

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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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

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

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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 bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to

them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 14, 2019:
Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14--23:56



SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:00 PM Ernie & Rita Fecteau

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Carol Zani (living intention)
6:30 PM Francis LaForgia

MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM Lady Phyllis M. MacNeil

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 AM Rosemary and Charles Rogers

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Maureen McIntyre and Eileen O'Brien

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Joseph & Eva Campbell
6:30 PM Edward F.

MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 15 MASS WILL BE AT 8AM



SUNDAY, APRIL 7

5:00 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

4:15 PM Grades 1 & 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 14—NO CLASSES, SPRING VACATION BEGINS. CLASSES RESUME APRIL 22.

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

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 **THIS Sunday** 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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Good Friday.....April 19
Easter Sunday.....April 21
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 27
First Communions May 4, May 11, May 12

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)

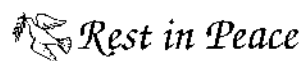
SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM
MONDAY, April 8, 6:30-7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, April 17 6:30-8:00 PM
SATURDAY, April 20 2:00-3:00 PM.

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, April 13.**



Raymond Charleston
Richard Lavoie

FIFTH 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.

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.



DAILY MASS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM

CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY, April 17 6:30-8PM

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

NO 9AM MASS

ECUMENICAL SERVICE 12:00 PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY*

NO 8AM MASS

CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:15 AM

CONFESSIONS 2:00-3:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:45 PM

EASTER SUNDAY*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 28)

MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 1:30-3:30 PM

*Please note there will be **NO 5PM Mass** on Holy Saturday and **NO 6:30 PM Mass** on Easter Sunday.

EASTER TO DIVINE MERCY

Mercy Beyond Belief

Eight days of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of God's mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 28, 2019 in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.

2:00 PM Confessions will be heard.

2:30 PM Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.

3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.

3:30 PM Benediction and Final Blessing.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting:

Sunday, May 5 at 7:15PM in the church hall. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 19, 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.

Middle School Youth Group

Last week, 60 middle school students came together on an early release day to make Easter Bags for the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester. They were able to make 100 bags filled with lots of goodies. A huge thank you to the Middle School Youth Group adult team for all their hard work in putting this project together. Also, thank you to all the adults that came to chaperone and assist. And thank you to all the families that donated items for the bags. The Mustard Seed and their families will be pleased to receive these bags!

Easter Baskets for Project Just Because

This past week several confirmation students met to put 30 Easter baskets together for PJB. The baskets were filled with lots of goodies. A huge thank you to all those that helped and to all the families that donated items for the baskets. Project Just Because was pleased and amazed at how beautiful they were. A lot of love was put into this project! Thank you!



SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE UPDATE!

Roar: Life is Wild and God is Good!

A limited number of spots for preschoolers K-5th graders are still available for this summer's St. John's Summer Bible Adventure! **Monday-Friday, July 8-12th from 9AM-12 Noon** at St John's Parish Hall. Includes great fun with middle and high schoolers doing activities, music, crafts, special videos and Bible stories. Our most received comment from prior children who attended: "It's my favorite week of the summer!" Come join the fun by registering at St. John's website: stjohnhopkinton.com under the "Summer Bible Adventure" tab. Send any questions to: stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com.

APRIL 7, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126: 1-6; Philippians 3: 8-14;
John 8: 1-11**

As we close to within a little less than two weeks of our observance of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, today's readings give us more to ponder. Jesus came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it: "Remember not the events of the past...I am doing something new" (Isaiah 43). This foretells a "new exodus," a new deliverance from slavery, but this time it is deliverance from the slavery to sin. Saint Paul tells us that attachment to the things of this world, especially those that can harm us, is worthless and futile. He emphasizes that what really matters is striving every day to live in Christ, that is, to "being conformed to his death" by taking up our own crosses in faith and hope in our own resurrection. Today's gospel reminds us that adherence to the law includes mercy, forgiveness, and examining our own sinfulness before judging others. It also includes our own personal responsibility to follow Christ's directive when he forgives us: "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

So, let us go forth always to learn more of what the gospels and the Church teach us, to form our consciences correctly, to examine our consciences regularly with the help of Reconciliation, to let go of attachment to the futility of the material world, to forgive each other, to avoid sin ourselves and to help others to do the same. Be ever mindful and strive to be more worthy of what it was foretold that Jesus would do for us: "Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many and their guilt he shall bear...and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses" (Isaiah 53: 11-12).

Food for Families

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's parishioners, the Ashland/Hopkinton council of the Knights of Columbus collected and delivered 91 bags or approximately 1,000 pounds of food and supplies to the Project Just Because food pantry in Hopkinton this past week. This will help local families at this critical time of year when supplies are running low and the need continues to be great. May God Bless you for your generosity.

The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in Paschale Solemnitatis, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries, up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death, and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

SPRING CLEANING? DECLUTTERING?

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 beginning on **May 20**. Any parishioners who are interested in volunteering to help with the rummage sale, please contact the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 and leave your name and contact information.