

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
Mary Pawela, 1-6
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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



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 28, 2021:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM Rejeanne Brochu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM Aime Brochu

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM Robert Bagley

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
5:00 PM John & Virginia Alicandro

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Lucille White
6:30 PM Lorraine Diaz

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 is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 4
Confirmations.....May 1 & May 6

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 7PM

A Lenten Evening of Prayer with Fr. Lacombe in the lower church.

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.

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

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.

**"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.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, February 27.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (lower church)

MONDAY—FRIDAY 9:00 AM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION (lower church)

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminders:

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

Monday, March 1: First Communion Online signup opens

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!

January Collections

	1/2 - 1/3	1/9 - 1/10	1/16 - 1/17	1/23 - 1/24	1/30 - 1/31	Ave.	Chge +/-
Head Count	268	261	237	249	245	252	(9)
						Total	
In Seat	2,893	3,251	2,327	2,874	4,333	15,678	
Mail-in	3,515	1,181	1,077	1,856	2,165	9,794	
Electronic	1,846	1,846	1,846	1,846	1,846	9,231	
Total	8,254	6,278	5,250	6,576	8,344	34,703	
Prior Yr.	8,138	8,138	8,138	8,138	8,138	40,690	
	116	(1,860)	(2,888)	(1,562)	206	(5,987)	
	1%	-23%	-35%	-19%	3%	-15%	
Prior Mo.	6,074	6,074	6,074	6,074	6,074	30,372	
	2,180	204	(824)	502	2,270	4,331	
	36%	3%	-14%	8%	37%	14%	

Note: Prior Mo. Normalized for 5 mo's for comparison

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 9: 8-15; Psalm 25: 4-9; 1 Peter 3: 18-22;
Mark 1: 12-15**

Noah's faithful obedience to God's command to build the ark saved him, seven other people, and the animal life that he was commanded to gather. Through the waters of the flood, they were saved. When it was over God made a covenant with Noah and his descendants that he would never destroy creation again: "there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." Psalm 25 reminds us that when we approach God with humility, he teaches us sinners the way and guides us to justice. In the reading from 1 Peter, we are instructed in the new covenant: by the death and resurrection of Christ we are saved through baptism in water and the Spirit. Christ died once for all of us sinners, "...the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous."

The beginning of today's gospel is right after the Baptism of Christ. The same Spirit that appeared as a dove descending upon Christ as he left the waters of the Jordan, immediately "...drove Jesus into the desert." Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would remain in the desert for forty days preparing himself for ministry through prayer, introspection, fasting; among wild beasts, and subjected to temptation. The full forces of good in Jesus and the angels that ministered to him, faced the full forces of evil in Satan. It has been written that Christ's "sustained obedience" during this trial is what brings forth "the new Israel," the new covenant. Christ was obedient to the will of the Father, persevered in his mission; and after hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested, Christ began his public ministry, and his road to the Cross. Throughout Galilee he preached the good news that "The kingdom of God is at hand." He preached repentance and faith in the gospel.

After a year of our desert experience with the isolation and fear caused by the pandemic, we are now a few days into the desert experience of the forty days of Lent. We live in dangerous and discouraging times. But through it all, this can be a time of preparation, prayer, introspection, self-denial, repentance, and grace for us. It is an opportunity to emulate Christ's "sustained obedience" to the will of the Father. The desert experience forces us to turn humbly to the only totally reliable source of strength, faith, guidance, and hope: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He will show each of us the way because HE IS THE WAY!

