

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

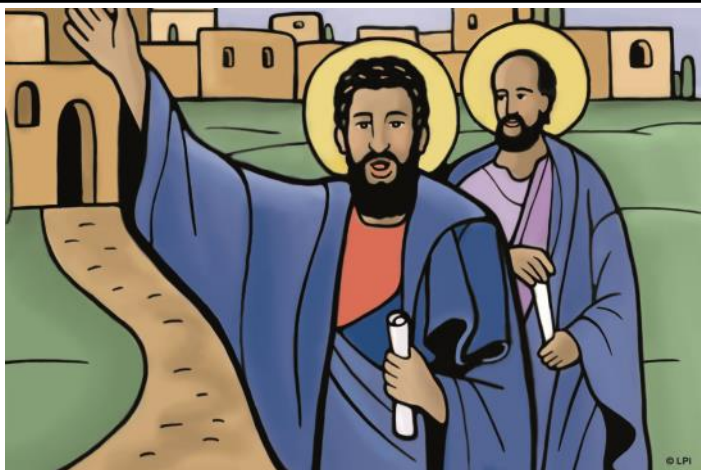
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 14, 2019:

Dt 30:10-14/ PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/

Col 1:15-20/ Lk 10:25-37



SATURDAY, JULY 6

5:00 PM Matthew O'Leary

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Patricia Oliver

6:30 PM Mr. and Mrs. Jerome McDyre

MONDAY, JULY 8

9:00 AM Antonio Banson

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:00 AM Stephen Coffey

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9:00 AM Edward V. Cannon

FRIDAY, JULY 12

9:00 AM Salud and Concon Bautista
(living intention)

SATURDAY, JULY 13

5:00 PM Josefa Martinez Hermo

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Keith Wetzel

6:30 PM Rosemary Fetten
(living birthday)

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.



Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...
Please pray for all deceased and their families...
Our servicemen and women, and their families,
and all who suffer in embattled countries.



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.

THURSDAY MORNING MASSES

We are pleased to announce that beginning **THIS Thursday, July 11**, we will have a daily Mass at 9AM on Thursday mornings. Rev. Conrad S. Pecevich, will be saying Thursday morning Masses here at St. John's.

Rummage Sale 2019

We are happy to report that our 2019 rummage sale was very successful and raised \$24,000 for St. John's! Many parishioners and friends donated to the sale and also made purchases. To them we are most grateful. We especially wish to thank Fr. Cannon for his support and concern for the volunteers. Many volunteers gave 6-8 hours a day for three weeks to make this sale the largest fundraiser for the parish. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.



**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, July 13.**

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.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 66: 10-14; Psalm 66: 1-7, 16, 20;

Galatians 6: 14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

In today's Gospel Jesus sends seventy-two disciples out to evangelize. He gives them strict orders on how to conduct themselves, and warns them, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." The seventy-two had to trust completely in Jesus for God to work his wonders through them. Today's letter from Saint Paul says, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Isaiah tells us, "I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem...As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms...as a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you..."

As the seventy-two were sent, so we are sent to evangelize, beginning in our families. Jesus, even in his agony on the cross, found comfort and deliverance and glory in his divine family as the second person of the Trinity; and was raised. The Jews were promised solace and nurturing in Jerusalem. We find solace and nurturing in the "new creation," the new Jerusalem which is our Mother Church. We too are new creations through our Baptism and the Eucharist. As the Jews celebrated and were grateful for their deliverance from captivity, we celebrate and are grateful for our deliverance from captivity to evil; and with Saint Paul we boast only in the cross of Jesus Christ, and the extent to which we share that cross with him.

One model of the Church is the "People of God." God gifts us with his grace in order to work through us in our families, parishes, in the community, and in the world. From Holy Mother Church we are gifted with all the grace, nurturing, sustenance, strength and peace from God that we need if we are to evangelize like "lambs among wolves." Trust completely in Jesus as did the seventy-two.



Middle School Youth Group

Check back here for upcoming events for the fall.

High School Youth Group

The High School Mission was a huge success! Our students and chaperones have returned from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They had safe travels and much work was done. A huge thank you for all the support the students received from the parish. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming presentation the students will be giving about their trip.



Please Consider Teaching

St. John's Needs More Catechists, Gr. 1-6

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our students during the next school year. Many caring people have already indicated they will teach Religious Ed. for grades 1-6 next year. We need teachers for grades 1-6. Help us plan for next year. Please call us for more information or to say you will teach (508-435-3313x208 or x209). Our students need all of us to grow in the faith.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 508-435-3313x208 for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year.

Important Roe Act Infanticide Bill Update

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

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JULY 7, 2019

**CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE
TESTIMONY—PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE**

TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH:

The Catholic Action League wishes to be recorded in opposition to **S.1208 and H.1926, An Act Relative To End Of Life Options.**

For millennia, our civilization has believed that the only morally licit circumstances in which the taking of human life can be permitted are self defense, the prosecution of a just war, and the administration of justice---the latter two being related to the first. Like abortion, physician prescribed suicide represents a revolutionary departure in moral understanding and legal doctrine, rejecting the traditional consensus and substituting a changeable quality of life ethos for an inviolable sanctity of life standard.

This measure would deform the medical profession by making doctors participants in the killing of their patients, in violation of their Hippocratic Oath. It already seeks to deform medical ethics, and the English language, by describing lethal drugs as "medication."

Powerful insurance companies, which already exercise a disproportionate influence on legislation and public policy, through their assets in lobbying, public relations and campaign finance, will have a financial incentive in the promotion of this practice.

It is unclear, if the opt-out provisions contained in Section 15 of the act would apply to pharmacists, who might find the requirement to fill prescriptions for life ending drugs to be morally objectionable. The absence of any provision for the notification of family members or next of kin is also, deeply troubling.

Under Section 6 of this proposed law, doctors would be required to lie on death certificates, falsely asserting that an underlying disease, not the ingestion of a deadly drug, was the cause of death. There are multiple examples of overt semantic dishonesty in this legislation. Section 14 of the act prohibits state agencies, in the compilation of reporting data, from using the terms "suicide" or "physician assisted suicide" in describing physician assisted suicide---"aid in dying" being the mandated alternative.

Section 14 further declares that when a person ends his or her life by taking a lethal drug, it "shall not constitute suicide," and those health care professionals who facilitate this are not participating in "assisted suicide." Incredibly, in a proposed law, the entire purpose of which is to legalize physician assisted suicide in the Commonwealth, Section 18 of the act actually states that "Nothing in this chapter may be construed to authorize a physician or any other individual to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing, assisted suicide, or active euthanasia."

Finally, in this matter, the "slippery slope" argument is compelling. In those states and other societies which have already legalized physician assisted suicide and its sibling, active voluntary euthanasia, the trend toward expansion has been consistent and, increasingly, apparent. Over time, there is a loosening of restrictions, a broadening of parameters, a relaxation of oversight, an increase in abuses, and a rise in the number of deaths.

I urge the Committee to give an unfavorable report to this reckless, dangerous and dishonest legislation.

Thank you.

C. J. Doyle, Executive Director,
Catholic Action League of Massachusetts.