

1866

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.)



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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 8, 2016:
Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/ Jn 16:23b-28



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 2

9:00 AM Reyes Family (special intention)

TUESDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM Bautista Family (special intention)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM Chua Family (special intention)

SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 PM Marshall & Mary Pomeroy

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM Catherine Sullivan

10:00 AM Rafael E. Garcia

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John



TUESDAY, MAY 3

4:00 PM First communion rehearsal for those receiving on May 7
—students only

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

4:00 PM First communion rehearsal for those receiving on May 7
—students and parents

THURSDAY, MAY 5

4:00 PM First communion rehearsal for those receiving on May 8
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St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the Muldoon and Carboni families.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 4 at 5PM

Thursday, May 5 at 9AM & 7PM

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.

Women of Faith

Join us for a slide presentation about the beginnings of our parish and the story of Father John P. Ryan who is buried in the sanctuary of the lower church. We will meet outside the lower church **THIS Thursday, May 5, at 7PM**. Our speaker will be Mary Kniaz, member of Women of Faith and of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Interested husbands and children are also invited!



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, May 7.



Rest in Peace

Deacon John J. Mannion

SIXTH 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**

"Nearly all the colored windows in St. John's church, have been placed in position. Large crowds went into the church, yesterday, to view the magnificent oil paintings, and the elaborate windows which are being placed there. All say that they surpass any of the paintings in the churches of the surrounding towns." This news item appeared in the "Milford Daily News" in May 1889, several months before St. John's dedication on September 3rd.

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our many generous benefactors. It is through your generosity that we have been able to help over 300 people since October 1, 2015 (start of our fiscal year). If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call the church at 508-435-3313x207. If you would like to donate, checks can be made out to The St. Vincent de Paul Society and put in the boxes on the walls next to the entrances. Again, many thanks!



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.



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. Thank you to all 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!

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, April 30, Bishop Arthur L. Kennedy, confirmed 97 of our youth. We congratulate them and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey.

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 (hpetrune@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.

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!

MAY 1, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect US, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name." Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits don't come from us. They aren't just for people with certain cheery personalities. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace, and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them. This is a reality that we can contemplate whenever worry or anxiety strike. Whatever may be disturbing our inner peace--whether it be a family feud, some kind of physical suffering, or a difficult decision to make at work or school--we can take comfort in knowing that we can find peace even in the midst of the problem. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus says. But he continues, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." In other words, God doesn't promise to take away the struggle in an instant. But he does promise to give us his peace even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations

