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150th Anniversary

2016

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

Rev. Richard E. Cannon

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DEACON

Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso

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:

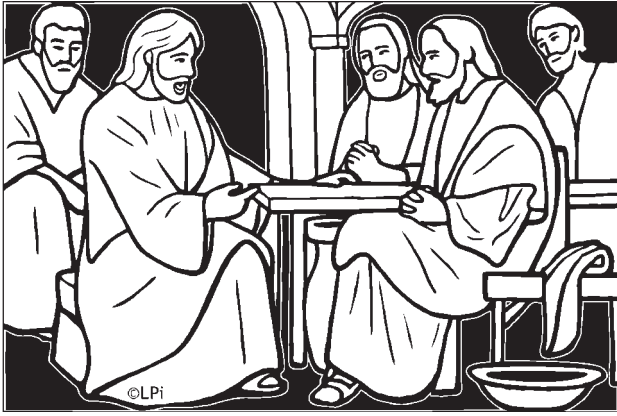
Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brendan Kenney

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, May 1, 2016:**
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23	
5:00 PM	Michael Anderson
SUNDAY, APRIL 24	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM	Jean & Joe Murray
MONDAY, APRIL 25	
9:00 AM	Thomas Bagley
TUESDAY, APRIL 26	
9:00 AM	Michael Anderson
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27	
9:00 AM	Stella Poirier & Joseph Poirier
FRIDAY, APRIL 28	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, APRIL 30	
5:00 PM	Emmet & Anastasia Smith
SUNDAY, MAY 1	
8:00 AM	George & Jessie Pitts
10:00 AM	Special Intention
6:30 PM	Parishioners of St. John



SUNDAY, APRIL 24—CLASSES RESUME	
MONDAY, APRIL 25	
2:15 PM	Grade 6
4:15 PM	Grades 3, 4, and 5
TUESDAY, APRIL 26	
4:15 PM	Grades 3, 4, and 5
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27	
4:15 PM	Grade 1



Donald Belger

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **Thursday, May 5.**

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 4 at 5PM

Thursday, May 5 at 9AM & 7PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ascension Thursday.....May 5
First Communions.....May 7, May 8, May 14
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 30

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

150th Anniversary Mass at 10AM. 150th Anniversary Dinner at 2PM. More details to come.

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, April 30. Additional evening time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, April 26 from 6PM-7PM. Please enter the lower chapel through the center doors connecting the church to the parish center for the evening time.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.**

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: **Stories from Our Past**

Our fifth pastor from 1885 to 1891, Reverend Michael D. Murphy was born in 1849 in County Tipperary, Ireland during the potato famine. When he was sixteen, Father Murphy and his family left Ireland and arrived in Lawrence, Mass. Father Murphy's path was straightforward. After public school in Lawrence, he entered Holy Cross College in Worcester, won distinction, and proceeded to seminary in New York where he was ordained a priest in 1875. After assignments in four Boston parishes over ten years, Fr. Murphy was appointed our pastor in 1885 "and at once threw his whole energies into the upbuilding not only of the uncompleted church but of the parish itself." "Hopkinton Banner" 1889



St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place June 13-17. The sale will begin at 9AM on each day and remain open until 7PM. **The committee would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, household items, furniture, sports equipment and tools.** Everything should be clean and in working order. **Drop off will begin on May 23 at the parish center from 9AM-5PM.** We also can use plastic grocery bags and shoe boxes. We appreciate your clean usable donations, however, we **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items: dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, box springs, mattresses, day beds, hospital beds, trundle beds, water beds, computers/printers, console stereos, large exercise equipment, baby cribs, baby car seats, metal desks, office furniture, large sofas, sleeper sofas, oversized chairs, gas grills, lawn mowers, paint/all chemicals, pianos/organs, ping pong tables, pool tables/bumper pool tables, ski equipment, large rugs, treadmills, wall units.

Summer Bible Adventure

Monday, July 13-Friday, July 17, 2015 from 9AM-Noon each day. **Registration is now closed as Summer Bible Adventure is full!**



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Kudos to our H.S. Youth Ministers, Jen Fairbanks, Liz Burke, Margaret Driscoll and Mary Pawela, for putting on a very successful fundraiser this past Saturday night. We would also like to thank all of those who helped make our fundraising event a great success. We are very grateful to the many families and individuals who donated items for our drawings and silent auction. In particular, we would like to thank The Fuse for the great music, Ken and Debbie Lysik and Denise and Joe Antaki for their hard work in the kitchen, Bernie Mitchell for bartending, Olive Garden in Marlborough for their donation of salad and breadsticks, Bill Maginnis for paper products and Keefe Tech for printing the flyers and tickets. We are already looking forward to next year!

Mission Trip

Mandatory youth & parent meeting on **Thursday, April 28, at 6:30PM** in the lower church area. Final payment of \$200 is due at this time.

Baccalaureate Mass

Parents and High School Seniors: Save the date: **Sunday, May 22, 6:30 PM.** Baccalaureate Mass followed by a dinner in the Parish Center. Invitations to come.

World Youth Day

WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

Every Saturday 10AM-2PM @ Ice House Pond Depot, 50 West Main Street. Your donations benefit our parish youth who will be traveling to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day, July 2016, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis!

Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!

WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: **JOIN OUR NEXT GATHERING**

Come experience an AGAPE gathering for pizza, fellowship and fun on **Saturday, May 7, at the Petruney family home from 5-7PM** (optional hangout until 9:30PM). Special guest speakers R.J. and Devin Dourney will share their faith and personal experiences and how that relates to the teen culture today. Come alone or bring a friend. RSVP to Linda Lane (lindalane13@verizon.net), Heather Petruney (hpetruney@verizon.net) or Meg Gaughan (617-823-8696 or gaughan1family@gmail.com). Agape (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a group of teens from local parishes that through activities, videos and small group discussions (and countless pieces of pizza, cookies and laughs), tackle hot-button issues facing the teen culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith. It is intended to supplement the programs of a local parish, NOT replace them.

APRIL 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus? As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today's Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission. So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate. The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, it's easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to loving one another in all circumstances--like Jesus does for us--that takes it to another level. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

