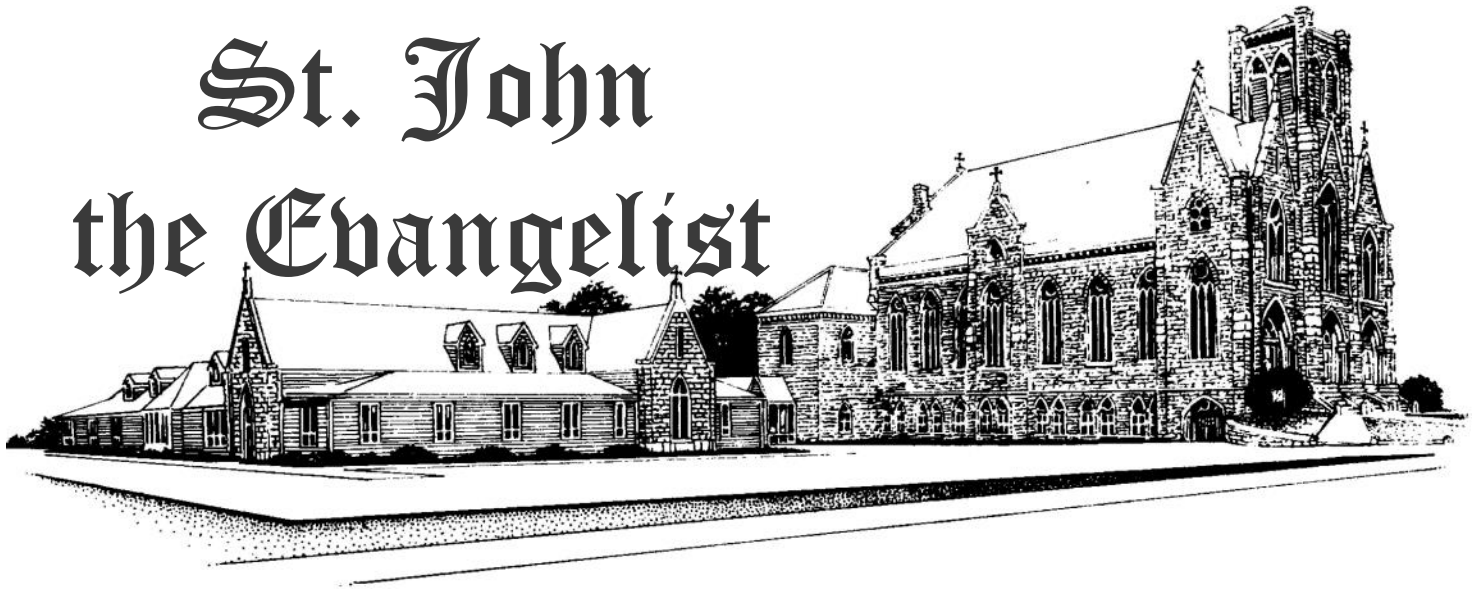


St. John the Evangelist



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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.

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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 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/MUSIC DIRECTOR

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



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no

one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Readings for NEXT Sunday, October 3, 2021:
Gn 2:18-24/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 PM DeStefano, Porrazzo, Mongiat, and Gillam Families and their extended family members

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Herman & Eva Stone
6:30 PM Sister Philomena Agudo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Robert J. Brow

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

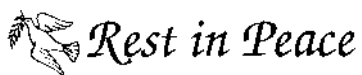
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Frances Fitzgerald
6:30 PM William E. Curran, Jr.

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.

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 lower church NEXT Saturday, October 2.



Madeline Norton

2nd collection NEXT weekend
St. John's Mission Apostolate (Fr. Henault)

Updated COVID Protocols from the Archdiocese of Boston

The Archdiocese of Boston has updated their protocols with regard to COVID safety measures. These measures take effect on the weekend of Labor Day (September 4 and 5).

Regarding Safety Precautions at Masses:

All parishes are mandated to have clearly marked areas of the Church for people who want to wear masks and be sitting only near people who are wearing masks.

Here at St. John's, pews on the north side of the church will be marked with blue tape for parishioners who want to wear masks. Please do not sit in this area without wearing a mask. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to manage St. John's Parish Center. This part-time position is approximately 10 hours per week. The Parish Center Manager oversees all activities in the parish center including parish events and hall rentals. This person would also supervise set-ups, maintenance and inspections, act as a liaison to the public and town, and manage the CORI process for the parish. Computer skills are necessary for maintaining the Google calendar, spreadsheets, and rental contracts. Please inquire at the parish office.

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation **THIS Friday, October 1, 7PM in the Lower Church**

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John's Choir

What Makes A Good Choir Member? A willing heart. A desire to give to the congregation and our Lord. Contact Berni at momandberni@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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.**

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.

