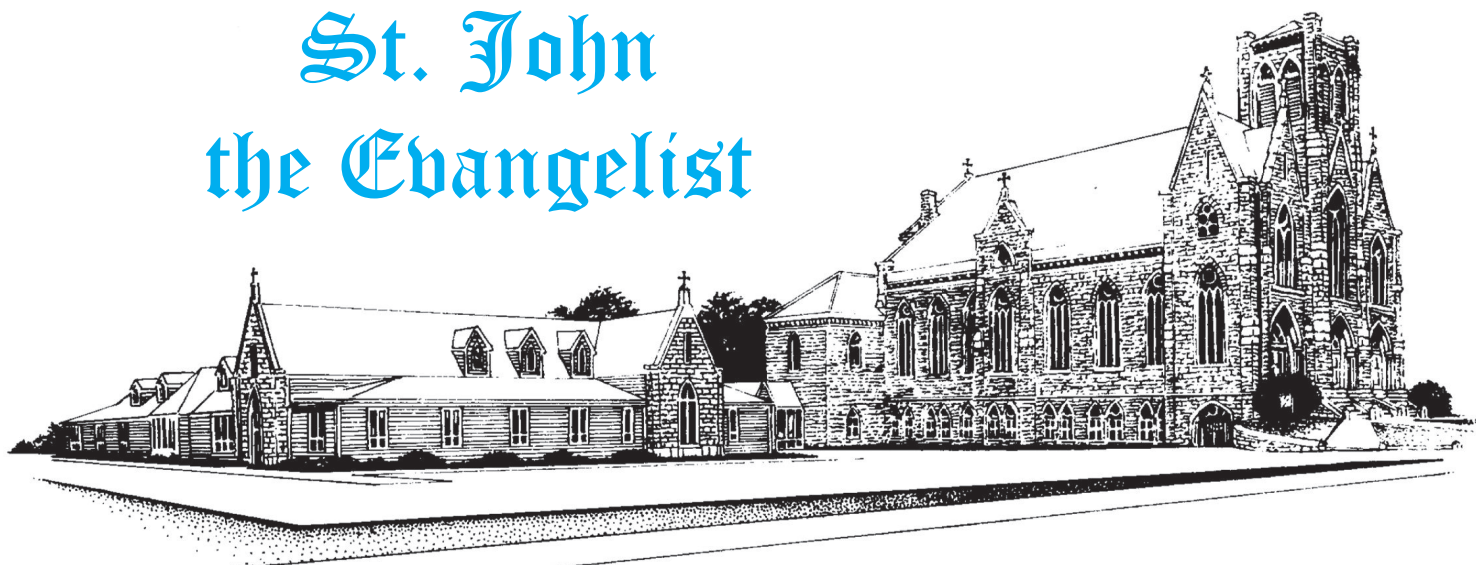


1866

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

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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.)



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"
- Lk 10:8-9

"Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 10, 2016:
Dt 30:10-14/ Ps 19:8-11/ Col 1:15-20/ Lk 10:25-37

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 2

5:00 PM Doreen Ball-DiFazio
(month's mind)

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, JULY 4

9:00 AM Joseph H. Murray

TUESDAY, JULY 5

9:00 AM Ray Benoit

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9:00 AM Todd Carey

SUNDAY, JULY 10

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

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.

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



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!!**

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. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. To join, please go to www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on **ParishPay**. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (435-3313x202).

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.



FOURTEENTH 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.**

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

The painted images that once filled the panels in the nave disappeared when the church was re-decorated fifty years ago. In the sanctuary, the brass altar rail, the original pulpit and the "book-stand," both trimmed with brass and set with "precious stones," as well as the Sanctuary Lamp—"a column of glittering crystals"—all disappeared, but many elements of the original design of St. John the Evangelist remain to this day. The stained glass windows over the sanctuary and the "high" altar in the back with its niches containing the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child and St. Joseph are original to 1889. All the sanctuary murals are the original ones, though they were nearly lost in 1933 when St. John's pastor, Rev. Gately, reported them as in "deplorable" condition and asked the Archbishop permission to replace them. The original floor covering in the sanctuary was a "rich, red color," not unlike the color of the current carpet. Those who have attended "Exposition," in which the Consecrated Host is exposed in a monstrance for adoration, will be interested to know that our monstrance was a gift of Mary Mullins at the time of the church's dedication in 1889.

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!



Teachers, Grade Coordinators & Children's Liturgy Leaders

After all is said and done, it does ***not*** make much difference which curriculum, how many DVD's, or how many square feet of floor space per student, if we have not recognized that the most critical factor determining the success of religious education is the teacher, the catechist, or Children's Liturgy leader. Catechists do what no curriculum or media resource will ever be able to do – smile, laugh, relate, show interest and surprise, love, forgive, cry, pray, shout, whisper and have the ability to inform, form and transform their students' lives. To change their lives forever, that is what a catechist can do for a student. **For all the lives you have touched, changed and made fall in love with God, WE THANK YOU! Our parish is truly blessed to have each and every one of 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 3, 2016

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling
camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and
damps
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring
lamps
His day is marching on.
Chorus

Life, Liberty,
★ ★ ★ ★
and the pursuit of
Happiness
★ ©LPI

Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are
created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with
certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life,
Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United
States Declaration of Independence. However, are these
words held with the same reverence around the world as
they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many
places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to
practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human
by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the
world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.
Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from
slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people
should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate
their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found
you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will
thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom
of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom
to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for
humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear
and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from
sin and death through the wood of the cross. Amen.