

# 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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**All Masses, (Sunday, Saturday and morning Mass) in all archdiocesan parishes are suspended until further notice.**

**The cardinal has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.**

**We most strongly encourage everyone to pray the rosary as a family on Sunday.**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon  
Please call for information

### **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



**“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” - Mt 28:5b-7**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 19, 2020:  
*Acts 2:42-47/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ 1Pt 1:3-9/  
 Jn 20:19-31*

## MASST INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Cullen Walsh

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Edward and Alice O’Leary

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Donald Belger

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Judy Ryan

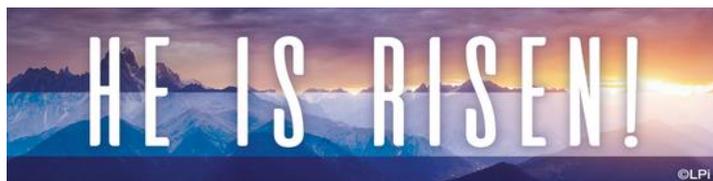
### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Marcia Pierannunzi

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Parishioners of St. John

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



### A Special Note From Fr. Cannon

Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Every day when I offer Mass, all of you are most certainly in my intention. If you know of anyone who is in any special need, please feel free to call and most assuredly, we’ll do whatever we can. God bless each one of you and with the grace of God and prayers of Our Lady and our patron, St. John the Evangelist, we’ll get through this—together.

### Where We Are With Religious Services

- Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms will continue to be offered, within the current Commonwealth emergency guidelines.
- The Church will be opened for all those who would like to make a visit on weekends, from 8AM-7PM. The lower chapel on weekdays from 7AM-7PM, except on Thursdays: 9AM-2PM.
- Sunday mornings the most holy Eucharist will be exposed for adoration from 8AM-12Noon.
- Private Masses are taking place and the scheduled Mass intentions are being said.
- At this time, there are no public Masses; no public confessional times; and no public Stations of the Cross.
- The rich and powerful devotional practices of the Church, i.e., the holy rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Stations of the Cross are encouraged, most especially a family rosary on Sunday.

**Please note that we are all in a state of flux, and all things listed above are contingent on the Commonwealth and Archdiocese protocols.**

### A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the weight of human suffering through His Passion and Cross for our salvation, hear the prayers of Your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of Your divine Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. We humbly beseech You, to bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; Grant us the grace to do what is right and the faith to endure this struggle, that we might gather once again to praise Your most holy Name in the heart of Your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in Your divine mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Offertory

The current situation has certainly impacted many in a very negative way financially, the parish included. We are very grateful for those small number of parishioners that are on ParishPay\* and for those that have been sending in their offertory envelopes via the mail. For those that are able, if you could, please send in a weekly offering. It would be very, very much appreciated.

\*A link for electronic giving can be found at: <https://stjohnhopkinton.churchgiving.com/weshare> or on the St. John website home page - <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com>  
 The link can be found on the right side of the page.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### How to Make a Spiritual Communion

Given our current restrictions, many are trying to watch Mass at home either through EWTN or CatholicTV, and when we do so we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. What is that? A Spiritual Communion is a prayer professing faith in Jesus Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist and inviting our Savior to come live in our hearts.

Begin by examining your conscience and making a good Act of Contrition. Then pray one of the prayers recommended by the saints for inviting Christ into your heart. Here is one by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

A Spiritual Communion can never fully take the place of receiving Holy Communion at Mass, but in these extraordinary times, It can help us to stay close to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The traditional Act of Contrition:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, And I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven And the pains of hell, But most of all because they have offended thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, To confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

\*Special thank you to the Catholic Free Press for their helpful information.



### 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. This year's **Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 19, 2020**. Visit EWTN.com NEXT Sunday to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and for more information.

### Divine Mercy Thought

The Lord said to me, the loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. **The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.**

—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina (Diary #1397)



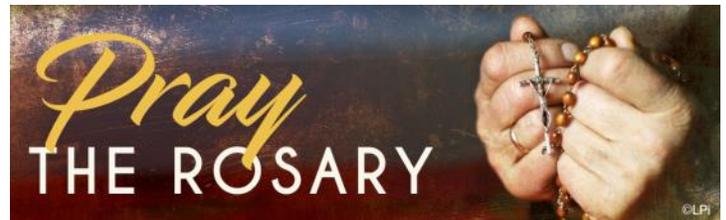
### Middle School And High School Youth Groups

All activities and gatherings, including the HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser are canceled until further notice.



### CONFIRMATION

The Archdiocese has notified us that our Confirmations scheduled for May 2 will be postponed until a future date. We will be in touch with each family as we hear some news going forward. Thank you for your patience and prayers. The entire St. John's family is praying for all of you during this time. Stay healthy and safe.



### 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.

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**APRIL 12, 2020**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Colossians 3: 1-4; or 1 Corinthians: 5: 6-8; John 20: 1-9**

What a Holy Week this has been! It has been unlike any Holy Week we have experienced! Through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, the Vigil and Easter Sunday, most of us have had to observe those solemn days through different devotions and from afar. What a journey! I am sure that we all did our best this year to sacrifice, pray, fast, and do good works, things that hopefully we will carry forth into our daily lives. Being human we probably all had our little failures, exacerbated by the imposed sacrifices we all are making to keep ourselves and others healthy and safe this year. However, in a unique way, we also have been given reminders of the gifts for which we always should be grateful: life, love, family ties, friendship, the Eucharist, and all such things that are gifts from above. We are reminded of how much we can miss these things when they are not immediately available to us.

In Scripture we have entered into Christ's Passover with his Apostles, and His gift of the Eucharist ("...this is my body...this is my blood"), Christ's demonstration of the humility required for a good and fruitful life by His washing the feet of his Apostles. We have revisited the love, humility, obedience, and sacrifice of Christ allowing himself to be arrested, beaten, and crucified. We are reminded of the gift of forgiveness; and of our kinship with Christ when He said to His Mother, "Woman behold your son," and to the disciple he loved, "...behold your mother." And today we celebrate the mystery of the Light of Life piercing through the darkness of the early morning, the shaking of the stone away from the tomb, and Christ's predicted Resurrection.

Rejoice, for the chains of the malice and wickedness of this world have been replaced by the Bread of Sincerity, Love and Truth! Rejoice, for if we have been buried to sin with Christ by our Baptism, we too will be resurrected to life with Him if we cooperate with His grace; and if we think of and look for what is above! Rejoice, for the trials, sorrows, and challenges of this world are mitigated and ultimately defeated! Rejoice, because Christ the Lord lives and is always with us in Spirit and in the Eucharist! Rejoice, because the tomb is empty!!

