

#### 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 508-435-3313x201 rec55xp@outlook.com

#### **DEACON**

Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso 508-435-3313x206 asicuso@stjohnhopkinton.com

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Carol Zani, 1-6 Debbie Lysik, 7-10 Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

#### **PARISH CENTER**

Maureen Belger, Manager 508-435-3313x210 parishhallstjn@gmail.com

#### **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

### **HOLYDAY 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 bkenney@stjohnhopkinton.com 508-435-3313x214

### PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

## ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help, please call: 508-435-3313x207



"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:41-43a

**Readings for NEXT Sunday, July 30, 2017**: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-46



**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

5:00 PM David and Kevin Beattie

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM John Dudley 6:30 PM Mary McLaughlin

**TUESDAY, JULY 25** 

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 29

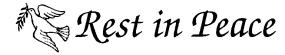
5:00 PM Bill McRobert

**SUNDAY, JULY 30** 

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Joseph Villani

6:30 PM Eugene (Geno) Spinosa



Fr. Peter Scagnelli Jeanne Arbour Ralph G. Edwards, Sr.

## Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will be celebrating Mass with us NEXT Sunday, July 30, at 10AM. The Mission Apostolate group here at St. John's has worked with Father Henault for many years. We invite you to join us in celebrating Mass and also invite you afterward in the lower church to catch up with Fr. John. In addition to his many other missionary duties in Gonaives Haiti, Father Henault has been working with people who have Hansen's Disease (leprosy). After persistent efforts, father has opened a local clinic in Gonaives and has finally received permission from the government for that clinic to treat people with Hansen's disease. At the young age of 81, father continues to assist local residents and act as chaplain for the local Sisters of Charity that work with terminally ill patients. The funds that we at St. John's send, help fulfill Christ's work of compassion for and healing of the sick while spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. Anyone wishing to make a donation over the coming weeks can place it in an envelope marked for Fr. Henault in the collection basket or mail it to St. John's Parish, Global Mission Apostolate, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

**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.

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.

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, July 29.

## St. John's St. Vincent De Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.



## 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.

## Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet through song! With beautiful music and meditations on God's mercy throughout salvation history by Jeff Cavins, you'll be inspired to sing with all your heart. Written and performed by Vicki Kueppers and featuring special guest Darren Rust. Orchestrations by Steven C. Anderson. For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Center hallway.

## **DIGNITY MATTERS**

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are DESPERATELY needed. Please donate: bras-new and gently used; female underpants-new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.

## **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 any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (508-435-3313x202).

## **MOVING?**

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) 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.

## **TRAVELING?**

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out <a href="https://www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a> from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.



# High School/Middle School Youth Group

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday**, **September 27**, **at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. Have a great summer! See you all in the fall!



# **Please Consider Teaching**

## St. John's Needs More Catechists, Gr. 1-6

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. for grades 1-6 next year. Some of them will teach as a team on alternating weeks. Others will teach together every week. We need teachers for grades 1-6. 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.

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.

## 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, 2:15-3:15PM

**Every grade, 1-6**, will have a <u>limited</u> 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 7-1 0**

Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9 Grade 10	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

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against. As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us. "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

