2zXAZwJ>. Activities Include: crafts, games, movie, face-painting, entertainment, cookie decorating, fun and Flippo the magician! Questions: stjohn-ythmin@gmail.com

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

Come anytime between **1-3PM on Sunday, December 3**, at St. John's Parish Hall to **create your own fresh Advent wreath for your home**. All materials provided, including assorted fresh greens and candles. Please bring your own clippers if you have them. \$25 per wreath, payable by cash or check at the door. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a **Christmas Card Station** for the children to make Christmas cards for the residents of Golden Pond. St. John's Children's Choir will deliver the cards and sing for them prior to Christmas. **To reserve your wreath*** and/or donate a baked good, **please RSVP by November 23rd** to Debra Villani (villani@verizon.net or 508-435-9369). ***We order wreaths based on number reserved, so please reserve yours today!**

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

CROSS ROADS

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Deacon Tony

As we near the end of the liturgical year, we are confronted with a profound question which underlies the message of today's Scripture readings: "What is it that we seek in this life?" We also are faced with underlying themes: life and death; wisdom and foolishness; vigilance and complacency, light and dark, grieving and consolation, punishment and mercy. In the middle of all our temporal responsibilities, we are told in the Gospel, "...stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the time" and the door may be closed to us. Sound a bit harsh? What do we have to do?

The answers, are simple, though not easy. First, seek the Lord and Wisdom above all else. Invite the Lord into your soul. In all that we do watch and listen every day for the promptings of the Spirit., because the Spirit will give us the light that will not go out. Be assured in our Faith that if we believe that Christ rose, He will raise us and our loved ones up (He can turn our grief into consolation and hope). Love one another by encouraging and consoling one another in the Faith. That consolation will come back to us.

If we do these things, everything else falls into place. We will be better able to meet whatever personal difficulties we face, and to do so in peace, and to have confidence in the overarching promise of our own resurrection. We will be vigilant, and we will be prepared. Today we are told by Paul to console one another. In another reading from his letter to the Hebrews 3:13, Paul tells us to "Encourage each other daily while it is still today." That would be a good place to start, don't you think?

St. Vincent de Paul

St. John the Evangelist Conference

Thank you to all our very generous benefactors! It is only through your generosity that we are able to help local families! With our fiscal year end on September 30, 2017, we are pleased to report that 451 persons in the immediate Hopkinton area were assisted with direct financial support (over \$24,000 in total) to meet a variety of critical needs, including:

37 Rent
331 Food
23 Fuel
29 Electric
58 Other

Additionally, 30 families received full meals for each of the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. Further, through the kind donations of gift cards and Santa gifts by several parishioners, many families were able to celebrate an even brighter Christmas! Our upcoming activities include Thanksgiving Mass for the Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul. Also, please keep an eye out in the bulletin for more info on the upcoming Secret Santa gift program for needy families. **Thank you again for all your support!**

