

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Mary Pawela, 1-6
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

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 - Friday 9:00 AM
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



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 25, 2019:
 Is 66:18-21/ Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
 Lk 13:22-30



- SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**
 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. John
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**
 8:00 AM Edward and Alice O'Leary
 10:00 AM James Donahue
 6:30 PM Jeff East
- MONDAY, AUGUST 19**
 9:00 AM Elizabeth & Peter Daley
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**
 9:00 AM Stan Wyman
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**
 9:00 AM Special Intention
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**
 9:00 AM Special Intention
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**
 5:00 PM Shawn Coffey
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Dorothy Mitton
 6:30 PM Diane Musa

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **NEXT Saturday, August 24.**

 *Rest in Peace*
 George Desmond

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

COFFEE HOUR

St. John's Mission Apostolate invites you to the lower church area after the 10AM Mass to meet and/or catch up with Fr. John Henault.



Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...
 Please pray for all deceased and their families...
 Our servicemen and women, and their families,
 and all who suffer in embattled countries.

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.

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).

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.

St. John's St. Vincent De Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

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.



III. Trong Do and Taylor Carson



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.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40: 2-4, 18:

Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53

Today, Jeremiah was on fire preaching what the Lord inspired him to say. He told the truth to people who did not want to hear the truth. It was said of him that his words demoralized the soldiers and the people. For that he was thrown into the muck and mud of a cistern to die of thirst and starvation. But he was rescued. Today, Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus told the truth about salvation, morality, the meaning of the law, the meaning of love and service, the saving of souls, about who God is and what he expects of us. For that Jesus was hated and vilified by many. Yet he persevered. He did not abandon his mission, even to the point of mistreatment unto death to save us. Thus, Saint Paul urges all of us to be just as committed, and to throw off the burden of sin. In today's gospel, Jesus warns us that following him means facing sacrifice, opposition, vilification, personal attacks of all kinds.

Does any of this sound familiar? We are called to confront the same kind of opposition in today's world. Speaking about God, the sanctity of human life, the true meaning of matrimony and family, about morality in general have been labeled by our culture as "offensive," "divisive," "exclusionary." Consider Jeremiah, Saint Paul, and Jesus the Christ, how they lived, the suffering they endured, the opposition they faced, their total commitment to the truth. I ask myself every day if I am committed enough to follow their example. I fail. We all fail to some extent. Do not be discouraged. Persevere in prayer, the Sacraments, good works, and speaking out. The Christ who suffered death to rescue us from the muck and mud of sin will give us the grace that we need to be fully committed.

Please Consider Teaching

St. John's Needs More Catechists, Gr. 1-6

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Many caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. for grades 1-6 next year. We need teachers for grades 1-6. Help us plan for next year. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need all of us to grow in the faith.

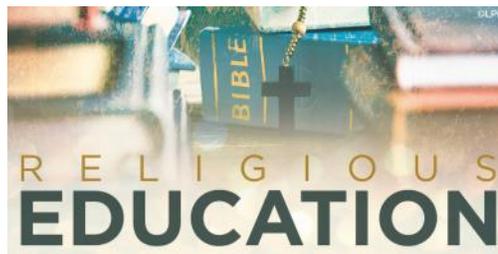


HS/MS Youth Group

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 25, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. We hope to see you at the meeting!

High School Youth Group

The High School mission trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a huge success! The students and their chaperones worked hard and made a difference. **The H.S. Youth Group will host a coffee hour on Sunday, September 15, after the 10AM Mass** and they would like to say thank you for the parish's support. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have for them. Stop by the parish center after the 10AM Mass and meet these awesome students and adult leaders.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall, elementary students will have the opportunity to sign up for classes at the following times, October to May:

- **Grade 1** will meet two Wednesdays each month, 4:15-5:15PM
- **Grade 2** will meet every Wednesday, 4:15-5:15PM with three exceptions when classes will meet on Sundays, 9-9:50AM while parents meet with Mary Pawela.
- **Grades 3-5:** We hope to have classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for grades 3-5 in the hope that we have teachers for those days. Please stay tuned.
- **Grade 6** will meet every Monday, 2:15-3:15PM

Every grade, 1-6, will have a limited optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability—first-come, first-served. Sign up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

GRADES 7-10

Grade 7	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 8	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 9	Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
Grade 10	Sunday (5-7:15PM) once a month

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208 for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year.

AUGUST 18, 2019

Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will be celebrating Mass with us **THIS Sunday, August 18 at 10AM**. The Mission Apostolate group here at St. John's has worked with Father Henault for many years. We invite you to join us in celebrating Mass and also invite you afterward to the lower church to meet and/or catch up with Fr. John. In a recent e-mail, Father Henault provided the following update:

"Since I started getting involved with leprosy in October 2014, I had sent to Leogan (300 miles round trip) 105 patients and paid their transportation every month for the full year of their treatments. In the meantime, I tried to get the government to acknowledge that Hansen's disease existed in Haiti and to get them to recognize the clinic I was trying to set up so that the World Health Organization would send me the specific medication for leprosy which I couldn't get unless the Haitian Ministry of Health admitted that leprosy existed. They finally had to admit the fact, because of all the documentation we presented, so Klinik Sen Damien became official. From February 2017 to this date I have treated 25 patients at my clinic, and when I came home (father is originally from Sutton, MA) I had 23 under various stages of treatment. I was told several new cases were discovered since I arrived stateside. Also, with the help of St John's last year, the salaries were paid in full for the teachers at the little school at Kay A Lo in the parish of Notre Dame de la Mer, at Ile A Vache (a former parish where Fr. John was for 25 years). There will be a new pastor there as of Sept. 1st, since Fr. Guy is transferred, and he has already approached me and said he was counting on me to keep that school open. Also, assistance received permitted me to set up a functional laboratory where I can do all the tests necessary to better screen all our patients and in so doing save time and expense by not having to pay huge sums to have these tests done elsewhere. I am greatly indebted to St John's for getting this set up. My concerns now are to be able to get out into the rough country and do several MOBILE CLINICS. Each deployment costs \$1,700 US because we buy medications to treat other types of skin problems not related to leprosy. We need several vehicles because we go with a team of 12 doctors and nurses, mostly Cuban, and have to feed and transport them. Also, I have 9 lepers who are completely healed but are physically scared so I would like to help them learn or continue the trades they worked at before becoming lepers. These include sewing, artist, plumbing and handicrafts to be sold to tourists, so they can remake their lives since they are rejected by society because they were lepers. So, I would like to buy pedal sewing machines, tools and whatever necessary that best fits their trade or natural gifts. Treating them is one thing, helping them get back their dignity, self-respect and put their life back on track is something else. Most of my patients are young. Also have to continue to assure I can buy the many medications I have to give that accompany the leper treatment and that are NOT GIVEN by any agency. Also, the chemicals for the lab equipment are very costly as well and we don't charge the lepers for any and all lab work we have to do."

At the young age of 83, father continues to assist local residents and act as chaplain for the local Sisters of Charity that work with terminally ill patients. The funds that we at St. John's send, help fulfill Christ's work of compassion for and healing of the sick while spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. Anyone wishing to make a donation over the coming weeks can place it in an envelope marked for Fr. Henault in the collection basket or mail it to St. John' Parish, Global Mission Apostolate, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.