

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



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 21, 2021:
 Gn 9:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10] / 1Pt 3:18-22/
 Mk 1:12-15



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 PM Lucille White

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Sister Ramoan
 6:30 PM Teresa & Jack Daly

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Peter Winkler

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM Maura Winkler (living birthday)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM Arthur Krans
 7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Robert A. Clifford

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 PM Yolanda Femia

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

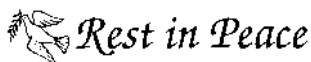
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Carlton White (living intention)
 6:30 PM Sr. Philomena Agudo

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....February 17
 Easter Sunday.....April 4



Marie Creedon
 Richard R. Brault

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
NEXT Saturday, February 20.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM MASS & ASHES
 12:10 PM MASS & ASHES
 4:30 PM ASHES (no Mass)
 7:00 PM MASS & ASHES

Note: As recommended by the Archdiocese of Boston, ashes will be distributed using a swab.

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.

New Deacon

We have been fortunately assigned a new deacon from Pope St. John the XIII Seminary, Br. Stephen Shanahan. Br. Stephen is a Trappist, stationed in St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. What an honor to have a Trappist monk assigned to St. John's!

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests
February 18 at 7PM

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service. Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction. "During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"
 --St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI

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.



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.

SIXTH 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.

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.

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

-Love Lasts Forever-

**Knowing them...Praying for them...Helping them
get to Heaven!**

The holy souls need our help throughout the whole year. The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings, Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Classes:

Monday, March 1, 7PM: Gr. 9 Zoom class

Sunday, March 7, 5PM: Gr. 10 Zoom class

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children who received their First Reconciliation during the month of January and their families. They all learned about and prepared for this sacrament at home and did an amazing job. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist over the next few months.

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.

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas

The Bishop Rice Council of Ashland/Hopkinton's Knights of Columbus wish a belated congratulations to the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Each year children in three different age groups get an opportunity to put their creative skills to work using the season and the true meaning of Christmas as their inspiration. This year, submissions were made despite the pandemic and we are pleased as a council to announce the winners.

5-7 years old – Brooke Elliott


8-10 years old – Alexi Nguyen

11-14 years old – Natalie Nguyen

Congratulations to the winners and all those who participated. They all did a wonderful job!

MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) or the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date



**Lenten Disciplines of
Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 11;
1Corinthians 10: 31--11:1; Mark 1: 40-45**

In today's gospel a leper, in a profound act of faith and hope in the power and mercy of the Lord, came to Jesus. The leper knelt and begged, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Though the leper may have breached some of the restrictions in Leviticus, Jesus was "moved with pity," to the point where Jesus **touched** the leper and healed him. What love! Jesus, in his divinity and in his humanity is the perfect illustration of God's infinite capacity for compassion, healing, and love. We in our humanity are expected to emulate those qualities, to do everything for the glory of God (as Saint Paul urges) by imitating Christ. In doing so, we help ourselves and enhance our capacity to help others.

Throughout history, humanity has suffered through many dreaded diseases which can debilitate and destroy our bodies. Today, perhaps we focus our fears on COVID-19, or cancer. But as people of faith, we know that someday we all pass away, and that our bodies suffer decay of all kinds until we are raised again body and soul. However, there is another illness to which we all are prone, and which can have consequences into eternity: the disease of sin. Sin can spread within us, and to others by our bad example. We go to the doctor when we are physically ill. We have regular checkups to make sure our bodies are functioning properly. If modern medicine has cured us of a particular cancer, we have regular examinations and tests to make sure the cancer has not returned so that we can do something about it before it is too late.

How much more important are our immortal souls? The Sacrament of Confession is where we go for our spiritual checkups. The Confessional is where we go to Jesus as the leper did, without guile, and with faith and hope in His mercy to say, "If you wish, you can make me clean," and He does. But in our fallen nature, we all are prone to the disease of sin returning. That is why partaking of the healing graces of the Sacrament of Confession regularly is so important. We are only three days from the beginning of Lent. What better time to begin anew, and to experience God's infinite mercy, hope, joy, and strength through this Sacrament? Go to Confession. Perhaps you will be so overcome with the joy of forgiveness and healing that you too will spread the word as the cured leper did.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

