

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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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



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 4, 2020:
*Is 5:1-7/ Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/
 Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-4*



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:00 PM Carmencita Rodriguez

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM Shirley Johnston (month's mind)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM For the spiritual welfare of the clergy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM Robert Fitzgerald

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 AM Agnes Petzold

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 AM Triumph of the Immaculate heart of Mary

5:00 PM John & Mary Moisuk

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Matthew McGrath (living 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

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.

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.

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.

First Friday Mass in Reparation for Sins

Friday, October 2, at 7PM in the Upper Church

"Taunts have broken my heart. I have reached the end of my strength. I looked in vain for compassion, for consolers; not one could I find" (Psalm 68:21)

There is no greater reparation for sin than uniting our prayers and sacrifices with those of Jesus Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Join us for the First Friday Mass in reparation for the sins of the clergy, the sins of our nation, and our own.

Music by Michael Olbash on our 1889 Woodberry & Harris pipe organ.

Mass in Honor of St. Faustina

We will have a Mass in honor of Saint Faustina on **Monday, October 5, at 7PM.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center **NEXT Saturday, October 3.**



III. 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.

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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the generous parishioners who have donated, especially during this trying time. Since mid March your thoughtfulness has allowed us to help Hopkinton families in the following ways: food 15 times (\$1,200), utilities 2 times (\$900), rent 5 times (\$5,000), car once (\$1,500) and miscellaneous (\$500). With your continued support we look forward to maintaining a strong position and ability to help those in need over the holiday and winter months. Again, thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright is grateful for your support during these challenging times. Due to COVID-19, we canceled one of our major fundraisers this year. For the past several years, generous donations by parishioners of St. John the Evangelist have allowed us to continue our mission of providing love and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Any donation would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your support. Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main St., Framingham, MA 01702 | Phone: (508) 620-0657.



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.

CONFIRMATIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 29 at 5:30PM & 7PM

For those receiving at 5:30 PM, please arrive 30 minutes early (at 5 PM) for instructions before the ceremony. For those receiving at 7PM, please arrive 20 minutes early (at 6:40 PM) for instructions before the ceremony.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following students who received Jesus for the first time last weekend:

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| Amelia Smith | Ava Harris |
| Brendan Foutz | Brooklyn Bearfield |
| Christian Bialobrzski | Colin Harrahy |
| Colin Heaton | Frances Leyshon |
| Jack Kieras | Jackson Chatten |
| Jamie Tomasino-Steuer | Julia Alkass |
| Kinley Axford | Maggie Sanda |
| Piper McDermott | Ryan Quinn |
| Sarah Muszik | |

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

In union with "America Needs Fatima", the rosary will be prayed on the Hopkinton Town Common on **Saturday, October 10, at 12Noon** to pray for reparations; sanctity of life; and for the safeguarding of marriage and family life.

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 25, 4-9; Philippians 2: 1-11;
Matthew 21: 28-32**

The Lord's forgiveness is there for all people who truly and humbly repent by turning away from sin, and by doing good. Ezekiel tells us the Lord's message: the virtuous who turn to iniquity and do not repent will lose salvation. Evil doers who repent and turn away from iniquity will receive God's mercy and salvation. Later, in Ezekiel 36: 24-28, the Lord promises this: "I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you." The Lord "...shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way" (Psalm 25: 8-9). Saint Paul reminds us in Philippians that while we look out for our own interests, we must humbly look out for the interests of others. Saint Paul also reminds us that Christ, himself, practiced humility and obedience. Christ, The Image of the Living God, humbled himself not only to live among us, but to allow himself to be unjustly judged and crucified by men.

The parable in today's gospel was directed at religious leaders who were challenging him. It was the parable of the two sons who were told by their father to work in the fields. One said no; but later changed his mind, repented, and obediently did what his father asked him to do. The other son said yes; but did not work in the fields. When asked by Jesus which son did the father's will, the religious leaders had to admit that the son who worked in the fields did the father's will. It was a lesson that they did not want to hear because they did not bear the same burdens that they imposed on others. While tax collectors and prostitutes were repenting because of their faith in John the Baptist and Jesus, most of the religious leaders of the time would not. The son who said yes, but whose behavior said no, gave only lip service to the father's will. True repentance is demonstrated by what we do after we say we are sorry. Learn from inevitable lapses. Do not be discouraged by them. Emulate Christ's humility and sacrifice. By the grace of God say "yes" by what you do and how you help others. "Lord, grant us an obedient, humble, and contrite heart that we might do your will, and say yes to the salvation you offer.

PET Blessing

Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited NEXT Sunday, October 4, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Masks are optional for the pets.