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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Carol Zani, 1-6
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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

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:4-5

*Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 6, 2018:*
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/ 1Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
5:00 PM Eugene (Geno) Spinosa
SUNDAY, APRIL 29
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Eugene B. Pritchard
MONDAY, APRIL 30
9:00 AM Special Intention
TUESDAY, MAY 1
9:00 AM Maureen McIntyre
FRIDAY, MAY 4
9:00 AM Evelyn Mullen
SATURDAY, MAY 5
8:00 AM Rick Hayes
5:00 PM Jackie Lavoie, Frances Lavoie, Charlotte Lavoie, Maureen Lavoie
SUNDAY, MAY 6
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Joe & Jean Murray

This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 30
2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
TUESDAY, MAY 1
4:15 PM Grades 3 and 5
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
4:00 PM 1st Communion rehearsal for those receiving on 5/5, students only
THURSDAY, MAY 3
4:00 PM 1st Communion rehearsal for those receiving on 5/5, parents & students

Farewell Deacon John Maksym

Please join us after the 10AM Mass **NEXT Sunday, May 6,** for a reception in the parish center to wish Deacon John Maksym farewell. Deacon John will be ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 19. We hope to have Deacon John return in October for a Mass of thanksgiving and priestly blessings.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 10.**

HOLY DAY MASSES
Wednesday, May 9 at 5:15PM
Thursday, May 10 at 9AM & 7PM

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.

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.

Please Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the following seriously ill young people in need of healing: Anthony Khalife, Brody McDermott, and Sam Buttara. Please also pray for our parishioner, Evan Brooks, who along with his National Guard unit, is deployed in the Middle East. Please keep Evan, the members of his unit, and their families in your prayers.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Communions……May 5, May 12, May 13
Ascension Thursday……May 10

***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, May 5.

Rest in Peace

Bernie Loell

Welcome

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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 435 -3313x203 to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thanks!

Rummage Sale Help Wanted

The Rummage Sale Committee is looking for additional volunteers to assist with the rummage sale. Any parishioners who are interested, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 and leave your name and contact information. Thank you.

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place **June 9, and June 11-15,** The sale will begin at 9AM on each day and remain open until 7PM. The committee would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, household items, and small furniture. Everything should be clean and in working order. **Drop off will begin on May 21 at the parish center from 9AM-4PM**. We appreciate your donations, however, we **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items: baby car seats, baby cribs, beds, box springs, computers, desks, dishwashers, dryers, large exercise equipment, footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, including all sport shoes), freezers, large office furniture, gas grills, lawnmowers, organs or pianos, mattresses, paint or chemicals, ping pong tables, printers, refrigerators, large rugs, seasonal decorations, ski equipment, sports equipment, stoves, televisions, treadmills, wall units, washing machines, VHS tapes.

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).

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on "LPI" under "make an offering" in the lower right hand corner of the page. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (508-435-3313x202).

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Group Meeting: April 29 at 7:15 PM in the lower church. All youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

Mission Trip

The next mission trip meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 6 at 7PM in the lower church area.**

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 20, 6:30 PM

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

CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, April 28, Bishop Robert P. Reed confirmed 80 of our youth. We congratulate them and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey.

First Communion

First Holy Communion Masses

Saturday, May 5, 11AM
Saturday, May 12, 11AM
Sunday, May 13, 10AM

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.

ST. JOHN'S CLOTHING

St. John's jackets and golf shirts are available for purchase. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in ordering.

MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8

Christ's appearance to Paul and his calling of Paul to discipleship is a lesson to us all. That event and Paul's transformation from an angry and fearsome persecutor of Christians to a person who boldly spoke out in Jesus' name is one of the more remarkable examples of the power of the Spirit of God to move any of us toward Jesus, toward connection to him. No matter what our backgrounds, our strengths and weaknesses, we all are called to closer union with him, to love one another, and to bear fruit in his name.

Even so, when he arrived in Jerusalem, Paul was feared, and ordinary people who knew what he had done in the past did not believe in Paul's discipleship. It was not until Barnabas "took charge of him" and vouched for him that Paul was reconciled to Christians in Jerusalem. Barnabas bore fruit by helping to bring another into the group. That connection in turn, with the help of the Spirit, brought peace and bore much fruit in Paul's ministry. In a word it was transformative, not only for Paul, but for the Church; because it was Paul who was instrumental in beginning the process of bringing other flocks outside of Jerusalem into the fold.

We too can be transformed to boldly proclaim in Jesus' name by word and action. But we must be connected to the vine to be sufficiently nourished to bear fruit. Otherwise our faith can wither away. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. The connection we need to Jesus is through the Church and the Sacraments instituted by him. We are nourished by the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We are reconciled in the Sacrament of Penance. We proclaim in the name of Jesus by obeying Jesus' command to love one another, which can help to reconcile others and bring them into a closer union with the People of God (The Church), as Barnabas did for Paul. In this way, in all our different lives and roles, we all can bear much fruit. Stay connected and help others to stay connected to The Vine!