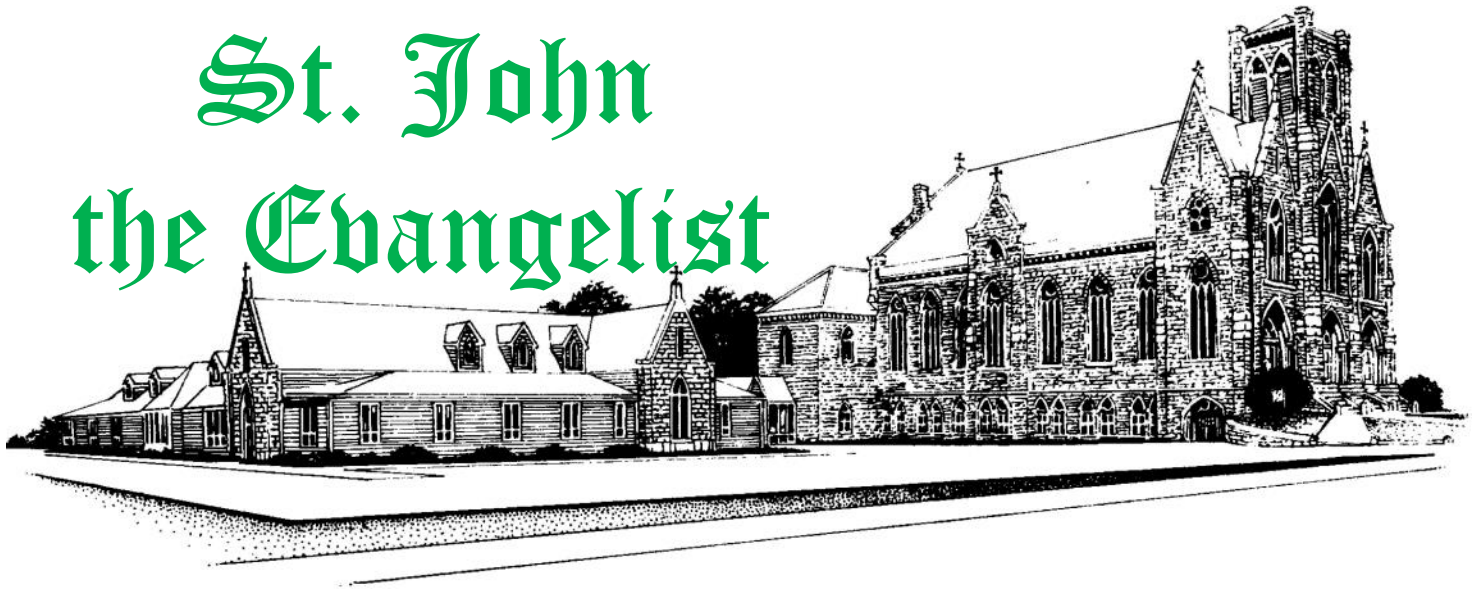


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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

ORGANIST

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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



"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 27, 2020:
 Ez 18:25-28/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
 Mt 21:28-32



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 PM David Bilodeau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Ruth Holmes
 6:30 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Deceased members of the clergy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM Dzerkacz and Zocchi Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM Raymond and Joseph Collins
 Living intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:00 PM Carmencita Rodriquez

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 6:30 PM Special Intention

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.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
NEXT Saturday, September 26.

REMINDER: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special evening for confessions **THIS Monday, September 21, from 7-8PM** in the parish hall.

HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

What woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?...Rejoice with Me because I have found the coin that I lost. In just the same way I tell you, **there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.** Luke 15:8-10

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

In December of 1925, Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia, giving her the following guaranty of salvation for those who complete the First Five Saturdays Devotion: **"I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."**

Why Five Saturdays?

The five first Saturdays correspond to the five kinds of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.
2. Blasphemies against her virginity.
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, at the same time the refusal to accept her as Mother of all men.
4. Instilling indifference, scorn and even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children.
5. Direct insults against Her sacred images.

How to complete the Five First Saturdays Devotion:

1. Go to confession;
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the Rosary;
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary;
5. Have the intention of making reparation to Our Lady for the offenses listed above.

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.

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.



II. Connor B. Degan & Julia Kurys



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.

Electronic Recycle Day & Bicycle Collection

Saturday, October 10, 9AM-1PM

Its time to recycle all those old electronics! Accepting: computer towers, laptops, VCRs, copiers, DVDs, stereo equipment, microwaves, dehumidifiers, radios, small electronics of any kind, lighting, vacuums, any appliance such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc. Exercise equipment, lawn mowers, snow blowers, small engine items, empty propane tanks \$10 each. TVs up to 24" \$20 each; TVs 25" to 31" \$25 each; TVs 32" to 35" \$30 each; TVs 36" and larger, wood console, and projection TVs \$40 each. CRT monitors \$15 each; flat panel monitors \$15 each, AC units and dehumidifiers, \$15; Microwaves \$10 each; Small dorm refrigerators \$10; Washers, dryers, stoves, \$20 each; Large refrigerators, \$25; Lawn mowers, ride on included, snow blowers, \$20 each; Grills \$10 each; Any kind of exercise equipment, \$10 each, treadmill \$20. Rain or shine. Cash or check. Keyboards, car batteries, cell phones, circuit boards, no cost. Contact J.wood36@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Bicycle Recycle same day and time. Bring any and all unwanted bikes to the parking lot. Accepting any model of bike: mountain, road, BMX, etc., in any condition. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive, October 9, 2PM-7PM

