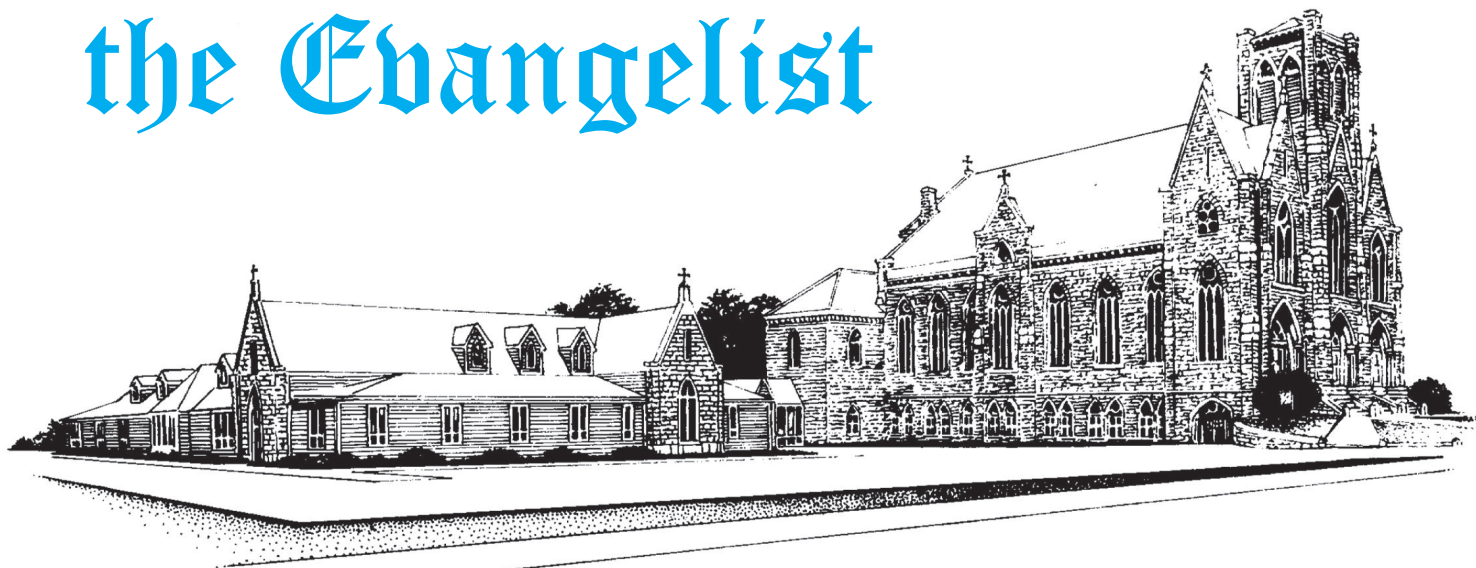


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

PASTOR

Rev. Richard E. Cannon

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6

Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8

Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: **508-435-3313x207**

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM

8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM

No Mass on Thursday

Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon
Please call for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Richard Romiti **508-517-6855**

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than
Monday noon. (Holiday weeks require a longer lead
time.)



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 23, 2015:
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

5:00 PM Frank & Rita Brenna

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM E. Aubrey & Joan Doyle
(wedding anniversary)
Parishioners of St. John
6:30 PM Brendan Tobin

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM A. Lucinda MacLaine

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Theresa Genoa (month's mind)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Frank & Rita Brenna

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Frank & Rita Brenna

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Robert C. Ovan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Frances Cashman
6:30 PM Frank & Rita Brenna

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 welcomed.

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 and Debt Reduction



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated **Saturday, August 15.** The holy day obligation is suspended when the solemnity falls on Saturday.

Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault, visiting from Gonaives, Haiti celebrated 10 AM Mass with us on Sunday, August 2nd. In addition to working with the local Sisters of Charity Hospice, Fr. Henault has been primarily working with people who have Hansen's disease (leprosy) and doing his best to get them treatment. While there is one clinic that can deal with this, it is 300 miles round trip and monthly bus transportation for the many patients is expensive. Father has hired a doctor and nurse to diagnose the local people. When father left Haiti a few weeks ago, he had 47 patients. In recent contact with the medical team, Fr. Henault found out that he now has 71 patients.

