

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH CENTER

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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
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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



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 27, 2017:
Is 22:19-23/ Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Scott Casassa
6:30 PM Brad Canty

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 AM Robert Christopher Ovian

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 AM Brad Canty

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Brad Canty (month's mind)

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, August 26.

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep and Maintenance

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.

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).

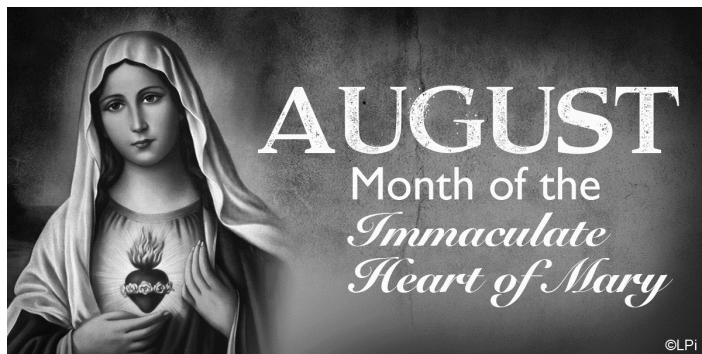
MOVING?

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 www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

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.



Rest in Peace

Frank E. Ruccia



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.

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.**

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.

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.

St. Cecilia's Indoor Flea Market

Saturday, September 16, 9AM-4PM and Sunday, September 17, 9AM-1PM at St. Cecilia Parish Family Center, 54 Esty Street, Ashland. Donated items may be dropped off in the Family Center from August 1 to September 13. Please no clothing, shoes or electronics (including televisions). If the Family Center is closed, items may be dropped off on the rectory porch. Please call to make arrangements—the Religious Ed. Office (508-881-1531) or the rectory (508-881-1107) if you have large items such as furniture that will need to be stored in the rectory garage.

GRADES 1-6 CATECHISTS 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 1 needs 1 catechist
- Grade 2 needs 2 catechists
- Grade 3 needs 3 catechists
- Grade 4 needs 2 catechists
- Grade 5 needs 1 catechist
- Grade 6 needs 1 catechist

Please call us for more information or to say that you will teach (508-435-3313x208). Our students need **all** of us to grow in the faith.

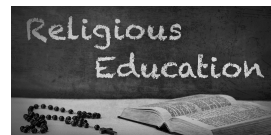


HS/Middle School Youth Group

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!

High School Youth Group

Our High School Mission Trip to the Adirondacks, New York, was a huge success. The students and their chaperones had safe travels, much work was done and a difference was made. The H.S. Youth Group will host a coffee hour on **Sunday, September 10, after the 10AM Mass** and would like to say thank you for the parish's support. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have for them. Stop by the parish center after the 10AM Mass and meet these awesome students and adult leaders.



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 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

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| 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 (5-7:15PM) once a month |

August 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Today's reading ends well. Jesus praises the Canaanite woman's faith and heals her daughter. But before this pleasant conclusion, we have the difficult scene between the woman and the Lord. First, he ignores her request, then he responds by talking about not throwing the food of children to dogs. Was this really as cruel as it sounds to our modern ears? No. This is one of those passages where it is essential to understand the historical context. Jesus was not leveling a terrible insult at this particular woman. He was referring to a cultural reality of the day. Jesus was ministering outside of Jewish territory. This woman was a gentile of the region, not a member of the Jewish people. Thus, she belonged to the culture that worshipped idols and did not follow the Jewish rituals of cleanliness. Because of these practices, the Jews referred to Gentiles as "unclean dogs." This woman, however, proved herself as worthy as the Jewish "children" at the table of the Lord. The Jews received God's blessing because they believed in God. This woman proved that she did too. She was also a believer who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, calling him, "Lord, Son of David!" And Jesus responded in the end by treating her as one of his children, granting her request. We too live in a culture that is more and more ignorant of the true God. We are surrounded by idols of all kinds, and by practices that are hardly clean. Like the Canaanite woman, we need the courage to be countercultural. Even when secular society might mock us, may we be willing, like this humble woman of the Gospel, to profess our faith with passion and persistence.



Live4Evan Run & Fun Fest

The 5th Annual Live4Evan Run & Fun Fest will be held on **Saturday, September 9**, at the Hopkinton High School from **9AM-Noon**. The Run & Fun Fest kicks off at 9AM with its USA Track & Field certified **Evan Girardi Memorial 5K Road Race and 3 Mile Heart Walk** starting at EMC Park in Hopkinton. These events are followed by the **Live Fun Cornhole Tourney and Live Tough Challenge Course** both beginning at 9:30AM on Field 9 of the high school. Throughout the Fun Fest there will be plenty of fun, food, vendors, and live music provided by the Cape's famous "The Boston Naturals". All proceeds go the organization's mission of supporting families of children with heart disease and its vision of creating a world where children receive care with family by their side. For more information about the organization, the event, registration or to donate, please visit <http://www.live4evan.org>.