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Archdiocesan Justice Convocation, 11/7/2020

Racial Justice—What Can We Do? We are called by Baptism and Catholic Social Teaching to help eradicate the deep roots of racial injustice and inequities that are so painfully and relentlessly evident in our world today. We must act now to make sure that these individual and systemic injustices and inequities, that have severely disadvantaged so many people, especially African-Americans, generation after generation, for over 401 years, do not persist. In view of uncertainty about the coronavirus crisis, we do not know at this time whether the Convocation will be held in-person at BC High School, or via ZOOM calls or in parish centers, or a combination of these options and will keep you posted. If you have questions and/or suggestions and want to get involved in the Social Justice Ministry, please contact socialjustice@rcab.org, or call 617-746-5730.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to **Reed Lorentzen** who received Jesus for the first time last weekend.

Religious Education for Fall 2020

The Religious Education team here at St. John's has been working on a plan to ensure a safe and fulfilling program that we can offer to all our parish families and their children. Our staff has been meeting to consider how to safely and effectively open our religious education programs for the coming school year. We realize these months have been challenging and the future is uncertain for all aspects of our lives, including Church and faith formation. In following State and Archdiocesan guidelines and mandates, we have decided based upon our capabilities for social distancing, bathroom monitoring and disinfection protocol, that we cannot safely have any "in person" classes at this time. We will re-assess as we move forward. **At this time, planning for home school classes is the direction that we will be following. Thank you to all the families that signed up children up for Rel. Ed. this coming year.** We will be in touch by grade level for those that have signed up and will let you know the next step. Signups are now closed so we can efficiently order books/supplies etc. based on our current sign ups. Questions dlysikstjn@verizon.net. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUAL TRAINING

The Archdiocese requires that all employees and all volunteers who may have contact with children complete Protecting God's Children training. We have not held these training sessions at St. John's for a few years. We have instead requested that volunteers go to other parishes for the training. However, many volunteers were not able to do that. Due to the current inability to gather together for live trainings, volunteers can currently meet this requirement through participation in two online trainings: VIRTUS online PGC training and Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter training. We strongly urge anyone who will be volunteering with children in the future to take advantage of the online opportunity. This training is only required once so if you take it now and volunteer for religious education, summer bible adventure, youth group, etc. in future years, you will have already completed this training. Please go to our website <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com/protecting-gods-children/> for the specifics and links to the training.

40 Days for Life

A campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion. Over 17,226 babies have been confirmed saved since 2007 by people offering help to women in crisis pregnancies. From **September 23rd to November 1st**, the Boston campaign will be keeping vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., from 7AM-7PM daily. Sign up to participate at 40daysforlife.com or contact Rita Russo at 40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com or 781-762-4391. It has never been more important to be a witness for life.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord” (Isaiah). “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last” (Matthew). Last week we talked about a debt (our debt to Christ) which could not be repaid. This week we are discussing a wage or reward that cannot be earned. In the flesh, as we live through this life on earth, we often think about risk versus reward, earning a just living that is commensurate with our skills, abilities and the time and effort we devote to such work. What we may think of as just in this world, may not be so in the kingdom of God. We only have a hint of the thoughts and ways of God by observing and imitating Christ, by realizing, as Saint Paul says, “Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.” Paul seems to have a level of commitment, faith, and unity with Christ that he is not afraid of death, because it has been engrained in his being that Christ has overcome death for us...as a Gift.

At first glance, the parable in today’s gospel does not seem fair. The workers who answered the call to work in the vineyard in the morning, at noon, and near the end of the workday all received the same wage. Those who worked later in the day had been in the wrong place at the wrong time or were overlooked and nobody would hire them. But the kind, generous, and compassionate landowner did not overlook them. He hired them as a gift, not only of wage, but of dignity. There is a bit of each of those groups of workers in each of us. Some of us hear the call early. Most of us hear different parts of the call as we move through life. Christ already earned forgiveness and salvation for all of us as a gift from an all loving, generous, compassionate, and forgiving God to all of humanity equally. We answer the call by following Saint Paul’s advice: “Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.” In doing so we cannot earn what has already been earned by Christ, but we can make ourselves more able to hear and to respond to the call to work in the Lord’s vineyard. Let us pray: “Lord help us to hear and humbly respond to your call. Help us to understand that it is NEVER too late. Help us to see those who are overlooked and marginalized, and to be your voice in calling them to your vineyard.”



**RESEARCH PROJECT ON CATHOLIC
FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN NO LONGER
PRACTICE THE FAITH**

I am seeking participants in a Catholic research project that is studying young people leaving religion in Catholic families where they were brought up in the faith and the family dynamics that connect with this. The project website is: xaverianmissionaries.org/catholic.disaffiliation. If you are Catholic parents who raised your children Catholic and your children no longer practice would you consider being part of this study? Also, do you know young adults (perhaps your children) who were raised Catholic but no longer practice? If interested contact me: Fr. Carl Chudy at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Holliston. cchudy@xaverianmissionaries.org, 862-264-7000.