

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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Debbie Lysik, 7-10
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



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 14, 2021:
 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/
 Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21



SATURDAY, MARCH 6

5:00 PM Pat Demeo

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Shirley Terry

6:30 PM Frank and Rita Brenna

MONDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 AM William Rogers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM Carlton White (living intention)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Joan McKenna (living intention)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy (living birthday)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Judy Ryan

5:00 PM Lucille White

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Mary Jo Duffy (living birthday)

6:30 PM Special Intention

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.

Lenten Evening of Prayer

A Lenten Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe will take place **THIS Tuesday, March 9, at 7PM** in the lower chapel.

St. Patrick's Day

At all Masses **NEXT** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after 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.

LENTEEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **Mondays, March 22, and March 29, 7-8PM** in the parish center.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, March 25

Mass for the sanctity of life at **7PM in the lower chapel**

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.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM** in the parish center **NEXT Saturday, March 13.**

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 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the parishioners who have been supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission of helping Hopkinton families in need. Following a busy January and holiday season, we are looking for help. We can use cash donations and \$30-\$50 grocery store food cards to be given out at Easter. Checks can be made out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and mailed or dropped off at the church office. Grocery store cards can also be left at the church office. Again, we are so thankful for all your past and future help!!

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

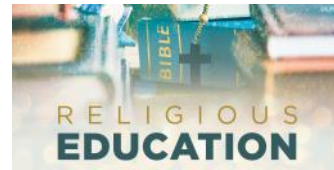
RECONCILIATION (parish center)

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM

MONDAY, March 1 7-8PM

MONDAY, March 22 7-8PM

MONDAY, March 29 7-8PM



REMINDERS:

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

Monday, March 1: First Communion Online signup opens

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!



Knights of Columbus


Lenten Food for Families Food Drive

March 13-March 28

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council 4822 is sponsoring a food drive to support the Hopkinton Food Pantry maintained by Project Just Because. Thanks to your generosity and participation, last year's virtual food drive was a huge success. The pandemic continues and our national and local economies have not yet rebounded from the devastation of the Covid 19 pandemic. Many of our friends and neighbors continue to be in distress. Food insecurity affects 1 out of 8 Massachusetts residents. The Project Just Because Food Pantry of Hopkinton is continually challenged to meet the ongoing needs of our community, and they are running critically low on food and supplies. Your local Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance and continued generosity with a virtual food drive. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!** Please make out your check to *Project Just Because* and put in the memo section: *K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive*. You can either put the check in an envelope marked *K of C Food Drive* in the regular collection basket at the back of St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive. Thank you so much for any assistance that you can provide!

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

For information on Eucharistic miracles, check out the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis: www.miracolieucaristici.org.



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.

MARCH 7, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 8-11;

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25

God's laws are not a suggestion. They are commands. As such, the temptation is to think of them as restricting freedom. But God thinks differently than we do. He gives the Commandments as necessary guidance on how we should live. As traffic signs and signals help us to drive well and to reach our destination safely, the Commandments help us to live well and to reach our eternal destination safely. When we allow those commands to take root in our hearts and souls, we can be liberated from sin, unnecessary anxiety, and those things that can lead us away from relationship with God. God understands humanity, so he gives us what we need to live well, to use our freedom wisely, and to keep our souls safe from harm. God's precepts refresh us and impart God's wisdom and enlightenment. When the law takes root in our souls, we begin to see things as God sees them.

Saint Paul tells us that Christ is the embodiment of the wisdom and power of God. Most of the religious leaders in Christ's time failed or refused to understand this. When Jesus drove the vendors out of the temple because of their lack of reverence, Jesus gave us a glimpse of how deeply offensive irreverence is to the Lord; and that it has consequences. The religious leaders wondered by what authority Christ did this. They wanted a sign. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" was the answer. Those leaders did not see that Jesus was claiming that he IS the sign, that he IS the NEW temple. As Jonah emerged after three days in the belly of a giant fish, Jesus would rise from the belly of the tomb after three days. Jesus was establishing his Church, the new temple of his mystical body made of the living stones of the faithful, who through their Baptism become temples of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, that can sound like nonsense to anyone who does not have God's law rooted in their heart and soul. They cannot see beyond their senses, and therefore do not see people, life, death, and eternity as God sees them.

Let us take a few minutes a day to contemplate some questions in prayer. How do we demonstrate our reverence for the Church? How do we demonstrate our reverence for the fact that we are the living stones of the Church? How do we demonstrate reverence for the temple of our body as a dwelling of the Holy Spirit? Listening for the Lord's answers will help us to begin to see things as he sees them, to begin to think as he thinks, and to begin to live as he would have us live.

