

# St. John the Evangelist



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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.

### **PASTOR**

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### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

508-435-3313x208  
**Mary Pawela, 1-6**  
**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 parish center

### **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



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 8, 2021:  
 1Kgs 19:4-8/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/  
 Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51



#### SATURDAY, JULY 31

5:00 PM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Special Intention  
 6:30 PM Matthew O'Leary

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 AM Our Lady, Queen of the Angels

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM Kathy Casey Black

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM Lisa Custodio

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00 PM Frank & Rita Brenna

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Robert Hathaway  
 6:30 PM Alessandrina D'Errico

#### 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.**

*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.*



#### 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.

#### First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation **THIS Friday, August 6, at 7PM in the Lower Chapel**

Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God. We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

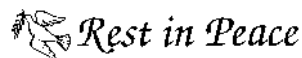
#### First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion this coming **Saturday at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

#### HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

**A man had two sons...**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers...He said to the older son, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. **But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.**" Luke 15:11-32

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**NEXT Saturday, August 7.**



Anthony Alfano  
 Kathy Walsh



## 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

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).



### ST. CECILIA'S ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

**Saturday, September 18 & Sunday, September 19**

Donated items may be dropped off **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday ONLY 9AM to 12PM (or by appointment) in the Family Center from August 2nd to September 10<sup>th</sup>**. You may call the rectory at 508-881-1107 or Corinne Hickey at 339-221-1476 if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment. We will accept household items, small appliances, toys, books, jewelry, small furniture (clean & animal free home) and Christmas items. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: Baby furniture (rockers, cribs & seats), clothing, shoes, electronics (including televisions & stereos), linens, large furniture (including dining tables, hutches & bed frames) and stuffed animals. Please make sure everything is clean and in working condition.** Contact Corinne Hickey at 339-221-1476 if you can help with the Flea Market or have any questions.



***"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.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.



### Religious Education Registration

Registration is ongoing for new students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the first time, you must fill out a one-time registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's. The registration form can be found on our website ([stjohnhopkinton.com](http://stjohnhopkinton.com)) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab. For more information please contact Debbie Lysik at (508) 435-3313 x208 or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

### 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.

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### St. John's Pro-life Initiative: Called to the Culture of Life

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign. ...You must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."  
--Mother Teresa

Please join our prayer chain in one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be each day this week for our government to end their aggressive advancement of abortion here and abroad.

### St. John's Pro-Life Initiative Prayer Chain

We're looking to expand our Pro-Life Initiative and want to encourage others in our parish to assist us in our Pro-Life efforts. We invite you to join our Prayer Chain and pray for all unborn babies and their mothers. Will you sign up to commit to praying regularly for this vital effort? Please call Denise St. Jean at 508-435-6827 or email [denisestjean7@gmail.com](mailto:denisestjean7@gmail.com) to sign up.

**AUGUST 1, 2021**

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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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