

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

Brendan Kenney
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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



"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 24, 2019:
 1Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
 1Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:00 PM William L. Ripley and
 Jane (Ripley) Chiampa

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM Vanda Cavatorta

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Valerie Eagan (living birthday)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 AM Maureen McIntyre

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Eileen O'Brien

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Steve Aitken
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17—WINTER VACATION
 CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 21
 Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 27

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, February 23.

COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by The Desrochers Family.

CROSS ROADS By Deacon Tony

Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalm 1: 1-4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Today's readings remind us we are called to give our entire beings lovingly to the Lord. Thus, we are called to be Christlike. Today's readings are a basic blueprint of how to be Christlike, and how to live lives that are truly happy here, but which prepare us for eternal happiness with the Lord, in effect, how to become saints. Even if not canonized, we are called to be saints none the less.

Trust in the Lord solidly roots us to the spiritual nourishment we need to be as free as possible from fear and distress, even in the face of worldly problems. Delight in, and adherence to the law of the Lord fortifies us and gives us the nourishment to be fruitful. Faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ opens the door of our hearts to the salvation Christ won for us so that we may be raised to be with him. The Beatitudes in today's gospel are a warning that love of, and attachment to the things of this world is futile. Such attachments can damage our attachment to the love of God, the love that opens us up to the plight of those who suffer from want, persecution, ridicule, and to the possibility of being ridiculed and persecuted ourselves for our faith.

Consider how Christ lived. Christ gave up everything for us, including his life. We are called to give everything to him. Consider also how saints live and die, what they do, what they say, how they pray, how they care for others, what they give up, and at times what they suffer. The Lord wants each of us to be happy in earthly life, but not to be so attached to it that we ignore the things we need to do to be happy with him in eternity. Lent begins in a little over two weeks from now. We must consider what each of us needs to do, and what attachments each of us needs to break to be more and more Christlike. As is often said on EWTN radio, "Be a saint. What else is there?"

Faith Formation Coordinator

We have an employment opening for a dynamic part-time Faith Formation Coordinator who will be responsible for Grades 1-6 (approximately 300 students). Prior experience preferred. Please see our website: stjohnhopkinton.com for more details.

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.



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.

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.

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.**

How to Share Your Faith with Anyone by Terry Barber

Recent popes have challenged all Catholics to participate in the New Evangelization. But most Catholics feel ill-equipped to take up the challenge. Terry Barber, founder of St. Joseph Communications, has written a practical guide that takes much of the pain and uncertainty out of sharing one's faith. Based on Barber's decades of personal experience as an effective evangelist and masterful communicator, and drawing on the perceptions, examples, and lessons of other great evangelists and apologists, *How to Share Your Faith with Anyone* informs, entertains, and inspires would-be, as well as, seasoned evangelists and teachers. Barber uses clear examples and insightful stories to explain such topics as:

- What evangelization is
- Why Catholics often don't evangelize
- Preparing to be an evangelist
- The eight laws of effectively sharing the faith with anyone
- Jesus the perfect Evangelizer
- The heart of evangelization
- How to share your personal testimony

Barber explains how to bring people to Christ and to his Church without compromise or conflict. This is a superb, easy-to-follow playbook for the New Evangelization.

For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Center hallway.



Middle School Youth Group

Service Project: Preparing Easter bags for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen, **Friday, March 22, 11:30AM-1PM**. More info to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, March 3 at 7:15PM in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SATURDAY, March 16

Mystery All-Nighter. More details to follow.

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, April 6, at 6PM

This is the one fundraiser the High School Youth Group does. The money helps defray costs to our students and chaperones for many of the various activities, including the mission trip.



WEATHER NOTICE

Any time the Hopkinton Public School District cancels school due to weather conditions, St. John's Religious Education Classes will also be canceled.



SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Roar: Life is Wild and God is Good!

Monday, July 8, through Friday, July 12, 2019

9AM-Noon at St. John's Parish Hall

4 year-olds to 5th graders (as of Fall 2019)

\$75/child

Have fun learning music, doing crafts, hearing Bible stories, playing games, and watching video clips all about how God is good! The first 75 elementary-aged children and 15 four year-olds with completed online signup, physical, and registration fee paid will be registered. Online registration can be accessed under the ministry tab on the St. John's Parish website: www.stjohnhopkinton.com.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

The St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, which was prayed for decades after every Mass throughout the Catholic world, up until 1964, will be resumed at St. John's after all the Masses: the spiritual and moral renewal of the Church warrants it. The prayer reminds us that there is an intelligent force of evil we call Satan or the Devil that actively seeks the ruin of souls (1Peter 5:8). This prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, also reminds us that spiritual warfare is a part of our Christian journey and further reminds us of our duty to engage in this essential struggle. We also make an appeal to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for special help and protection, as well as an invocation to St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
by the Power of God –
cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

--Pope Leo XIII

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us.

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P. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
R. Pray for us.

P. Good Saint Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

P. St. John the Evangelist,
R. Pray for us.

