

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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PARISH CENTER

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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

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 19, 2019:
Acts 14:21-27/ Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/
Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:00 PM Evelyn Mullen

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM Catherine Sullivan

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Eileen O'Brien

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM Eugene Cronin

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00 AM Charito Du

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Rev. Robert Crohan

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM Thomas Bagley

5:00 PM James Donahue

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM James Donahue

6:30 PM Baccalaureate Mass for
all graduating high school seniors

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.

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.

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

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

Fr. John Maksym Here Next Weekend

Our previous deacon, now a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, Fr. John Maksym, will be here **NEXT weekend** to celebrate all Masses. Please join us after the 10AM Mass next weekend in the parish center for coffee hour and to say hello to Fr. Maksym.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **Thursday, May 30.**

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 29 at 4PM

Thursday, May 30 at 9AM & 7PM



The May procession will be held at the **10AM Mass THIS Sunday, May 12.**

May Procession Hymn

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Refrain:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms of the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
Their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

Refrain

Our Lady of Fatima—Mothers Knows Best

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our Lady asked "are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He will send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?"

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

Mother's Day Rose for Life Campaign

At all Masses **THIS weekend**, the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council will have available real "Roses for Life." The purpose is to bring attention to the plight of the unborn by counseling women not to have abortions. Donations (suggested \$2 per rose) are accepted for each rose with proceeds going to the Problem Pregnancy organization. This all-volunteer agency provides women an alternative to abortion through free counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound scanning, plus physical and emotional support. Your prayers and donations for the unborn are needed and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Chris Alicandro, Grand Knight (chris.alicandro@comcast.net or 617 335 6688).

Evening of Prayer for Our Children and Grandchildren Thursday, May 23, 7PM in the Lower Church

There is nothing more powerful or consoling than our voices united in petition to our Holy Mother on behalf of our children. We thank God for strong, truth-filled family relationships; when those relationships falter, we must turn for help to our Heavenly Mother. When our children embrace their Catholic faith, we rejoice; when our children stray from the Church, we plead for our Mother's intercessory prayers for their return. Come let us kneel together and recite the Hold Rosary in thanksgiving and petition for our children. Informal discussion, fellowship, and refreshments will follow. Sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Women's Group.

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."
--St. Francis de Sales

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place **June 8, and June 10-14, 9AM-5PM**. The committee would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, books, toys and games, household items, and small furniture. **Donations accepted beginning May 20 through June 5 at the parish center from 9AM-4PM every day except Sunday**. Please have all items in good resaleable condition. If you have any questions, please call the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203. 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.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

A special thank you to **The Eagle Leasing Company** for their generosity in loaning us a storage container for our upcoming rummage sale.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

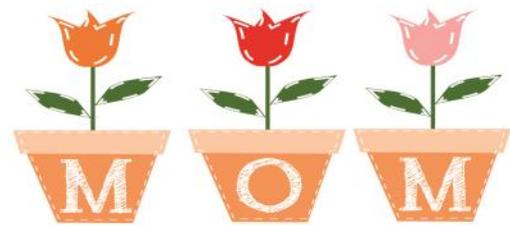
Mission Trip

The next mission trip **mandatory** meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 5 at 7PM** in the lower church area.

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 19, 6:30 PM

All high school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Mass **NEXT Sunday at 6:30PM** followed by a dinner in the parish center. Invitations have gone out. Please remember to R.S.V.P. as soon as possible. If you have not received an invitation, please email: dlyiskstjn@verizon.net.



ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

St. John's High School in Shrewsbury will be hosting a High School Preview Day on **Wednesday, May 22, at 3PM**. To register, please visit www.stjohnshigh.org or contact the Admissions Office at 508-842-8934x266 for more information.

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.

It's All About God's Love

IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD'S LOVE: A Retired Pastor Reflects on the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the title of a new book authored by Father Bill Kremmell, who did ministry in this parish for a number of years. The book is Father Bill's effort to help Catholics find a healthy sense of sin, a new appreciation of the God who is love, and a better understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a sign of God's merciful presence and healing power in our lives. The book is available online at Westbow Press, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. If you read it, let him know what you think by emailing him at wkremmell408@comcast.net.



MAY 12, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 100: 1-3, 5;

Revelation 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30

Paul and Barnabas had great success in Antioch, but they also met with great resistance, persecution, and expulsion by some of the Jews from that territory. Yet, they were full of joy. How can that be? Rejection hurts. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I think we find part of the answer in the mystery of God as Shepherd. We see in today's readings the image of a God of endless kindness and faithfulness, who washes away the sins of those who are faithful to him. We see the mystery of Jesus as both shepherd and sacrificial lamb, who holds on to us, and who unambiguously declares that He and the Father are one. We see a God who has had timeless knowledge of us, embraces us, and who helps us to fight off the wolves. Paul and Barnabas, filled with the Holy Spirit, were thus blessed with faith, hope, total trust in the Lord, and the joy derived from doing what God intended for them to do despite the difficulties.

To have this type of joy to its fullest, we need to ask ourselves some questions. Are we doing what God wants us to do, or what we want to do? Do we place total trust in the Lord? Are we a light to the world, a sign and instrument of salvation? Do we allow ourselves to be intimidated into silence on the moral issues of our times by the pressure, the ridicule, and the lies of this very secular world? As we answer these questions in prayer, trust and rest in the arms of the Shepherd who guards and feeds us; and who is the source of all love, strength and consolation.



The Roe Act

Are you aware of the new Massachusetts bill promoting late term abortions and infanticide? There is a bill before our legislators (The Roe Act) that if passed, would allow all of the following:

- Remove provisions requiring the giving of life saving care of an infant born alive after a failed abortion, legalizing infanticide. (With proper medical care, babies can survive).
- Eliminate the parental consent and notification system entirely, so girls as young as 12 can get abortions without any adult involvement.
- Expand late term abortion through all 9 months with no restrictions.
- Remove requirements that late term abortions be performed in hospitals (many abortion clinics do not have life-saving equipment).

Please take the time to call or write your state legislator and say "No to Roe". Help stop this bill from becoming law in our state and help preserve the sanctity of life.

Below are the names and phone numbers of your MA State Legislators:

Your State Senator: Karen E. Spilka (617) 722-1500

Karen.Spilka@masenate.gov

Your State Representative: Carolyn C. Dykema

(617) 722-2680, Carolyn.Dykema@mahouse.gov

MA Governor: Charlie Baker (617) 725-4005

Charlie.Baker@state.ma.us