

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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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



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 31, 2021:
 Dt 18:15-20/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/ 1Cor 7:32-35/
 Mk 1:21-2



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM For the coming triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 AM Ronald Morazzini

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Phyllis Moroney

5:00 PM Vincent Froehlich, Frances Berton, Peter Franco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Dr. Aine 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.**



TUESDAY, JANUARY 26: 4PM First Penance
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 11:30 AM Grade 2 parent Zoom meeting



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.

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.

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. 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.

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

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.

THIRD 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.

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 stjohshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

AN ONLINE 6-WEEK LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION

The New World of Faith, a book by the late **Cardinal Avery Dulles**, will be the focus of a series of 6 weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions led by **Father George Evans**, pastor of Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury/Roslindale. The book presents a **readable overview of the essential teachings of Catholicism** for thinking readers who are not necessarily expert in theology. Each Zoom session will include: a short summary of the 2 chapters (25-28 pages) that all will have read, participants' discussion and questions, application of content to Catholic life and worship, as well as a brief preview of the following week's material. Reading the designated pages in advance of each session is essential. Sessions will be on the **6 Lenten Sundays (February 21-March 28), 7:45-8:45 PM**. The book is affordably available, used or new, through online bookstores. **Free registration** for the Zoom series needs to be arranged by **February 15**. E-mail: frevans@holynameparish.com.

First Reconciliation/Grade 2:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, January 26th at 4PM** in the Parish Hall for those students signed up. Please arrive no later than 3:45PM.

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

Holliston WINGS Winter Program Wednesdays, January 27-February 24, 2021 10-11AM via Zoom

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) at St. Mary's in Holliston is pleased and excited to present our 2021 Winter Bible Study via Zoom. Building on the theme of the Centrality of the Eucharist which we began in the fall, WINGS has chosen Kevin Perrotta's John 1-10, I am the Bread of Life as our guide. Each week WINGS members will share their reflections on the relevant Gospel passages and there will be time for small group sharing. St. Mary's Deacon Ron Dowding will kick off our Winter Program with an inspiring introduction to the masterfully written Gospel of John. Books are available to purchase through Amazon or Loyola Press. You can also purchase a Kindle version through Amazon. Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week. WINGS charges dues of \$10 per season; however, all women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Details of the Winter Program will be announced on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston.

Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane @508-259-7795.

December Collections

	12/5-12/6	12/12-12/13	12/19-12/20	12/26-12/27	Avg.	Chg. +/-
Head Count	261	296	226	262	261	-5
In Seat	2,188	4,038	3,428	2,696	3,088	
Mail-in	2,155	1,501	2,659	2,659	2,243	
Electronic	2,262	2,262	2,262	2,262	2,262	
Total	6,605	7,801	8,349	7,617	7,593	
Prior Yr.	11,524	11,524	11,524	11,524		
	(4,919)	(3,723)	(3,175)	(3,907)		
	-43%	-32%	-28%	-34%		
Prior Mo.	6,655	7,196	7,187	6,726	6,774	6,907
	(50)	605	1,162	891	-	686
	-1%	8%	16%	13%		10%
Note:	Nov 2020 based on 5 weeks / Head count change from prior month					

JANUARY 24, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Jonah 3: 1-5 10; Psalm 25: 4-9; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31;
Mark 1: 14-20**

In chapter 3 of the book of Jonah, Jonah is called by God who told him to bring a message of annihilation to the huge city of Nineveh. Jonah did what he was told, and though it would have taken Jonah three days to go through Nineveh, a city of “a hundred and twenty thousand persons,” his mission to spread God’s word was accomplished in one day, as the Ninevites repented of their evil ways, and God forgave them. What we are not told in today’s reading from chapter 3, is that the first time Jonah was called to this mission in chapter 2, Jonah did not want to do it, perhaps because it probably was dangerous, and because he did not like the Ninevites, and did not want them to be forgiven (as we see in chapter 4). So, he ran away from God and his mission. Aboard a ship, he encountered a great storm, was thrown off the ship by the crew, and ended up in the belly of a “great fish” sent by God. Jonah thus realized the futility of running from God; and he prayed. After three days and three nights the Lord caused the fish to deposit Jonah onto dry land; and Jonah received and followed the Lord’s second call.

By contrast, in today’s Gospel the first four apostles immediately abandoned their nets and boatmates when called by Jesus to follow Him. What were they thinking? Were they thinking at all? Perhaps it was the power and hope of God’s Word Made Flesh that drew them in. They certainly did not know what they were getting into. They did not understand until much later that that their mission would lead them to follow their own roads to the cross.

Saint Paul tells us today that this world is passing away. If the world as we know it is passing away, it is foolish and futile to be unduly attached to it, as it is to ignore or run away from the Lord’s call to holiness and mission. Rather, we attach ourselves to God’s Word because it brings us, and helps us to bring others, to the Kingdom of God. When we ask and listen, the Lord will show us the way and the mission that is best for each of us. Let each of us humbly pray: “Lord, show me the path you want me to follow. Give me the Light with which to see it, and the wisdom, and courage to follow it. Amen.”

