

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
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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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



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he

saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

- Mt 14:28-30

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 16, 2020:
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-2



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

5:00 PM Donna McGuire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Debra Vorwerk (month's mind)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM For the spiritual welfare of the clergy

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Ruth Schneider

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Clare Meehan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Bridget Howard

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM Justine Murray

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

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.

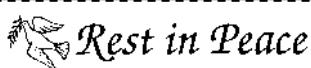
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Communions.....September 19 & September 26
Confirmations.....September 29 & October 13

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.

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



Kevin M. Kenney

Welcome Back to Mass at St. John's

You will notice some changes as we reopen for Masses. We have performed a thorough cleaning and will continue to disinfect between Masses. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to bring your own if possible as well as disinfecting wipes if you would like to wipe down your area. Pews have been marked off for social distancing. There are also markings for the flow of traffic within the church for communion. Face masks are required except for medical exemptions. All the pew missals have been removed. Signing up in advance to attend Mass is appreciated, but is not required. You can sign up at www.stjohnhopkinton.com or leave a message for the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203 (Monday through Friday). Also, if you would like to receive emails from us and links to the weekly bulletin and the recorded Mass, please fill out the form on our website. We have all been through some trying times that are far from over, so please have patience with us. Your personal safety is a top priority. Looking For More Information? Check out our website for the most current information about St. John's as well as many spiritual resources that you can access from home.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Saturday, August 15.** It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special Monday evening for confessions on **August 17**, from **7-8PM** in the parish hall. The regular parish times for confessions on Saturday mornings can be difficult for some, so we hope this opportunity may be more convenient. The hall is especially set up to be covid safe.

Your Offertory Dollars at Work

In late June and into July extensive masonry work was done on the church tower. There was a lot of repointing, especially high up on the tower. The repointing, repairing the mortal joints of the granite, is important for keeping the structure watertight. A water-resistant application was applied to the tower following the repointing. The tower was built without structural brackets, which help to keep the granite stable, so over time, vibrations from trucks or strong winds can cause the granite to grind away at the mortar joints. This is why the tower must be periodically repointed. The lift needed to do the repointing work is expensive to rent. Since we had the lift, we went ahead and repainted and did some minor repair work on the wooden louvers up by the bell. This tower work, previously scheduled as part of the capital campaign, cost a total of \$55,000. The repainting of the louvers was an additional \$3,000. Additionally, our cedar fence that dated back to 1991 was falling down and needed replacement at a cost of \$7,000. That work, on the east side of the parking lot, towards the southeast corner of the property, involved about 50 yards of fencing. Thank you for your very generous support of St. John's.



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.

Consecration of St. John's
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
August 15/16th

There has been a lot happening to us in the last couple of months, with the advent of Covid 19 and sustained civil unrest. The spiritual effects have been even worse: the Mass and sacrament life were suspended for a time by the Archdiocese and by the government. In fact, two thirds of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese and our parish still do not feel safe to resume a sacramental life: the ordinary means for the soul to be in a state of grace, without which we cannot be saved.

I know that many of us have a devotion to our Lady's Immaculate Heart and many of us try to heed Our Lady's message of Fatima. The time seems right for the parish of St. John's to call upon the special blessings and graces that our Lady offers to the faithful who devote themselves to her Immaculate Heart and her son's most Sacred Heart. The parish was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Reed, on the occasion of the blessing and consecration of our new altar, now it is Our Lady's turn. On the weekend of **August 15th and 16th**, the parish of St. John's will be formally dedicated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart and Fatima

In 1916, the angel who came to prepare the three shepherd children for the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin said to them, "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

In another apparition, the angel repeated the message: "Pray, pray a lot. The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy upon you."

And the Mother of God herself, in the second apparition on June 13th, told Lucia:

“Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. To those who accept it, I promise salvation and those souls will be loved by God as flowers I have placed to embellish His Throne.”

