

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



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then

from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 24, 2019:
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/ 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM Ken Zino, Sr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM Tim Sullivan
10:00 AM Maureen McIntyre
and Eileen O'Brien
Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM Catherine Sullivan

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM William Rogers

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM Peter Winkler

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Tim and Helen Sparks
6:30 PM James Donahue

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

This Week

MONDAY, MARCH 18

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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.

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 Brooks Family with thanks for your concern and prayers for Evan Brooks and his comrades when deployed in the Middle East.



St. Patrick's Day

At all Masses **THIS** 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 7

After the 10AM Mass, please join us in the parish center to wish Carol Zani well in her retirement. All are welcome!

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, March 23.

SECOND 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.

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.

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!

Women in God's Spirit

WINGS meets from **9:45-11:30AM** at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Holliston. For more information, call Linda Calabrese at 508-868-2593. Nurturing childcare provided onsite. The speaker for **THIS Wednesday, March 20**, will be Youth Minister and 8-10th grade DRE, Jake Thiringer.



Middle School Youth Group

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Friday, March 22 (early release day), 11:30-1:00PM

Service Project--We will be putting together Easter bags for the Mustard Seed (A soup kitchen in Worcester). We'll meet in the parish center. Pizza will be served. If you have any questions, please email parishhallstjn@gmail.com.

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.

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 9th and 20th 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.

Best Wishes for Carol Zani

As you all know Carol Zani will be retiring this year as of May. Please join us to greet and thank Carol for her many years of dedicated service to St. John's Rel. Ed. program. We will come together on **Sunday, April 7** after the 10AM Mass in the Parish Center. Please come and wish Carol well in her retirement. All are welcome and invited to send Carol forth with our love and prayers.

MARCH 17, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14;
Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 9: 28-36**

God made a covenant with Adam and Eve, and it was broken by humanity. God made a covenant with Abram, which over time was broken as well. God made other covenants with humanity through the centuries, all of which were broken by mankind. God reveals himself in Christ's life, death, and resurrection as being filled with so much love for us, that **he is love**. As God and man, Christ fulfills the covenant for us. Through Christ, *God friended* us forever.

However, Saint Paul reminds us today that we must be courageous and steadfast in following Christ, and in carrying our own crosses with love and patience. Paul reminds us that we are destined for another life, a heavenly one. He warns us against attachment and preoccupation with the things of this world. In other words, we must imitate Christ, the saints who have gone before us, and the saints among us; not the worldly influences that turn us away from our crosses and from Christ.

In the transfiguration in today's gospel, God reveals Christ's divine nature. The transfiguration also gives us a hint of how we will be transformed to live forever with God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Lent is a good time for us to train ourselves for living lives that fulfill that destiny. There is one more thing. At the transfiguration, God gave us a command: "This is my chosen son; **listen to him**." I think it best to obey that one, don't you?

Pro Family Lobby Day in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Family Institute, (<http://www.mafamily.org>), is sponsoring "**Lobby Day**" on Beacon Hill on **THIS Wednesday, March 20**, in support of Pro Life and Family Initiatives. The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus (Ashland/Hopkinton) invites all of Christ's followers to attend and participate. Bus transportation will be provided from St. John's and parking for the day is available in the rear of the parish center. Please pray for a large loving contingent of believers to attend this event. This provides us, as believers, an opportunity to meet with legislators to discuss significant issues and hopefully initiate long-term relationships. Will you be able to join us? The bus will be leaving St John's parking lot at 8AM and will return by 4PM. Anyone that would like to ride the bus from Hopkinton to MFI's Lobby Day on Wednesday can text the word BusHopkinton to the number 797979. You will receive a return text with more information. Please feel free to share this with other Christ Followers. Let us bring the LIGHT of Christ and the LOVE of Christ to Beacon Hill.

Multi-Parish Lenten Retreat

**"A House Built on Solid Rock—
Strengthening Faith in Times of Crisis"**

Saturday, March 23, 2019

St. Mary of Assumption Church
17 Winter Street, Milford, Mass.

8AM-4:30PM (Closing Mass at 4:30 PM with
Bishop McManus)

Led by Father Robert Lacombe

\$20 per person includes breakfast and lunch

For more information, call 508-561-7745 or
email srtrettel@comcast.net