

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



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 5, 2019:
*Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
 Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-14*

MASS+ INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 AM Frances Mitchell

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM Beverly Ouellette and Family

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM Phyllis Francis

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00 PM Bernie Loell

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Frances Mitchell

6:30 PM Cindy Chesmore

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

This Week

MONDAY, APRIL 29

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

4:15 PM First Communion rehearsal for those receiving on May 4
 —Students & Parents

COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by Brownie Troop 72361.



Divine Mercy Sunday

THIS Sunday 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, 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.

First Friday Masses in Honor of the Sacred Heart And Spiritual Reparation

Friday, May 3, at 7PM in the Lower Church

Why?: To make reparation for the sins of the clergy and failures in Church leadership; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God.

We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, May 4.**

**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.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Revelation 1:9-19; John 20:19-31**

We are told in Acts that signs and wonders happened at the hands of the apostles. The Psalm proclaims that the Lord's mercy endures forever. In Revelation, John's fear of seeing "one like the son of man" in a vision is eased when the Lord said, "Do not be afraid, I am the one who lives." In John's Gospel, Jesus appeared to the Apostles twice, once when Thomas was not there, and once when Thomas was there. Each time the apostles were hiding in fear in a locked room. Each time Jesus said, "Peace be with you." How much more does each of us lock the door to our heart?

Did Jesus appear to the Apostles a second time to help Thomas' faith? Yes, he did because his mercy endures forever. He also directed them to carry on his own mission; and gave them the power to forgive sins. There is another reason. He came to dispel their fears, to bestow peace from the Holy Spirit and to give them courage to continue the mission.

Peace, courage and reconciliation are gifts from God. Anxiety and fear are creations of our fallen humanity. Each of us sometimes hides behind the locked door of our heart. The distractions, challenges, and general condition of worldly life can be fearsome things when one openly tries to be faithful. But the Lord gives us the peace and courage to face all the challenges. The Lord's reconciliation is always available. Unlock the door. Accept the enduring mercy that is offered; and wondrous things can happen. PEACE BE WITH YOU!

THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY AND PURGATORY

The message of Divine Mercy given through the scriptures, church tradition, and the writings of Saint Faustina is a message that extends to everyone in need of God's mercy. This includes the souls in Purgatory. The spiritual works of mercy remind us that the seventh work is to "pray for the dead." There are many ways we can bring Divine Mercy into our prayer life for the souls in Purgatory.

"of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual."

—St. Thomas Aquinas

The Divine Mercy Group

Girl Scout Book Drive

Girl Scout Troop 85290 is holding a book drive for their Silver Award Project "Creating a Culture of Literacy at the Hopkinton Middle School". Donate new or used children's books and middle school-aged books in the collection bin in the Parish Center from, **April 28 thru May 19**. If you have any questions, email: colleenmbarnes@outlook.com.

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 parish center. 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, April 27, Bishop Arthur Kennedy confirmed 100 of our youth. We congratulate them and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey.



First Holy Communion Masses

Saturday, May 4, 11AM

(Rehearsal for May 4 is Wed. May 1, 4:15-5:15PM)

Saturday, May 11, 11AM

(Rehearsal for May 11 is Wed. May 8, 4:15-5:15PM)

Sunday, May 12, 10AM

(Rehearsal for May 12 is Thurs. May 9, 4:15-5PM)

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans again **THIS Saturday, May 4, 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 HS Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Liam Maginnis (508-435-9615 or lmaginnis@hillers.org).

AGAPE GATHERING

Saturday, May 4, 6:30-8PM

At 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.

APRIL 28, 2019



Divine Mercy Sunday

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.