

St. John the Evangelist



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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.

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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

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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



Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26b-27

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 15, 2018:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ 1Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48



SATURDAY, APRIL 7

5:00 PM For the conversion of sinners

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Robert C. Ovian
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM Todd Carey

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM Amy Altman

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 AM Judy and Bernie Loell
(living intention)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:00 PM John Fahey (10 year anniversary)
Tom McIntyre (1 year anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Edward & Alice O'Leary
6:30 PM John Beale



SUNDAY, APRIL 8

5:00 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, APRIL 9

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

4:15 PM Grades 3 and 5
6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 16 **MASS WILL BE AT 8AM**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, April 14.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 28
First Communions.....May 5, May 12, May 13
Ascension Thursday.....May 10



Rest in Peace

John M. Eaton
John Genewicz

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 8)

MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

1:30-3:30 PM

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

Your Offertory Dollars at Work

As a review, the following is a list of the significant work that has been done at St. John's throughout the summer and fall of 2017 and the beginning of 2018. The projects were paid for by the parish's Capital Campaign and the monthly Maintenance & Upkeep collection.

The upper church:

Northside stairwell and upper loft	\$12,300
Southside upper loft	11,600
Middle, behind the organ	7,800
(The upper loft area had suffered from severe water damage over the years).	
Wall and ceiling area on upper church nave	100,000
New sound system	25,000
Lower ceiling beneath the choir loft	\$6,300
Exterior windows, upper and lower church	
Including waterproofing (grouting).	\$17,350

Parish Hall:

Exterior painting and side board repair \$27,600

Lower church hall area painting: \$12,000

We thank you for your extraordinary generosity enabling us to complete these projects.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 John 5: 1-6; John 20:19-31

This evening the Octave of Easter ends; but the Easter Liturgical Season continues to Pentecost. We celebrate through Lent, Easter, and the Easter Season that Jesus lived, died and rose for all of us (past, present, and future, until the end of time). In today's Gospel, even as Thomas (because he has seen) acknowledges Jesus' resurrection and divinity ("My Lord and my God"), Jesus blesses all who are to come who believe without having seen. By His life, death and resurrection he has given us the assurance of His mercy, and the sure and certain hope of salvation...if we accept those gifts. How then shall we live?

As we cultivate our gardens and lawns in the springtime, in this liturgical spring cultivate through Word and Eucharist the insights with which we have been blessed during these most holy days; and make every day holy. Allow the Light of God to give us energy, as the sun does for our Spring plantings. Embrace the inevitable clouds, because as the rains help plants to grow, by the grace of God our spiritual rainy days will help us to grow. Though we are all individuals, live as a community of believers that helps one another to grow in Faith. Finally, rejoice for "His mercy endures forever."

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thanks!

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.

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.**

Women's Group

Women of St. John's meet in the church library on the **first and third Tuesday mornings of each month from 10-11AM**. A group also meets monthly on the **first Wednesday evening from 7-8PM** in the church library. Both groups discuss a chapter of our current text, "That Nothing May Be Lost," followed by prayer in the lower church. Please feel free to drop in. No commitment is necessary and it is not necessary to have read the text beforehand. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kniaz (508-380-2358 or maryskniaz@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

Daughters of St. Paul book sale: **Sunday, April 21** after Masses.

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.



I. Brett Pahigiannis & Laura Casavant

High School Youth Group

Mission Trip

Our Mission Trip is now full! Please pray for the 100 students and adults that will be attending the trip to Houston June 24-29.

Next Youth Group Meeting: April 29 at 7:15 PM in the lower church. All youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 20, 6:30 PM

Parents and high school seniors are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Mass followed by dinner in the Parish Center. Invitations to come.

Food for Families

Luke 3:11 And he answered them "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." On **Saturday and Sunday, April 14th and 15th**, the Knights of Columbus Ashland/Hopkinton council will be collecting food for its annual "Food for Families" drive. This program is targeted at helping local families at this critical time of year when supplies are running low, yet the need is great. Food will be donated to Project Just Because Food Pantry of Hopkinton for local distribution. Shopping bags with a list of needed items will be distributed the week prior and collection boxes will be at the rear of the church all weekend long. Frequently needed items include canned meat, fruit, vegetables, meals, juice bottles and boxes, school snack items, paper products, laundry detergent, toiletries, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Please Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the following seriously ill young people in need of healing: Anthony Khalife, Brody McDermott, and Sam Buttara. Please also pray for our parishioner, Evan Brooks, who along with his National Guard unit, is deployed in the Middle East. Please keep Evan, the members of his unit, and their families in your prayers.

PALLIATIVE CARE AND ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Worried about your aging parents? Know someone who has recently received a distressing diagnosis? Have concerns about obtaining the end of life care you desire for yourself or someone you love? Join us in a presentation and discussion entitled "Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning" **on Monday, April 23 at 7PM**, outside the lower church. Please consider joining us beforehand in the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30PM in the lower church. The presentation will be given by Diane McCarthy, Archdiocesan Parish Education Coordinator.

SPRING CLEANING? DECLUTTERING? DOWNSIZING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. Drop off dates will be announced soon!

APRIL 8, 2018



On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina's diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy."

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

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