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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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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



Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, June 2, 2019: Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/ Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26



SATURDAY, MAY 25

5:00 PM Helen Deiana

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:00 AM Ray Charleston
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, MAY 27

9:00 AM All veterans

TUESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM Geno Spinosa

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

9:00 AM Salud and Concon Bautista

(living intention)

THURSDAY, MAY 30

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. John 7:00 PM Raymond Charleston

FRIDAY, MAY 31

9:00 AM Raymond Charleston

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM Peter Winkler

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Nancy Ciceroni

and Louise Creswell

6:30 PM Tom Miller (for healing)

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, June 1.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **THIS Thursday**, **May 30**.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 29 at 4PM Thursday, May 30 at 9AM & 7PM

Brendan Kenney to Step Down from St. John's

Some very sad news: Brendan Kenney, after nearly four years as the parish's Director of Music and Organist, is moving on. Brendan has recently submitted his resignation from St. John's and will be taking a position as a Marketing Web Developer. Brendan has graciously offered to help us in the summer while we search for a new organist and music director. Brendan is an outstanding organist with a magnificent voice and will be sorely missed. Please let us keep Brendan in our thoughts and prayers as he embarks on his new endeavor.

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.

First Friday Mass

7PM in the Lower Church

We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

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.



II. Kevin Gonroos and Marissa Lentoni



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.

An Evening of Prayer with Jim Browne

"Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the kingdom revealed to "little children", to the servants of Christ, to the poor of the Beatitudes" (CC 2660).

"Prayer is the best spiritual weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God." St. Padre Pio

Jim Browne, a gifted Catholic from Kiladoon, County Mayo, Ireland, grew up in the Catholic faith under a devoted, rosary -praying mom who routinely visited the shrine of Our Lady of Knock, to pray for healing within her family. According to Jim, "Mom brought all us kids with her to Knock so often, it was like a second home. I can't thank her enough for the example of faith and prayer she showed us, even if at the time I would have rather been playing Rugby!" Jim has been leading retreats and prayer groups as well as pilgrimages for over twenty years. Jim's wit and use of humor is also helpful in keeping the attention of his audience as he weaves the trials and tribulations of his own faith journey into the fabric of his scripture-based lessons. A natural teacher, Jim lives each day to walk with Christ and help others in His name. Come hear Jim speak regarding the need to pray; prayers for protection; why it's difficult to pray; and the cross. Thursday, June 6, 2019, 7-8:30PM. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Ellison (508-435-0914 or Scott.ellison2@gmail.com).

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place June 8, and June 10-14, 9AM-5PM. We are now accepting donations through June 5 at the parish center from 9AM -4PM every day except Sunday. We would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, books, toys and games, household items, and small furniture. Please have all items in good resaleable condition. If you have any questions, please call the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203. We appreciate your donations, however, we CANNOT ACCEPT the following items: baby car seats, baby cribs, beds, box springs, computers, desks, dishwashers, dryers, large exercise equipment, footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, including all sport shoes), freezers, large office furniture, gas grills, lawnmowers, organs or pianos, mattresses, paint or chemicals, ping pong tables, printers, refrigerators, large seasonal decorations, ski equipment, sports equipment, stoves, televisions, treadmills, wall units, washing machines, VHS tapes.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

A special thank you to **The Eagle Leasing Company** for their generosity in loaning us a storage container for our upcoming rummage sale.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

Mission Trip

The next mission trip mandatory meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5 at 7PM in the lower church area.

Baccalaureate Dinner

A huge thank you to Laura Sheeran, Denise Antaki and Debbie Lysik for the wonderful baccalaureate dinner that was put on for our graduating seniors. It was a wonderful time and a great way to show our support and love for each of our seniors. May God continue to guide them and be with them as they continue their life journey. Congratulations class of 2019!

Thank You

Catechists & Children's Liturgy Leaders

After all is said and done, it does *not* make much difference which curriculum, how many DVD's, or how many square feet of floor space per student, if we have not recognized that the most critical factor determining the success of religious education is the catechist or Children's Liturgy leader. Catechists do what no curriculum or media resource will ever be able to do—smile, laugh, relate, show interest and surprise, love, forgive, cry, pray, shout, whisper and have the ability to inform, form, and transform their students' lives. To change their lives forever, that is what a catechist can do for a student. For all the lives you have touched, changed and made fall in love with God, WE THANK YOU! Our parish is truly blessed to have each and every one of you.

Children's Choir

Many thanks to all our choristers who shared their time and talent this 2018-19 choir season: Erin Belger, Meaghan Burdulis, Bridgid Cavanaugh, Anna Marie Duffy, Callie McKeon, Shannon McKeon, John Murray, Angela Porzio, Crisitina Porzio, Charlotte Schuster, Ashwath Sridhar, Caroline Rowe, Necalli Vela-Garcia, and choir assistant, Allie Burdulis, choir member emeritus. St. John's Children's Choir is open to students beginning in 3rd grade. We sing one Sunday a month at Mass, collaborate with the parish choir at Christmas and during the Triduum, and in community outreach. We also participate in the New England Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass each spring. In two years, we will have the opportunity to pilgrimage to the 44th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome 12/26/21 through 1/2/22, where choristers from around the world will sing when the Holy Father offers Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Please consider joining and sharing your gifts as we sing the praise and glory of God. For more information please contact Lynn Maginnis at 508-435-9615 or lynnmaginnis@verizon.net.

Please pray for all the 2019 graduates of our parish family.

CROSS ROADSBy Deacon Tony

In today's readings we see that Jesus gave instruction and promises to the twelve apostles who, according to his plan would be the foundation of the new Jerusalem, the Church. Jesus, the light of the new Jerusalem, promised that he and the Father would dwell with those who kept his word. Jesus also promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to remind them of all that he had taught them, and to give them peace and courage. He was telling them and us that if we keep his word, we would never be alone, and that he would help us. For example, we heard in Acts today how the Holy Spirit helped the leaders of the early Church to resolve a question of what Jewish ritual practices Gentile converts would have to follow. What a gift we have been given, God within us (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), helping us, when we keep his word and listen to the promptings of the Spirit.

The promptings of the Spirit come through many things including the Sacraments, prayer, and through other people. When I recently told my six-year-old grandson, that in his smaller new home, that no matter what room he was in, there would always be somebody close by so that he would not feel alone, he immediately replied, "But, Papa, God is always with me. I am never alone." Words of wisdom and a prompting from the Spirit through the innocent total faith of a child. I thought, shouldn't I have been the one to say that? No, more likely, at that moment I was the one who needed to hear it!!

<u>Important Roe Act Infanticide Bill Update</u>

The Roe Act Infanticide bill could come up for a committee hearing any day now. If passed, The Roe Act would allow all of the following:

- Remove provisions requiring the giving of life saving care
 of an infant born alive after a failed abortion, legalizing
 infanticide. (With proper medical care, babies can survive).
- Eliminate the parental consent and notification system entirely, so girls as young as 12 can get abortions without any adult involvement.
- Expand late term abortion through all 9 months with no restrictions.
- Remove requirements that late term abortions be performed in hospitals (many abortion clinics do not have life-saving equipment).

Please take the time to call or write your state legislator and say "No to Roe". Help stop this bill from becoming law in our state and help preserve the sanctity of life.

Below are the names and phone numbers of your MA State Legislators:

Your State Senator: Karen E. Spilka (617) 722-1500

Karen.Spilka@masenate.gov

Your State Representative: Carolyn C. Dykema (617) 722-2680, Carolyn.Dykema@mahouse.gov MA Governor: Charlie Baker (617) 725-4005 Charlie.Baker@state.ma.us

