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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.)



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, July 24, 2016:**
Gn 18:20-32/ Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/ Col 2:12-14/ Lk 11:1-13



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, JULY 18

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM Mary Jane Rogers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM Special Intention for Suharto

FRIDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Special Intention

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Charlotte Marquedant and
Mary Korbey

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.



Rest in Peace

Matthew O'Leary
Sister Marie Michael Ward

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on **ParishPay**. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (435-3313x202).

Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning

You may be wondering about the Archdiocesan pastoral planning process and how it involves St. John's. The Archdiocese, in an effort to maximize the effectiveness of a limited number of priests, has developed a pastoral planning effort titled "Disciples in Mission" which it began to implement in 2012. **This plan is not about closing parishes**, it is about clergy staffing issues and evangelization. Most parishes will team with one or two other parishes to form an administrative group called a collaborative. Each parish in the collaborative will remain a parish and so retain its own canonical status and financial assets. Each parish will remain its own independent financial unit. One pastor will be assigned to each collaborative. The planning efforts will be spread out over seven phases, with each phase taking about a year to implement. This year has seen the implementation of the third phase of "Disciples in Mission." To date of about 300 parishes or so in the Archdiocese, the planning effort has involved 33 collaboratives and 72 parishes. St. John's will eventually become a collaborative with St. Cecilia's in Ashland. At this time St. John's and St. Cecilia's have not been assigned to a particular phase, but the implementation of our collaborative should be sometime within the next five years. **Neither St. John's nor St. Cecilia's will be closing.** "Disciples in Mission" has its own website: disciplesinmission.com for those who would like further information. We will keep you posted on any updates from the Archdiocese in regards to their planning efforts.

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.

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.

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



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

At the time of the Centennial Celebration of the Dedication of St. John's in 1989, no one seemed to remember where in Hopkinton the granite for the church had been quarried. No donator was mentioned in news accounts. Mary Cunningham, 1905-2002, knew better. In 1989 she wrote Fr. Degnan to clarify the facts: the granite for the church had come from the backyard of its donator, Grace Gannon, at 33 Ash Street. Mary was disappointed by the response her letter received. Before she died, she made Paul Rattigan, the great-great grandson of Grace Gannon, promise to tell Grace Gannon's story. This is how Paul tells it. "It appears that the parish members of St. John's had great ambitions to build a beautiful stone church, but found they lacked sufficient financial resources to put their plan into action. It was at this point that they approached one of the parishioners, Grace Gannon, in the hope that they might quarry the rock outcropping behind her home for that purpose. Grace consented. She never received, nor did she ask for, any compensation for the stone, or for the disruption of having an active quarry crew and dynamite explosions occurring regularly in her back yard for such an extended period. According to Mary Cunningham, Grace was poor and could have well used any money to help her children, but instead offered to give generously to the benefit of her town and her Church – except for one day. It was Christmas Day, and the Protestant owners of the quarry company had ordered the mostly Catholic crew to put in a full day's work. Seeing this, Grace marched out her back door and ordered the men to leave her property immediately!"

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.

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 17, 2016

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Martha was caught up in a whirlwind of her own making. She stressed herself out with all the tasks and chores she thought she had to do to host Jesus, but Jesus wasn't the one who expected all of that. He just wanted Martha's presence, her company and friendship. His only expectation was that Martha would prepare for him her heart, but she was fixated on preparing her home instead. How often do we create a similar whirlwind in our lives? How often do we fixate on external details, on making a good impression, on having all appearances looking just so, but forget what really matters? How often do we make ourselves "anxious and worried" about all we think we have to do? In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to stop the frenetic activity of our lives, to pause and listen, imitating Mary "who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. "This can seem impossible. We look at our calendars and our to-do lists and cannot find a single slot in which to squeeze quiet prayer or silent spiritual listening. But Jesus asks us to reorganize our priorities. He tells us, "There is need of only one thing." Really, Jesus? Have you seen our lists!? What can we possibly eliminate? Don't we need to do all of this? The Lord says no. What we need to do is to make time to be with him. The same Lord who turned water into wine and fed five thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fish can also multiply our time. So instead of being like Martha who tried to tell Jesus what to do-"Tell her to help me"-let's be like Mary who listened to what Jesus had to say