St. John's Pro-life Initiative

Stand up for the Rights of the Unborn

Under the Roe Act passed last year by the MA legislature, a child born alive in a 'botched' abortion has no legal right to life-sustaining medical care. A law to protect babies born alive would close that legal loophole. Join a state-wide effort to collect signatures to get the proposed law on the 2022 ballot. Parishioners will be collecting signatures outside the church after all Masses. "It is a scientific certainty that life begins at conception when a genetically unique being comes into existence. Every abortion kills an innocent human being. To suggest otherwise is to ignore the scientific facts."—Tara Sander Lee, Ph.D., Molecular Geneticist

Religious Education Sign Up

The Archdiocese of Boston has highly recommended that we not hold in person classes at this time. We are watching the mandates change every day. By October 1st they will be updating us on this recommendation, and at that time we will be able to let our families know how we will proceed for this coming Religious Education year. Whether we hold in-person, home school or zoom classes we will not be starting until after Columbus Day. The Religious Education Staff will be in touch once we hear from the diocese.

Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for most of his adult life. Father is currently 85 years old. For the second year in a row, due to Covid as well as the dangerous political situation in Haiti, father was not able to make his usual visits to local parishes for fundraising in support of his "St Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). Fortunately, Father's residence in Gonaives received only a widening in the existing cracks due to the recent earthquake and the clinic remains open and continues to treat patients. Unfortunately, the church on Ile a Vache where Father Gilbert (Fr. John's replacement there) now serves and Fr. John helps support, received some more severe damage although it is still standing. St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations during this time of need. A second collection will be held NEXT weekend. Additionally, anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (made out to *St. John's Mission Apostolate*) at another time can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket or mail it to St. John's Parish. Donations for Fr. Henault via St. John's Parish can also be made through Donor Advised Charitable Funds by noting it is for Fr. Henault and the Mission Apostolate. For any questions or to join the Global Mission Apostolate, please contact Paul St. Jean at 508-435-6827.

Aug 2021 Monthly Collection	Aug 2021	Aug 2021				Ave.	Chge +/-
	Monthly Col- lection	Monthly Col- lection	8/7 - 8/8	8/14 - 8/15	8/21 - 8/22		
Head Count	293	269	284	348	299	-29	
					Total		
In Seat	3,233	4,786	3,208	4,472	15,699		
Mail-in	1,052	645	-	1,860	3,557		
Electronic	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815	7,259		
Total	6,100	7,246	5,023	8,147	26,515		
Prior Yr.	10,098	10,098	10,098	10,098	40,392		
	(3,998)	(2,852)	(5,075)	(1,951)	(13,877)		
	-40%	-28%	-50%	-19%	-34%		
Prior Mo.	6,689	8,989	7,963	8,120	31,762		
	(590)	(1,744)	(2,941)	27	(5,247)		
	-9%	-19%	-37%	0%	-17%		

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14;

James 5: 1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Spirit goes where the will of the triune God wills it to go. That Spirit enlightens, imparts gifts and inspiration that are meant to be used; and cannot be confined by any person or entity. We all receive some of those gifts. We are not to hoard them. We are to share them. We are not to be jealous of the gifts imparted by the Spirit to other people. We are to rejoice in them and emulate them. In today's gospel, Christ's defense of people, not part of his group, who were performing exorcisms in his name is an example of the divine tolerance of God for those who do good things in his name.

Unlike what we see in the temporal world, God's law is perfect, trustworthy, pure, and true. God's law as explained and lived by the Word of God Made Flesh, Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Gospels, and as taught by the Church, is the prescription for a joyful and fulfilling life even in the face of inevitable suffering. God's law never changes: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching." (Hebrews 13: 8-9).

There is nothing inherently sinful with the things and riches of this world! But today's reading from the letter of James warns us not be attached to and controlled by such things. To our detriment riches and luxuries can blind us to the needs of others. We cannot take our stored-up material treasures with us into eternity, and they are subject to corrosion as all things of this world are. To the extent that we have riches, we are warned that we must come by them honestly and justly, and not at the expense of others. If we dare to enjoy our good fortune while being neglectful of the needs of others, we risk condemning ourselves; because the Lord hears the cries of the poor, the downtrodden, and the persecuted.

Finally, there is Christ's dire warning in today's gospel: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." There are the obvious sensational abuse cases that we all have read about. But there is a more subtle issue that as parents and grandparents, we may sometimes forget. I know I am preaching to the choir here, so this is just a reminder. At the Baptism of children, parents take a vow to bring their children up in the Catholic Faith. We cannot totally leave it to CCD classes. We too need to refresh our understanding of Church teachings and doctrine for our own good and for that of our children and grandchildren. Inadvertently we can mislead, even lead somebody astray by what we say, how we say it, by what we do and what we fail to do. Parenthood is a life-long responsibility and joy. In this world and in our society so many things change and confuse. It seems that it is getting more and more difficult to be an example of the one thing that does not change: Jesus Christ. Let us pray and help one another to continue to be up to the task.