

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

E-Mail: rec55xp@outlook.com

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.)



"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 25, 2016:
Am 6:1a, 4-7/ Ps 146:7-10/ 1Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31

Mass + Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM David Bilodeau
(10 year anniversary)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00 PM Teacher training Gr. 1, 3-6
New teachers
4:00 PM Teacher training Gr. 1, 3-6
Returning teachers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 PM Grade 10 teacher meeting, Rm. 3

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM Grade 2 parents & students

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

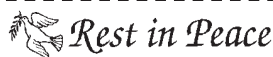
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday** from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church. All are welcome.

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.

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, September 24.



Robert Fairbanks

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

2nd collection **THIS** weekend will benefit The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust



**St. John the Evangelist
150th Anniversary**

**Please join us in celebrating
150 years of faith on
Sunday, October 23, 2016**

MASS

MASS: 10AM Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal O'Malley

RECEPTION: Immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center

DINNER

LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel
11 Beaver Street, Milford, Mass.

TIME: 2pm Social hour, 3PM Dinner

TICKET PRICE: Adults \$40,
Children (12 & under) \$20

Tickets will be available for sale after Masses. You may also purchase tickets by contacting:

Parish office (508) 435-3313
Louise Donahue (508) 435-6077
Mary Morrissey (508) 435-4909
Mary McRobert (508) 435-3318

Tickets must be purchased by October 1, 2016.

Blessing of Animals

God has done all things wisely,

let us praise his name, now and forever. Amen

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited Sunday, October 2, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 15 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Coffee and donuts will be served for this joyful occasion. We hope you will join us!

Altar Server Training

For all young people, grade 4 and older, who would like to be altar servers, an instruction will be held on **Saturday, September 24, at 11AM, in the upper church.** If you are unable to attend this training, please call the parish office and leave your name, telephone number, and email and we will contact you to make alternative arrangements.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.**

St. John's Fleece Jackets

Fleece jackets with a St. John the Evangelist emblem are available for order **through September 30**. Try on for size and choose color and style in the lower church area after all Masses. The jackets are \$40 each and payment is due at the time of order. Checks should be made payable to St. John's.

World Youth Day (WYD) Poland Appreciation Mass for Parishioners

Our 12 young adults would like to thank everyone for your support of our WYD fundraising efforts. With all of your help, our pilgrimage was an enormous success! Our young adults would like to show their appreciation by hosting the **10AM Family Mass NEXT Sunday, September 25**. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to participate in a "WYD Service" including music, lectors, greeters and farewell wishers. We would like to have the opportunity to say thank you to everyone. After the service, we will be hosting the coffee hour featuring a slide show from our trip with a question and answer session. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

MUSTARD SEED

The St. John's Mustard Seed soup kitchen workers thank you for your generosity. We were able to prepare and serve 200 delicious meals of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, string beans, dinner rolls and dessert on Friday, August 26. All were very thankful. We could not do this without your help. We purchased 50 pounds of ground beef, 15 pounds of ground pork, 35 pounds of vegetables along with all the other fixings to prepare the meal. Please continue to help us as we prepare to serve another meal on Friday, September 30, and the last Friday of each month all year.

WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

The 2016-2017 AGAPE gatherings begins **THIS Saturday, September 24, from 5-7PM** at the Petruney home, 24 Smith Road, Hopkinton. We are looking forward to seeing the many high schoolers who attended our monthly sessions last year and are eager to welcome many NEW faces! Agape (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a new Catholic faith group of teens in grades 9-12 that meets once a month to discuss issues facing the culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith through fun activities, videos and small group discussions. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or joining us on September 24th please RSVP to Linda Lane (lindalane13@verizon.net) Heather Petruney (hpetrune@verizon.net) or Meg Gaughan (gaughan1family@gmail.com).



HS/Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. See you all in the fall!



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

Service coordinator needed for Grade 10. Please contact Debbie at dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

GRADES 1-6 CATECHIST STILL NEEDED

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Thanks to the people who have recently offered to teach, we now only have needs in the following grades:

Grade 3 still needs 1 catechist to share a class.

Please call Carol for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x209). Our students need **all** of us to grow in the faith.

GRADE 9 CONFIRMATION

Letters have gone out to all Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates. Opening Confirmation meeting is **Monday, October 17, 7-8PM** in the Parish Center. At least one parent and the candidate are asked to attend this meeting. If you are new to the parish and would like to enroll in this program, please call the Religious Ed. Office (435-3313x208, Debbie).

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

Letters have gone out to all Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates. Opening Confirmation class is **Sunday, October 16, 5:00-7:15PM** in the Parish Center. This class/meeting is for students only. If you are new to the parish and would like to enroll in this program, please call the Religious Ed. Office (435-3313x208, Debbie).

Children's Liturgy of the Word Needs

Thank you to all who responded to our needs.

- Two leaders are needed for a twice-per-month commitment.
 - Six assistant leaders are needed for a twice-per-month commitment.
 - Substitute Liturgy leaders are always needed.
- If you can help or want to learn more, call or email Carol Zani at 508-435-3313x209 or czanistjn@verizon.net.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish:
Stories from Our Past

Sometimes he is recorded as Michael "Rafferty," sometimes as "Rafferty," or "Raferty." Gail Clifford of Hopkinton's historical society doesn't worry: numerous spellings of the same last name appear frequently in genealogy. This is the story of Michael Raferty/Rafferty/Rafferty who donated the sixth window on the left side facing the sanctuary of St John's. According to an 1865 census, he was born in Ireland in 1823. In early census records, Michael, a farmer with six children, lives on Proctor Street. Michael knew Hopkinton when its few Catholics struggled to receive the sacraments in Milford. His memories of the famous 1849 meeting at which he and 22 Catholics resolved to build the first Catholic church in Hopkinton are recorded in an 1890 Middlesex County history. He attended St. Malachy, our first Catholic church, for the 15 years while it was still without a resident pastor. He became familiar with our first pastor, Fr. Barry; he watched Hopkinton become an industrial town and witnessed its influx of Irish immigrants. Michael welcomed Fr. Ryan's arrival, contributed to the building of St. John's, and walked in Fr. Ryan's funeral procession. He weathered Hopkinton's 'Great Fire' and economic slump and welcomed Fr. Murphy in 1885. Finally, on September 3, 1889, he sat alongside over 1,000 hard-working parishioners like himself beneath the vaulted ceiling of St. John's on its glorious dedication day. A dream come true. Michael's name is with us still, inscribed on the window he donated.

American Red Cross
Hopkinton Community Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Friday, September 23, 2016, 1-6PM
St. John's Parish Center

For an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (723-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. All presenting donors will receive a Cumberland Farms lunch voucher and have the chance to win 2 Boston Red Sox Tickets and to be honored on the field as the Blood Donor of the Game. For official rules of entry, visit redcrossblood.org/2016/BDOG. Walk-ins welcome! Appointments preferred! Please bring a positive ID!

SPECIAL PEOPLE'S FIELD DAY

The Ashland/Hopkinton Council (Bishop Rice #4822) of the Knights of Columbus is hosting its Annual Special People's Field Day **NEXT Sunday, September 25**, at 1PM at the Ashland Fish and Game on Ponderosa Road in Ashland. This free event is for the Special People in our community and is a day of fun activities including sporting activities, games, and pony rides. We will have a barbeque lunch and ice cream at approximately 3PM. All attendees will get a T-shirt and medal of appreciation. Please contact Chris Alicandro (chris.alicandro@comcast.net or 617-335-6688) for more details on the event or the Knights of Columbus.

