

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



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, March 18, 2018:**
 Jer 31:31-34/ Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
 Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33



- SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
5:00 PM Christos and Gertrude Bezdaris
- SUNDAY, MARCH 11**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Mary McLaughlin
- MONDAY, MARCH 12**
9:00 AM William Rogers
- TUESDAY, MARCH 13**
9:00 AM Doris Belle Cooke
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**
9:00 AM Edward Murray
- FRIDAY, MARCH 16**
9:00 AM Ken Zino, Sr.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 17**
8:00 AM Tim Sullivan
5:00 PM Matthew O'Leary
- SUNDAY, MARCH 18**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Timothy Sparks
6:30 PM Leah Davis



- MONDAY, MARCH 12**
2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9
- TUESDAY, MARCH 13**
4:15 PM Grades 3 and 5
6:30 PM Grade 8
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**
4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: We are returning to our 10AM Mass time now that the painting is complete.

Join Us For Coffee, ☕
 Donuts and Conversation

COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation **in the lower church area** following the 10AM Mass hosted THIS Sunday by St. John's High School Youth Group.



At all Masses **NEXT** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after Mass.

Catholic Appeal

THIS weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Appeal. We invite parishioners to support the Appeal by completing and returning the pledge form during Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the lower chapel.** Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

<u>DAILY MASS (lower church)</u>	
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM
FRIDAY	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM
<u>ROSARY (lower church)</u>	
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY	8:35 AM
WEDNESDAY	8:35 AM
FRIDAY	8:35 AM
<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION</u>	
FRIDAYS	7:00 PM
<u>RECONCILIATION (lower church)</u>	
SATURDAYS	8:30-9:15 AM
WEDNESDAYS (3/14 and 3/21)	6:30-8:00 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, March 17.**

Rest in Peace
 Rick Macmillan

FOURTH 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.

The Footprints of God Over Holy Ground

You're probably familiar with many of the sites and attractions found in such sacred locations as Israel, Egypt, Greece and Rome. But only an aerial view truly puts these lands into perspective. And now you can enjoy that heavenly perspective in a presentation that is at once relaxing and inspiring. *Over Holy Ground* puts you in the skies above the Holy Land and beyond, giving you a bird's eye view of such significant sites as the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the pyramids of Egypt, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and many, many more. All complemented by relevant passages of scripture and backed by a moving musical score. For this DVD and other selections, please visit our Media Kiosk in the Parish Center hallway.

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has had a busy time since Christmas and can use some financial help. There are envelopes especially for St. Vincent de Paul donations at the back of the parish hall and the chapel. Please put your donation in these envelopes and then in the offertory basket. Or drop off with the parish secretary or the business office. Checks should be made out to: St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry.

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 Center hallway.**

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 **first 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. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kniaz (508-380-2358 or maryskniaz@gmail.com).

SPRING CLEANING?

DECLUTTERING? DOWNSIZING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. Drop off dates will be announced soon!

Middle School Youth Group

March 23 (early release day), 11:45AM-1:30PM

Service Project—We will be putting together Easter bags for the Mustard Seed (A soup kitchen in Worcester). We'll meet in the parish center. Pizza will be served. If you have any questions, please email parishhallstjn@gmail.com.

High School Youth Group

Mission Trip

There are 6 spots open for the Mission Trip. Any high schooler interested in joining us on our relief effort to Houston the week of June 24th, see the youth ministry web page on the church web site for more details or talk to Mrs. Fairbanks. (stjohnythmin@gmail.com).

Next Youth Group Meeting: March 25 at 7:15 PM in the lower church. All youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

Mystery All-Nighter: Saturday, March 17, 6PM

The cost is \$60 which includes two very fun events along with a pizza dinner at one of the sites. The event will begin at 6PM. We will arrive back at St. John's at 1AM. You can then get picked up at 1AM and head home or stay overnight and play games, watch movies, sing karaoke, eat snacks, and have fun until 6AM. You can sign up by returning a permission slip and \$60 to the Rel. Ed. Office or to Mrs. Fairbanks, classroom 215 at the High School. Permission slip is on the parish website under the Youth Ministry tab, (www.stjohnhopkinton.com). Checks can be made out to St. John's. **Permission slip and check are due by March 7.** Questions? Email stjohnythmin@gmail.com.

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for a Texas Hoe Down in the Parish Center on **Saturday, April 7 at 6PM**. Dinner tickets are \$10 or buy a 50/50 drawing ticket for \$50 which includes dinner for two people. Join us for Tacos for Texas as we raise money to travel to Houston in June for our Mission trip. We are donating \$30,000 to Houston. Help us help Houston. Live music, cash bar, drawings, and silent auction with amazing prizes. Come for a fun night out! Tickets go on sale starting the weekend of March 10th and 11th after all Masses. Questions? Email stjohnythmin@gmail.com.

EASTER BAG DONATIONS

St. John's Middle School Youth Group will be putting together Easter Goody Bags for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen. Please consider donating an item or two such as individually wrapped Easter candy, small toys or games, books, stuffed animals, trading cards, card games, coloring supplies, arts and craft supplies, gift cards in small amounts, hair accessories, or toothbrushes to this worthy service project. Donations can be put in the box outside the Rel. Ed. Office.

First Communion Retreats

Please pray for the sixty-two children and their families who attend their retreat to learn more about the Mass and the Eucharist, and create a banner for their pew for their First Holy Communion Mass in the Spring.

Summer Bible Adventure is back!!!

Join us for a for a week of shipwrecked fun **July 9th-13th. 9AM-12PM!** Registration is now open for 4 year-olds to entering 5th grade as of fall 2018. It can be found on our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/stjohnsbibleadventure/>. Sign up now as spots are limited and going quickly! We are so excited! If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com.

MARCH 11, 2018

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21**

Today's scripture readings are such good, hopeful news: salvation has been won for us by the sacrifice of the Christ, the Son of God. The God of all mercy and love, loves us so much that he sent his only Son to save us, even when we were still (and sometimes still are by our own choosing) in the dark, sinful. God IS mercy and love. We have been delivered from exile like the Hebrews in the reading from 2 Chronicles. If we believe, recognize and proclaim Jesus as Lord, we are saved.

There is a caveat, however. Salvation is a process that once won for us and given to us as a gift, we must turn and walk toward the light, to accept it. Like the princes of Judah in 2 Chronicles, if we do not heed the warnings we too could be held captive...by sin.

The seeds of salvation and condemnation are within us. We have the free will to choose. We have the power to either accept salvation or to condemn ourselves. God did not make his people captives of Babylon, rather, by their actions they left themselves vulnerable to captivity. Psalm 81 (not today's psalm, but a similar lesson), says it well "But my people did not listen...So I thrust them away to their own hardness of heart; let them walk in their own machinations." In other words, God left them to their own devices, which for a time led to disaster.

Salvation is a process. It is a gift; but we must accept it by turning and walking toward the light, by confessing and repenting, by living out The Way, The Truth and the Life, by living out our Baptismal vows. In Baptism we died with Christ so that we can someday rise with him. He was raised up on the Cross so that he would be raised up from the dead, and we with him.

In three weeks we will be invited to renew our Baptismal vows. We have three weeks of Lent left to prepare to recommit ourselves to live according to the light...to participate in our own salvation by accepting it and living it. It can be a great three weeks. With the grace of God, make it so!

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