Upon learning that she was going to be alone on earth after the death of her cousins, Lucia was distressed. The Blessed Virgin consoled her, saying:

"I will never leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

These two statements—that Jesus wants to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world, and that her Immaculate Heart is the refuge of suffering souls and the path that leads to heaven—summarize Fatima.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation dates have been set for Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30PM and 7PM and Tuesday, October 13, at 6PM.

First Holy Communion

First Communion dates have been set for **Saturday, September 19 at 11AM** and **Saturday, September 26 at 11AM**. These dates are for those students that were supposed to have received this past spring. To sign up for a date, go to St. John's web page at: stjohnhopkinton.com. If you have any questions, please email Mary Pawela at mpawela-stjohn@gmail.com.

Religious Education for Fall 2020

At this time we do not know what our religious education program will look like in the Fall, but we are currently working on options and we will keep all our families posted as we move forward. We want to continue safe practices while also being able to engage our children and families.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please email dlyskstjn@verizon.net for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year. **We do not know at this time what type of program we will be offering.** But, for our planning purposes it is important for us to know of any new registrations.

Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for most of his adult life. Father is currently 84 years old. He usually celebrates a 10AM Sunday Mass here at St. John's in August while he is here for his yearly family, medical and dentist visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, father will not be able to visit his family home in Sutton this year. Consequently, he will be unable to make his usual visits to local parishes for fundraising in support of his "St Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). The clinic was shut down for a time during a lockdown but is now open again at the request of the of the Haitian Director of Health with a list of additional safety procedures that must be followed. They continue to find new leper cases. On a positive note, Fr. Henault was able to install some solar cells and deep discharge batteries at his residence during the shutdown. He can now keep a small refrigerator running since there has been no power from the electrical grid for the last three months. With summer temperatures in Haiti often over 100 degrees with high humidity, this is a nice upgrade to his living accommodations. Imagine if that were the extent of our summer luxury. St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations during this difficult time. Anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (made out to *St. John's Mission Apostolate*), can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket at the rear of the church or mail it to St. John's Parish. Donations for Fr. Henault via St. John's Parish can also be made through Donor Advised Charitable Funds by noting it is for Fr. Henault and the Mission Apostolate. For any questions or if you are interested in joining the Global Mission Apostolate, please contact Paul St. Jean at 508-435-6827.

AUGUST 9, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13; Psalm 85: 9-14; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14: 22-33**

In today's first reading, Elijah was in danger, and fleeing for his life. He went to Mt. Horeb and hid in a cave. But he was told to go outside on the mountain because the Lord would be passing by. Elijah experienced a strong wind, an earthquake, and fire. But he did not experience the Lord until he heard a "tiny whispering sound." In the second reading, Saint Paul, apostle to the gentiles, expressed his anguish at the loss of so many of his people (the chosen race, the Israelites) because of their disbelief in Jesus the Christ and the new covenant. But he kept the faith, glorified God, and maintained hope for the Israelites. In his anguish, Paul was crying out in prayer for them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus dismissed the crowd after healing and feeding them, and sent his disciples ahead in a boat so that he could go up the mountain to pray, to deal with his own grief over the death of John the Baptist; and to refocus, and to listen to his Father. Later Jesus walked on the water to meet the disciples where they were being tossed about by headwinds and waves. The disciples were frightened of the storm, and of the spectacle of seeing somebody walking toward them. Jesus told them to "take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." At his own request for proof, Peter was commanded by Jesus to walk on the water with him. Peter did so, but he lost focus and his courage, began to sink, and cried for help. Jesus held him, and both got into the boat; and the storm ceased.

We know that to stand on one foot or to stand on an uneven or unstable surface one needs balance. One of the tricks to balance is to focus one's eyes on a fixed point. We also need balance to stand by our Faith through the trials, tribulations, and dangers of this life. We need to pray to focus our mind's eyes on the fixed point of Jesus the Christ to reclaim and to maintain spiritual balance and stability. Psalm 46 is a good place to start in times of strife. Line 11 of Psalm 46 has been adapted by some as a means of opening to prayer, the Lord's healing and strengthening, and to his gentle whisper: "Be still and know that I am God." Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be! May we always have hope and faith in the Lord; and may we all be one!

