

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.

PASTOR

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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 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



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 24, 2021:
 Jer 31:7-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Heb 5:1-6/
 Mk 10:46-52



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00 PM Donna McGuire

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM Raymond & Rose Leveille

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

6:30 PM Mary Brenna (living)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM Daniel and Daniel I. Mitchell

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM Donald Ward

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 AM Joseph Chua and Joshua Chua
(living)

5:00 PM John & Marilyn Palmer
(living, 60th wedding anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Armand & Rose Boucher

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.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, October 23.

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.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

Special Evening for Confessions

There will be a special evening time for confessions on **Monday, October 25, from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel.**

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.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our lady asked, **“are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He will send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?”**

GIVE ME SOULS

I united my sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus and offered them for myself and for the conversion of sinners who do not trust in the goodness of God.

—St. Faustina

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the church.

—Colossians 1:24

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

Thursday, October 21 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



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

St. John's Choir

Did you forget about choir rehearsal? That's okay. Join us next Sunday at 9:05AM. We'll see you then! Contact Berni (momandberni@gmail.com) if you have 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of food cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It has been determined that these meals will cost about \$75 per Hopkinton family. Generally, we help 30 families per holiday. If you would like to donate food cards from any local grocery store, please drop off with the parish secretary or business office. All help is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission.

Thank You to St. John's Parishioners

Fr. Cornell from St. Cecilia's in Ashland would like to thank the parishioners of St. John's who generously donated items to St. Cecilia's recent flea market. Additionally, a big thank you to Mary Morrissey and Kathleen Auclair for all their hard work in helping with St. Cecilia's flea market.

Called to the Gospel of Life

St. John the Evangelist's Pro-Life Initiative

"As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?" Saint John Paul II

Join us in contacting our State Representative and telling them you **oppose Physician Assisted Suicide**. Rep. Carolyn Dykema: 617-722-2680, and Senator Karen Spilka: 617-722-1500



Religious Education Classes

The Archdiocese of Boston has granted us permission to hold in-person religious education classes this year with the understanding that some families should be allowed to teach their child at home if they are more comfortable with this approach. We are here to accommodate all families at this time. All safety protocols will be observed including the wearing of masks, and classrooms have been set up for social distancing. We plan to start classes after Columbus Day. We are still in need of catechists for grades 2-8 in order to place all students into a class. Please let us know if you can help us out. If you are willing to teach this year, please email us: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 (mpawelastjn@gmail.com) and Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 (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.

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!



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit St. Cecilia Parish, Ashland

The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles is coming to St. Cecilia Parish, 54 Esty Street, Ashland, on **October 23 & 24**. This large exhibit of information on 159 miracles associated with the Eucharist will be held in the Family Center main hall from 10AM to 7PM on the 23rd and from 8AM to 3PM on the 24th. St. Cecilia's is very fortunate to be able to host this exhibit as part of their celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. The exhibit is free of charge and should appeal to all ages.

OCTOBER 17, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 53: 10-11; Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22;
Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45**

Isaiah speaks of the one whose sacrifice would justify many. Footnotes indicate that the Hebrew term for this type of sacrifice is 'asham, a term reserved for a sacrifice which compensates for what is due because of guilt. In this context when Isaiah, speaking on behalf of the Lord, says "...my servant shall **justify** many," it means that this servant will **acquit** many by his suffering and sacrifice. This is wholly and completely fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who experienced all the struggles that we experience.

In doing so, Jesus set a new standard for what it means to lead, to be exalted not by humanity but by God, that is, to be holy. For us it requires emulating Christ in humble service, and sacrificial love, not for self-aggrandizement, but for the good of others. When they boldly asked Jesus that they be seated at his right and left when he came into his glory, Jesus asked James and John, "Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" "Drinking the cup" for them and for us means accepting the destiny that God has planned for each of us which inevitably involves suffering of one kind or another to be joined with the sufferings of Christ; and Christ's ultimate "baptism" was the Cross. Each of us has a road to our own personal crosses, big and small. God is with us to help us and to give us what we need to serve, to endure, and to persevere.

Saint John of the Cross wrote, "And I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven and the name of the river was suffering; and I saw the boat which carries souls across the river and the name of the boat was love." Our trustworthy, just, and merciful Triune God **is Love**; and He carries us through all our trials, challenges, and suffering when we open our hearts to Him.

