

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

508-435-3313x208
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through 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



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 24, 2021:
Jon 3:1-5, 10/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-2



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Susan Paskus

10:00 AM Sam Click and deceased members of the Nealon Family

6:30 PM Mick & Cait Daly

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM John Knospins

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM For all living and deceased members of the clergy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM For legal protection of the unborn

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00 PM Albert and Jeannette St. Jean

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Moore and Wall Families

6:30 PM Maire Daly

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

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.



MONDAY, JANUARY 18—MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19: 4PM First Penance

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.

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.

Your Prayers Are Needed

For a "Culture of Death" that relentlessly promotes abortion, For mothers and fathers for whom a pregnancy is a 'problem' not a life.

For political authority that denies the inalienable rights of the person.

Holy Hour for Life

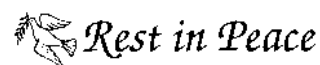
Holy Rosary for the Sanctity of Life
and in Reparation for Abortion
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction

Thursday, January 21st, 2021, 7PM

St. John the Evangelist
Lower Church
All are welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
NEXT Saturday, January 23.

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.



Renato Angelone

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.



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.

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.

The Lay Moment: Vatican II and the Universal Call to Holiness

Clergy scandals, marriage and family life under attack, growing secularism, a world angry and confused. Augustine Institute Dr. Tim Gray explains why he believes that "we are entering an age that is similar to the age of the early Church." He outlines the goals of Vatican II and the critical vocation of the laity in the renewal of the Church and the salvation of the world. "To be a real, faithful Christian in this culture, you are going to have to swim upstream...the Church will be renewed because we will have to stand in the face of the cross - the test of love." **For this title and other selections, please stop by our media kiosk in the parish center hallway.**

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.

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus invite all families to join in the 9 Days for Life 2021 between **Thursday, January 21, through Friday, January 29, 2021**. The 9 Days for Life, managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related information. Sign up and receive the novena by email, text message or an app at <https://www.usccb.org/events/2021/9-days-life>. There also are prayer cards available in the rear of the church. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus please contact Chris Alicandro (chris.alicandro@comcast.net or 1-617-335-6688).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/Grade 2:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, January 19th and Tuesday, January 26th at 4PM** in the Parish Hall. Please arrive no later than 3:45PM. All spaces for the 26th are full so please sign up for the 19th if you have not yet done so.

REMINDERS:

Sunday, Jan. 31, 11:30 AM: Grade 2 parent Zoom meeting

Monday, February 1, 7PM: Grade 9 Zoom class

Sunday, February 7, 5PM: Grade 10 Zoom class

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!



Host Family Needed

Even in this time of COVID-19, international students want to study at Hopkinton High School. Would you host an Italian, Catholic, senior boy coming to HHS for the second semester? Hopkinton host families hosting Italian students now have found the experience to be occasionally challenging but deeply rewarding. The students here all have been very careful and respectful of pandemic household rules. Alessandro loves to ski, play tennis and volleyball. He currently attends a scientific high school near Turin and loves music, film, art and architecture. He studies Chinese language as well as English and would love to experience life with an American family. Educatus provides families a monthly stipend. If you would like to learn more about hosting him please contact Ann Northup, Educatus Group, at ann.northup@gmail.com or call 508-480-8513.

**"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular,
She will save the world."**

—St. Dominic's Prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Scapular, AD 1208.

JANUARY 17, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

1Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10;

1Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20; John 1: 35-42

In today's gospel, when John the Baptist saw Jesus walking by, he said "Behold the Lamb of God." Immediately, two of the Baptist's disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon, and (by tradition) John, son of Zebedee, followed Jesus. The first thing Jesus said to them was, "What are you looking for?" They did not seem to know how to answer, so they asked a question, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus then invited them to "Come, and you will see." They accepted the invitation and spent the day with Jesus. Late in the day the first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon, tell Simon that they had found the Messiah (though it seems to me that the Messiah had found them). Andrew brought Simon to Jesus; and seeming to know Simon, Jesus greeted Simon by saying, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" (Peter).

In today's first reading the Lord called Samuel three times. After the third time, Eli explained to Samuel that it was the Lord who was calling; and Eli counseled Samuel on how to answer. When the Lord called Samuel a fourth time, Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." It is written that "Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting a word of his to be without effect." Today's psalm tells us that if we cry out to the Lord with a listening and obedient ear, with the Lord's law written in our hearts and souls, the Lord hears us. Saint Paul reminds us that through our Baptisms we are joined with Jesus, that we are not our own, that we were purchased at a great price (the life death and resurrection of the Christ), that we are to be aware that our bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit, and that we are to conduct ourselves accordingly.

The Lord speaks to us in many ways: through the Gospel, through His Church and its leaders, through friends and relatives, in prayer, through opportunities to help others, etc. Begin with prayer, praising the Lord, petitioning the Lord, acknowledging that we are HIS. In prayer each of us might ask, "Am I listening? Do I have HIS law written in my heart and soul? Am I willing to do HIS will, or am I just willful? Will I allow the Lord to shape me as he did for Samuel? Am I willing to bring others to Jesus, as Andrew did? What am I looking for?" Then, LISTEN, because like it was with Peter, the Lord knows us better than we know ourselves.

