

# 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.

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
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### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
508-435-3313x206

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

508-435-3313x208  
**Mary Pawela, 1-6**  
**Debbie Lysik, 7-10**  
**Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

### **PARISH CENTER**

**Maureen Belger, Manager**  
508-435-3313x210

### **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**

**Bernadette Nadeau**

### **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



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry

and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 29, 2020:  
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
 1Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:00 PM Ray Benoit

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Matthew O'Leary  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 AM John & Helen O'Brien

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM Eileen O'Brien

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM Pete Regan

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM Thomas Bagley

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Patricia Bagley  
 5:00 PM Robert Bagley

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
 10:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Knights of Columbus  
 6:30 PM Rev. Leo Barry

### 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 in the lower church.**

### 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.

**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.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, December 8

Mass at 9AM & 7PM Tuesday, December 8

### From the Archdiocese of Boston:

Holy Communion must be distributed in a way that is safe: The priest and/or extraordinary minister must disinfect his or her hands before distributing Communion. The priest and/or extraordinary minister must wear a mask while distributing Communion. The communicant must wear a mask while receiving Communion. After the minister has moved on to the next person, or after the communicant has stepped aside, they should remove their mask, consume the Host, and put their mask back on before returning to their seats. **The norm must be that communion is given in the hands.** In the case of a person insisting on receiving on the tongue, if the priest feels comfortable doing so, he can disinfect his hands, give the communicant Holy Communion on the tongue, disinfect his hands again, and continue distributing Communion. This is an exception, and must not be the norm in a parish. Some priests, because of their own health vulnerabilities, may decide that they are not comfortable giving a person Holy Communion on the tongue even as an exception, and their concerns must be respected.

### CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

During the penitential season of Advent, extra times of parish confessions will be made available. **In addition to Saturday mornings at 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will be offered Monday, December 7, and Monday, December 14, from 7-8PM in the parish center** which has been set up for social distancing.



### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE: (Thurs. 12/24) 3PM, 5PM & 6:30 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: (Friday 12/25) 8 & 10AM**

**MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:**

**Thursday 12/31 at 4PM and Friday 1/1/2021 at 10AM**

Please note our Christmas Mass schedule has changed for this year. We have added extra Masses on Christmas Eve afternoon for your convenience. Please make a reservation on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) to guarantee a seat at Mass. You will not need to arrive early this year as you will have a reservation. Please note that there will be no Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203. More details to follow.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center  
NEXT Saturday, November 28.**

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### 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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Your Help

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Thanksgiving and Christmas help. Due to the virus, subsidized meals are not available this year. Instead, we plan to give out grocery cards to those in need. We are looking for donations of at least 30 grocery store cards, value of at least \$50, for each holiday. Please put the cards in an envelope addressed to St. Vincent de Paul and drop in the offertory basket or at the parish office. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

#### The Thought of Heaven and the Joys of Purgatory What are the joys of the holy souls in Purgatory?

1. The certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace.
2. The holy souls can never again sin and distance themselves from God but can only draw closer to Divine Love.
3. The holy souls know they are in conformity to God's will and being made perfectly holy (Mt. 5:48) **to love and be loved.**
4. The holy souls will be God's guests of tomorrow. (2Peter 1:3-4).

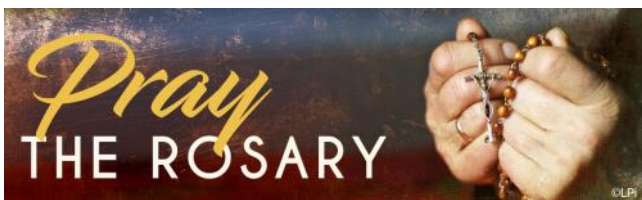
"There is no joy save that in Paradise to be compared to the joy of the souls in Purgatory."

—Saint Catherine of Genoa

"Saved! What joy there is in the word. And this is indeed the song of Purgatory. Saved! The soul has passed through the troubled waters of life, has been buffeted by the winds and waves of passion and temptation, and now it knows the great calm of being safely in port."

—Archbishop Jean-Arthur Challet

**Love should not die at death**



### Religious Education for Fall 2020

Thank you to all the families that signed children up for Religious Education this coming year. If you have not picked up your child's book yet, please call the Rel. Ed. Office to make arrangements for pick up at 508-435-3313 x208. The cost of the book is \$25, payable when you pick up by cash or check (checks can be written to St. John's).

### 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](https://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!



### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**December 4, 2020, 2-7PM**

St. John's Parish Center  
[RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23: 1-3, 5-6;  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46**

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This day is dedicated to **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, as we contemplate the final judgment and the fulfillment of the process of salvation. In the first reading, God promises to shepherd the people, to gather those who have been scattered, to seek those who are lost, to heal those who are sick and injured. God will provide rest, sustenance, refreshment, guidance, goodness, and kindness (Psalm 23).

The Father tends his flock through Jesus Christ, His Son, His Word, and His Love incarnate. Christ Our King is not your typical king. He does not come with armies and violence. He comes with love, empathy, kindness, healing, hope, humility, and poverty. His life, death and resurrection are the embodiment of God's sacrificial love for humanity. Our King was born and labored in poverty. He healed the sick, he hungered, mourned, and cried as we do. He suffered persecution, imprisonment, and torture. His death and resurrection conquered death itself; and was the beginning of the salvation process, which will destroy all resistance to the Kingdom of God in the end.

In the meantime, our timeless Lord and Savior gives us time to learn from Him, and to model our lives after His. It is fitting that, as in today's gospel, in the end He will judge whether we have used that time wisely. He will separate the sheep from the goats. In other words, He will separate those who lived for others as he did, from those who lived for themselves. Through the Church and the Sacraments, the Lord gives us everything we need. In the end, will he recognize each of us as one of his sheep? That question will be answered by whether we recognized Him in others, particularly those who suffer in any way; and whether we have loved as He does, by putting the good of others before ourselves.

