

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Carol Zani, 1-6
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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



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, August 26, 2018:**

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

5:00 PM Jeffrey East (one year anniversary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Robert C. Ovia

6:30 PM Scott Casassa

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM Elizabeth & Peter Daley
and Elaine Daley (for healing)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Amy Altman

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Maureen McIntyre

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 PM Gail Belmore (month's mind)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, August 25.

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

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 "LPI" under "make an offering" in the lower right hand corner of the page. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (508-435-3313x202).

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.

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.



Please Remember in Prayer

Please pray for Anthony Khalife and Brody McDermott, seriously ill young people in need of healing. 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.

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.



III. Ryan Lynch & Heidi Bernier



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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.

Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will be celebrating Mass with us **THIS Sunday, August 19, 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 to the lower church to catch up with Fr. John. Father Henault's latest project in Gonaives, Haiti is to outfit the St. Damian Clinic he started to treat people who have Hansen's Disease (leprosy). So far, the new clinic has completed treatment on 121 patients and currently has 21 patients who are actively being treated. In order to make the clinic more self-sufficient, there is need to purchase a blood analyzer, centrifuge, rotator, auto clave and other necessary medical and laboratory equipment in addition to the need to hire a full-time technician to run the equipment and perform the testing. Additionally, the clinic will make this testing capability available to the Sisters of Charity hospice nearby who must currently send out specimens for testing to a distant laboratory at great cost. At the young age of 82, 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' Parish, Global Mission Apostolate, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

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.

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.



High School Youth Group

The High School mission trip to Houston, Texas, 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 16, after the 10AM Mass** and they 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.

HS/MS Youth Group

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. We hope to see you at the meeting!



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:** We hope to have classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for grades 3-5 in the hope that we have teachers for those days. Please stay tuned.

- **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

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

Grade 1 Parents

We anticipate about 50 new registrations for first grade. At this time, we are looking for volunteers to work with groups of 8-10 children. There's training and lots of support. Please call the office to learn more (508-435-3313x208 or x209).

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CROSS ROADS

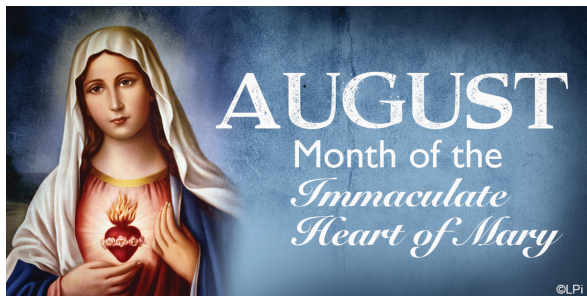
By Deacon Tony

**Proverbs 9: 1-6; Psalm 34: 2-7; Ephesians 5: 15-20;
John 6: 51-58**

Today Saint Paul, as usual, gets right to the heart of the matter. To paraphrase, he tells the people of his time that they live in evil times. He tells them to forsake ignorance, and to try to understand the Lord's will. He tells them not to be involved in drunkenness, because it often leads to other problems. We too, all of us on this planet, live in the midst of evil (whether it be abortion, crime, soft or hard persecution of Christianity, genocide, human trafficking, etc.). We too need to take Paul's direction to heart.

So, let me be blunt. Ignorance can be cured by study. We each have a responsibility to educate ourselves: take time to read the Catechism and Holy Scripture. Do not dull your senses with worldly excesses that can hurt you (body mind and soul), make you less receptive to the Holy Spirit, and thereby make it more difficult to understand the Lord's will for you. Instead make room for the Spirit and His gift of wisdom; discern what the Lord wants you to do; pray; sit before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; give praise and thanks to God for everything.

Most crucial of all, Jesus promised that, if you eat His body and drink his blood, you will remain in Him, and He in you. The Eucharist will strengthen and heal you; and fill you with the Holy Spirit. You will be able to say with the psalmist, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears." Our eternity is at stake. For all of us, including me, it would be **wise** to do what the Lord and Paul tell us to do.



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