

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

ORGANIST

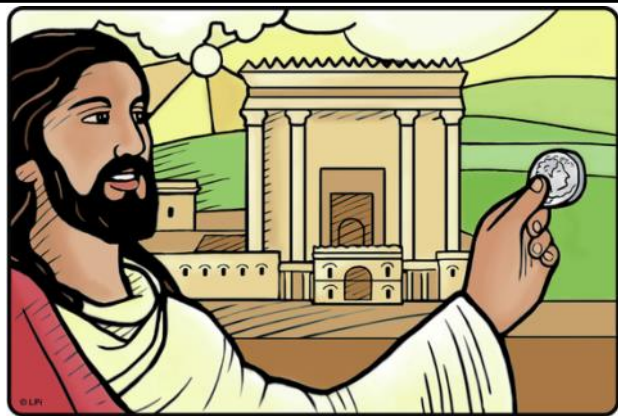
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 25, 2020:
 Ex 22:20-26/ Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ 1Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-4



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:00 PM Robert, Jackie, Maureen
and Charlotte Lavoie

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM Beny and Soraya Chua
(living intention)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 AM Concon and Sheba Bautista

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 AM Special Intention

5:00 PM Kathy Deering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Matthew Lysik and Ellie Lysik

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.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
NEXT Saturday, October 24.

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.

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.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special evening for confessions **Monday, October 26**, from 7-8PM in the parish hall.

Let Your Voice Be Heard-Again

"Say No to ROE"

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are opposed to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps! Remember these bills would remove:

The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion

The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion

The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals

And the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org. Thank you!

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.



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

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.



Public Square Rosary Crusade

Join in praying the rosary on the Hopkinton Town Common on **Saturday, October 24, at 12Noon** for the healing of our nation.

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you know St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection? Many parish families enjoy the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. Simply go to our website, www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on the **"WeShare online giving"** square on the right side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x202. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.



CONGRATULATIONS

This past week Bishop Robert P. Reed confirmed 68 of our youth. We congratulate them and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey.

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.

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

The best Catholic content. All in one place.

It's EASY and FREE to Register!

1. Go to formed.org/register
2. Enter Access Code: **BNZFH7**
3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



OCTOBER 18, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Psalm 96: 1, 3-5, 7-10;
1Thessalonians 1: 1-5; Matthew 22: 15-21**

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to God, to the Creator of everything that is, to the Author of all life, to the One from whom all legitimate authority flows for HIS purposes, the one who gives all humanity certain “unalienable rights,” such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? In the first reading we see that the Lord anointed Cyrus, though not a Jew, to do His bidding for the sake of Israel. In Psalm 96 we are told to give the Lord the glory and praise that is due to Him; and to tell of His glory to all nations. In the second reading, Saint Paul is telling us that we glorify God by living the gospel with conviction, prayer, works of faith; labors of love, endurance, and hope in Jesus Christ. What does all this mean for us today? What is the biggest challenge to us in this largely secular, relativistic, brutal world? IT IS LIFE!

The right to life is NOT just a single issue among other social justice issues. It is foundational, the prerequisite to all other rights. For instance, how lasting can the right to due process of law be if the most innocent human life on the planet can be taken without due process (approximately one million abortions per year in the United States, and anywhere from forty to fifty million per year worldwide)? Unhindered, all rights decay, and all lives are endangered. Life is the Lord’s to give and to take. As Catholics, we have an overriding responsibility for which we will be held accountable: to protect life from conception to natural death, particularly the lives of the most vulnerable. We owe government (Caesar) only the respect and taxes it needs to govern us legitimately, to protect us, and to give assistance to empower the needy. We owe EVERYTHING else to the LORD! Living the gospel with conviction requires us to protect, to promote, to support, and to VOTE LIFE! Give the Lord His due!! For the sake of humanity and our immortal souls, there is no neutral ground!!!



Knights of Columbus
Virtual Tootsie Roll Drive

Columbus Day is when you usually see the Knights of Columbus with their bright yellow vests that say "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities" exchanging Tootsie Rolls for donations. In the pandemic, the K of C is hosting a virtual Tootsie Roll drive and the goal in Massachusetts is to raise \$275,000 to support those with intellectual disabilities. Please support this great cause and every dollar helps! <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/masskofc-tootsierolls>.