

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 women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 28, 2019:
 Acts 5:12-16/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31



- SUNDAY, APRIL 21**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
- MONDAY, APRIL 22**
9:00 AM Special Intention
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23**
9:00 AM Bernie Loell (1 year anniversary)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**
9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- FRIDAY, APRIL 26**
9:00 AM Richard Lavoie
- SATURDAY, APRIL 27**
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. John
- SUNDAY, APRIL 28**
8:00 AM Maureen Midgelany
10:00 AM Robert C. Ovian
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 27
 First Communions May 4, May 11, May 12

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.



- MONDAY, APRIL 22**
2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23**
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
7:00 PM Confirmation rehearsal (for those Scheduled for the 11AM ceremony)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**
4:15 PM Grade 2
7:00 PM Confirmation rehearsal (for those Scheduled for the 2PM ceremony)



Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.

Easter Collection

Today's Easter collection benefits our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, who have been helping others for decades. The Easter collection today allows us to give back to our priests. Thank you for helping us care for their health and well-being with your donation to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. The trust is independently managed with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing. Learn more at clergytrust.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 28, 2019 in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

- 1:30 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.
- 2:00 PM** Confessions will be heard.
- 2:30 PM** Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.
- 3:00 PM** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.
- 3:30 PM** Benediction and Final Blessing.

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. Thank you!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, April 28.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts: 10 34, 37-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 11-17, 22-23;
Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

Rejoice! The tomb was empty!! Lent is over, but the lessons are many, especially from the liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Unlike the apostles and so many early disciples, we have not seen Jesus face to face. We did not witness the events. We live by Faith. We believe that Jesus lived, died for us, and reconciled us to the Father; that He rose again, that He is with the Father, and that He is with us in the Eucharist. We believe that we died with Him in our Baptism, that we died to sin, and that we too will rise again, because He told us He would prepare a place for us. We believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Anointed One.

Yet our faith is not blind. The Holy Scriptures foretold His coming, and that He would sacrifice Himself for us. The Gospels tell us of the many witnesses to His life, death, and resurrection: people who saw the empty tomb, people who saw, ate with, walked and talked with Him *after* His resurrection. Church and secular history tell us that those witnesses and people of faith then, and through the ages to this day, have been willingly martyred for proclaiming the truth. We have the sacred Tradition of the Church to help us to understand. So, we believe. But we are called every day to deepen the gift of Faith. Study, read Scripture, especially the Gospels. Read the Catechism, or at least consult it when you have questions. Rejoice that you have received the gift of faith. **REJOICE, THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!**

AGAPE GATHERING

Saturday, May 4, 6:30-8PM

Location: The Wauters Home
36 Grove Street, Hopkinton

All High School students are invited
to attend the next AGAPE!!

AGAPE offers High School students an opportunity to continue their journey in their Catholic Faith in a way that is unique, relevant and FUN!! Each month's theme is aimed at teaching and inspiring you to respond to God's grace in circumstances of your daily life and ultimately bring you to a deeper, more dynamic relationship with God and the Catholic Faith. The group usually meets for two hours once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for pizza/dessert, fellowship, videos, activities, and large/small group discussion. It is not necessary to attend every gathering in order to benefit! Come when you can and bring a friend or two!! If you have any questions, contact: Meg Gaughan at hopagape@gmail.com, Heather Petruney at petruneyh@gmail.com, or Linda Lane at lindalane13@verizon.net.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting:

Sunday, May 5 at 7:15PM in the church hall. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 19, 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.

High School Youth Ministry Fundraiser

Kudos to our high school youth ministers, Jen Fairbanks and Mary Pawela for putting on another successful fundraiser. Thank you to all who helped make our fundraising event a huge success. We are so very grateful to the many families and individuals who donated items for our drawings and silent auction. In particular we would like to thank "The Fuse" for the great music, Olive Garden for the donations of breadsticks, T.J's in Ashland for the hand in the Kitchen (Peter) (the spaghetti was awesome), the Knights of Columbus in helping with the cost of food, Bill Maginnis for the paper products, Keefe Tech for printing the flyers and tickets, Deb Andrews for her hard work in getting donations for the raffles, Glenn Strickland for tending the bar, Denise Antaki for the decorations, Debbie Lysik and Laura Sheeran for kitchen help and support, Val McGuire and Mary Maffiore for help with set up, Sharon Burdulis for the center pieces, and all those that came out to enjoy the evening in support of the youth of St. John's. It certainly does take a village! What a great community we have!

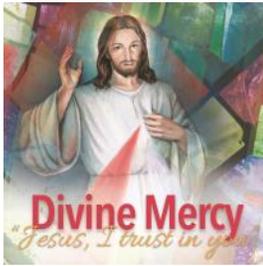


SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE UPDATE!

Roar: Life is Wild and God is Good!

A limited number of spots for preschoolers and K-5th graders are still available for this summer's St. John's Summer Bible Adventure! **Monday-Friday, July 8-12th from 9AM-12 Noon** at St John's Parish Hall. Includes great fun with middle and high schoolers doing activities, music, crafts, special videos and Bible stories. Our most received comment from prior children who attended: "It's my favorite week of the summer!" Come join the fun by registering at St. John's website: stjohnhopkinton.com under the "Summer Bible Adventure" tab. Send any questions to: stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com.

APRIL 21, 2019



Divine Mercy Sunday

NEXT Sunday, April 28, 2019

On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina's diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy."

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699



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 beginning on **May 20**. Any parishioners who are interested in volunteering to help with the rummage sale, please contact the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 and leave your name and contact information.