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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:

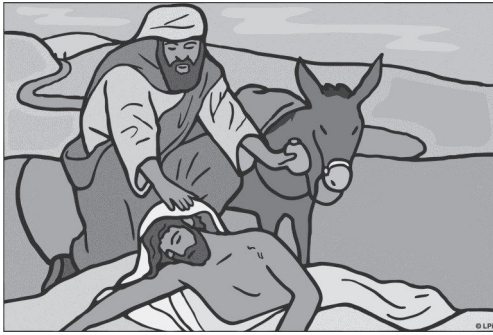
Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

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.)



"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened

to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

"Readings for **NEXT Sunday, July 17, 2016:**
Gn 18:1-10a/ Ps 15:2-5/ Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM John E. Fitzgerald

MONDAY, JULY 11

9:00 AM Theresa Genoa
(one year anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 12

9:00 AM William Rogers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

9:00 AM Carmencita Rodriguez
(memorial birthday)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

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.

SAVE THE DATE: October 23, 2016

150th Anniversary Mass at 10AM. 150th Anniversary Dinner at 2PM. More details to come. Please call the parish office (508-435-3313x203) if you know of any former parishioners who have moved that might like to be notified of the 150th Anniversary Dinner.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, July 16.



Rest in Peace

Christine Warren
Richard Creighton

RUMMAGE SALE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!

We are very grateful for the generosity of all those who donated, purchased, or worked the sale. We had a very hardworking group of women and men who dedicated many hours to this endeavor. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to this big parish project to raise money for the painting of St. John's. **We are very pleased to announce that gross sales totaled over \$25,000!!** A very special THANK YOU to the **Eagle Leasing Company of Southborough** for their donation to the parish of a large storage container to be used by the parish in the collection of donated furniture for the Rummage Sale. We are very grateful to the Eagle Company for their generosity to St. John's. The Rummage Sale committee would also like to thank Fr. Cannon, Mrs. Jeanne Taylor and Dr. Joe and Denise Antaki for making storage available to us. Also we are very grateful to **T.J.'s** in Ashland for the delivery of lunches and the generous portions they prepared and to **Good as Gone Junk Removal** in Westborough for hauling away all the trash that remained at no charge to us.

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep and Debt Reduction

RENEW, RESTORE, REJOICE Comprehensive Campaign Update

The Comprehensive Campaign is off to a strong start on monies collected and projects underway. So far we have painted the upper church side aisles, the Sanctuary and the Narthex, done masonry work on the church exterior, replaced steam pipes in the lower church, seal coated and painted new lines in the parking lot, replaced the lower Sacristy carpet, purchased new chairs and tables for the Parish Center and supported our youth for World Youth Day. Thank you to our generous parishioners for supporting this campaign.

Collection Update

St. John's parishioners have continued to support our regular collections while generously supporting many other initiatives. Over the past three quarters, the "in seat" collections for our Weekly Collection and our Monthly Upkeep and Debt Reduction Collection have totaled \$319,500 or averaged \$35,500 monthly which is down slightly versus the prior year of \$335,600 or an average of \$37,300 monthly. During that period 22% of the contributions were received through our electronic banking system. Please remember that during the summer months we still need your support to pay our bills. Please consider using automatic pay options while you are away. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to **www.stjohnhopkinton.com** and click on **ParishPay**.



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.**

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.

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

What elements in the church are original to the 1889 completion of St. John's? The pews, of course, identified as American chestnut by a knowledgeable parishioner, who considers them invaluable. The 35 stained glass windows, not one of which is identical to another. The organ, whose first row of 1400 pipes retain, we believe, their original colors. Regarding our magnificent stations of the cross, a mystery remains. Have they hung in St. John's from the beginning? The Canning Co., the church restoration company that created a "mock up" of St. John's original design, pointed out, at the time, that the original trim they uncovered was too wide for the size of our present stations. History concurs. A note regarding St. John's interior is preserved in the archdiocesan archives in Braintree. Written October 24, 1917, addressed to the Rev. Chancellor, and signed by Rev. W.E. Keating (pastor of St. John's), it reads as follows: "Dear Sir, I have just erected a set of **new** stations of the cross. . . ." We may never know why the original stations— imported from Germany and "one of the most striking features of the inner church" —were later replaced. (Milford Daily News)

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.

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!



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events in the fall.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

The High School Mission Trip was a huge success! Our students have returned from Appalachia, West Virginia. They had safe travels and much work was done. A big thank you for all the support the students received from the parish. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming presentation the students will be giving about their trip.



Please Consider Teaching St. John's Needs More Catechists

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Many 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 all grades. 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall, elementary students will have the opportunity to sign up for 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, 2:10-3:15PM

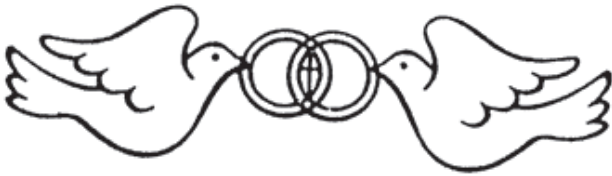
Every grade, 1-6, will have a limited optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability – first-come, first-served. Sign-up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

GRADES 7-10

Grade 7	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 8	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
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 call the Rel. Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208 for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year.

JULY 10, 2016



25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on **September 25th at 11:30AM** and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by September 2 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He replied to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'" In today's Gospel a scholar questions Jesus about how to gain eternal life. In case anyone ever wonders whether heaven is within reach, one only needs to refer to this Gospel. Jesus provides a clear answer that gives us a clear plan of action: We are to love God with all that we are, and also to love our neighbors. Really, it's that simple. The scholar, however, complicated things to make himself look better. Instead of accepting the simplicity of Jesus' instruction, he wanted to split hairs, asking, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the story of the Good Samaritan-and the lesson that our neighbors are not just those we know or love. Rather, our neighbor is the person that needs our help, the person whom we would rather ignore, the person whom God puts in our path. In short, everyone is our neighbor and we are called to treat everyone with mercy. This is part of how we gain eternal life. But this flows from the first element of Jesus' answer. First and foremost, Jesus instructs us to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." When we love God in this way, truly as the Lord of our life, then loving our neighbors becomes the easy part. When our hearts and minds are full of the love of God-who loves all people-then it will necessarily follow that we too will desire to share that love with others and not count the cost. The Good Samaritan is an excellent example of this kind of love. Without hope of repayment, he gave of his time and his money to help the poor victim. But in return, the Samaritan will surely "gain eternal life."