Fr. Henault has been working to get a clinic open locally but this has been very difficult. The government does not want to admit that the disease even exists in their country as it is bad for tourism. Upon his return, he has meetings scheduled with the World Health Organization to find out if they can assist him by providing medicine for a local clinic.

During his visit, father expressed his gratitude for all the support that parishioners of St. John's have provided to him, and asked for your continued prayers. The Mission Apostolate group believes that this is a challenging mission for anyone, much less, someone who turns 80 years old this coming December. The funds we send are being used to keep people alive, make them non-contagious and over time, cure them of this disease. Anyone wishing to make a donation over the next week can forward it to St. John's in an envelope marked for Fr. Henault. It can either be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to St. John's Parish Global Mission Apostolate, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, August 22.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.**

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.

Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Parade

Volunteers are needed to decorate St. John's float, "His Story". If you are interested, please contact Maureen Belger at 435-3313x210 or parishhallstjn@gmail.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.

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

—Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

GRADES 1-5 CATECHISTS NEEDED

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our request. It is very much appreciated. We pray more will respond. Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Several caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for grades 1-5. Help us plan for next year. If you would like to teach with a partner, we will find one for you. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need **all** of us to grow in the faith.

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.



Middle School (Gr. 6-8) High School (Gr. 9-12)

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 30 at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. Have a great summer! See you all in the fall!

High School Youth Group

Our High School Mission Trip to Queens, N.Y., was a huge success. The students and their chaperones had safe travels, much work was done and a difference was made. The H.S. Youth Group will host a coffee hour on **Sunday, August 30, after the 10AM Mass** and would like to say thank you for the parish's support. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have for them. Stop by the parish center after the 10AM Mass and meet these awesome students and adult leaders.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall students will have the opportunity to attend classes at the following times, October to May:

- **Grade 1** will meet two Wednesdays each month, 4:15-5PM
- **Grade 2** will meet every Wednesday, 4:15-5PM with three exceptions when classes will meet on Sundays, 9-9:50AM while parents meet with Carol Zani
- **Grades 3-5** will meet every Monday or Tuesday, 4:15-5:10PM
- **Grade 6** will meet every Monday, 2:15-3:15PM

Grades, 1-6, will have a limited optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability – first-come, first-served. Sign-up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

GRADES 7-10

Grade 7	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM)
Grade 8	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM)
Grade 9	Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
Grade 10	Sunday (5:00-7:15PM) once a month

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please try to do so as soon as possible. Please come into the Rel. Ed. Office to fill out a registration form and present a Baptismal Certificate if your child was not baptized at St. John's. We are currently in the process of planning for the school year. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208.

AUGUST 16, 2015

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unless one would want to live exclusively on milk (cow, sheep, or goat), we humans kill what we eat. We pick living things off of plants and trees: green beans, cobs of corn, apples, peaches. We eat the plants themselves: lettuce, cabbage, herbs like parsley and basil. We even eat the seeds themselves, consuming that which could produce more: almonds, peas, wheat, which is crushed and ground to make bread. Our omnivore appetite does not stop there. We haul fish from the sea; we process poultry by the millions; and we slaughter livestock to nourish us and keep us healthy. But we should recognize that to provide for our well-being, we kill and consume what God has placed here for our use. That may seem like a pretty harsh description of how we live, but it is how we relate to food. What was once living sustains our lives. In this weekend's Gospel Jesus is very direct about what gives us life. He says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Because Jesus sacrificed himself for our sake upon the cross, we humans can admit that we do indeed kill what we eat. Taking our sins upon himself, Jesus died for us, and as uncomfortable as it may be, we cannot avoid that reality. He died an agonizing death upon the cross, so that we might be freed from the power of sin and death. But he did not stay dead. He rose to life. When we eat his flesh and drink his blood in the Communion that we share, we have life because of him. What looks and tastes like bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ, and we eat and drink to be nourished with his life. In our Communion, we trust in his promise that we will live forever.

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