

# 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.

### **PASTOR**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Carol Zani, 1-6  
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### **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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### **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 devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 17, 2019:  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]  
Phil 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

5:00 PM Desiree White

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00 AM Bruce M. Goodnow

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

9:00 AM Billy Moldovan

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy (living birthday)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 AM Amy Altman

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

9:00 AM Edward Murray  
and Matthew O'Leary

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

8:00 AM Special Intention

5:00 PM Ken Zino, Sr.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

8:00 AM Tim Sullivan

10:00 AM Maureen McIntyre  
and Eileen O'Brien

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

4:15 PM Grades 1 & 2

**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, March 16.**



*Rest in Peace*

Ernest Knot

**COFFEE HOUR**

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by St. John's High School Youth Ministry Group.

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

**Catholic Appeal**

**Thank you for your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal.** Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. **For those still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available in the back of the Church or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view a video about the Appeal.** Thank you!

**St. Patrick's Day**

At all Masses **NEXT** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after Mass.

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **Monday, March 18, 6:30-7:30PM, Monday, April 8, 6:30-7:30PM, Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8PM, and on Holy Saturday, April 20, 2-3PM.**

**Lenten Prayer Service**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Lenten evening of prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Thursday, March 28.** More details to come.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday evening beginning at **7PM.** Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**LENTEN SCHEDULE****DAILY MASS (lower church)**

MONDAY—WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

**ROSARY (lower church)**

MONDAY—WEDNESDAY 8:35 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:35 AM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

**RECONCILIATION (lower church)**

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM

MONDAY, March 18 6:30-7:30 PM

MONDAY, April 8, 6:30-7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, April 17 6:30-8:00 PM

SATURDAY, April 20 2:00-3:00 PM.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### **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.

### **SOUP AND STATIONS**

All are invited to join us in fellowship and a light meal followed by Stations of the Cross, on the following Fridays during Lent. Soup, bread, and drinks are provided for adults, and a kid-friendly meal is also provided. Join us at **6PM** in the Parish Center for the meal, and at **7PM** in the upper church for stations, Hosted by:

March 22: Children's Choir

March 29: Knights of Columbus

April 5: STATIONS ONLY at 7PM, no meal

### **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.

### **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, March 30th and 31st**, 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. The Project Just Because Food Pantry of Hopkinton needs your help! 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 brushes, etc. Thank you for your continued 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.**



### **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 31, at 7:15PM** in the church hall. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

#### **Mystery All-Nighter: Saturday, March 16**

Calling all High School Youth: Looking for a fun night out? Join us for our Mystery All-Nighter on **Saturday, March 16**. We will meet at the church at **4:15PM** and travel to 2 mystery locations, including dinner. We will return to the church around midnight. You may choose to be picked up then or hang out with games, music, food, and fun until 6AM. The cost for this is \$70, check payable to St. John's Youth Group. St. John's permission slip linked in the sign up. Hand in permission slip and money to Religious Ed door slot or Mrs. Fairbanks in room 215 at the High School by Wednesday, March 13.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/MysteryNight2019> Questions? Email: [stjohnythmin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com)

#### **HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser**

Fundraiser Dinner: A Feast for Philly on **Saturday, April 6**, from 6-10PM at the church hall. All-You-Can-Eat Pasta dinner. \$10pp. Tickets on sale after Masses March 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and at Coffee Hour on March 10. Live music, drawings, silent auction, 50/50, friends, and fun. 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.

### **EASTER BAG DONATIONS**

St. John's Middle School Youth Group will be putting together Easter Goody Bags for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen. Please consider donating an item or two such as individually wrapped Easter candy, small toys or games, books, stuffed animals, trading cards, card games, coloring supplies, arts and craft supplies, gift cards in small amounts, hair accessories, or toothbrushes to this worthy service project. Donations can be put in the box outside the Rel. Ed. Office.



### **First Communion Retreats**

Please pray for the 73 children and their families who will attend their retreat at the end of this month to learn more about the Mass and the Eucharist, and create a banner for their pew for their First Holy Communion Mass in May.

### **Personal Safety Curriculum**

#### **Personal Safety & Keeping Children Safe**

The schedule for your child's grade indicates the dates these lessons will be taught. The lessons are available for viewing and questions any time—just ask Carol Zani.

**MARCH 10, 2019**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-15; Romans 10: 8-13; Luke 4: 1-3**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit went into the desert for forty days, where he would pray and fast. He would be tempted to abandon his mission, the salvation of mankind. Jesus resisted, and rebuked the devil. Lent is forty days, and we too are prompted by the Spirit to enter our own desert for detachment from the things of this world, for repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-discipline. We too are tempted to abandon our Baptismal mission to renounce Satan and his empty promises; and to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another.

It is written that the devil departed from Jesus "...for a time." That implies that the devil will be back at some point for another try, perhaps when Jesus was abandoned by his disciples, or during the horrible agonies that would follow his arrest. The devil will return for us as well, when we are feeling weak, distressed, lonely, in pain, tired, fearful, over confident, or prideful. But today's readings tell us of the times the Lord has saved his people from affliction, and oppression. They tell us that if we hope and trust in the Lord, as Jesus did, and if we proclaim Jesus as Lord, and believe in his resurrection, we can be freed from sin's oppression.

Don't be discouraged by lapses, failures and weakness. Trust in the graces of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Use them. "When I am powerless, it is then that I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12: 10). While following other Lenten observances, also "...put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received" (1 Peter 4: 10). Let us persevere in our mission.

**Pro Family Lobby Day in Massachusetts**

**Massachusetts Family Institute** <http://www.mafamily.org> is sponsoring "Lobby Day" on Beacon Hill on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** in support of Pro Life and Family Initiatives. The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus (Hopkinton/Ashland) invites parishioners to attend. Bus transportation will be provided from St. John's and parking is available in the rear of the parish center. Please contact Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or via e-mail at [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net) to reserve your seat on a space available basis and to confirm estimated pick up and return times (which were not yet available when the bulletin went to print).

**Passing on Faith**

**to Our Kids Who Don't Want It Part II**

Last fall, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Holliston, held a special event for Metrowest parishes that examined studies on why so many young people have left the Catholic Church. Now, the Shrine will host a Lenten discussion series on what Catholics can do to keep the faith alive in their families and parishes. To be held in the Shrine's Upper Room on three **Sundays (March 17, March 24, and April 14) from 4-6 PM**, The discussions will center around Sherry Weddell's book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*. A \$10 donation is suggested for each session. Please register at: [holliston@xaverianmissionaries.org](mailto:holliston@xaverianmissionaries.org) or contact Fr. Carl Chudy (508-429-2144, [chudy@xaverianmissionaries.org](mailto:chudy@xaverianmissionaries.org)).