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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 - Friday 9:00 AM 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



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 18, 2019: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/ Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/ Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

5:00 PM Donna McGuire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John 10:00 AM Ruth McCormick Schneider Alessandrina D'Errico 6:30 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Clare Raleigh Meehan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM **Edward and Justine Murray**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. John All the Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM Maureen McIntvre and

Eileen O'Brien

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 AM A. Lucinda MacLaine 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Edward and Alice O'Leary

10:00 AM James Donahue

6:30 PM Jeff East

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.

THURSDAY MORNING MASSES

We are pleased to announce that we now have a daily Mass at 9AM on Thursday mornings. Rev. Conrad S. Pecevich says Thursday morning Masses here at St. John's.

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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated Thursday, August 15.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, August 14 at 4PM Thursday, August 15 at 9AM and 7PM These holy day Masses will be held in the lower chapel.



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.

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 and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

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.

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, August 17.



II. Trong Do and Taylor Carson



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.

CROSS ROADS By Deacon Tony

Wisdom 18: 6-9; Psalm 33: 1, 12, 18-22; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48

This week's Gospel builds on last week's Gospel. Jesus tells his disciples, "...do not be afraid...for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom...Provide for yourselves...an inexhaustible treasure in heaven..." However, today's readings also exhort us to have faith and trust in the Lord, and to be prepared. We are given examples of the faith and trust of the ancient Hebrews that they would be spared on the first Passover; and of Abraham's faith and trust in the Lord's promises, while being given difficult commands, such as the sacrifice of Isaac, and travel through distant and unfamiliar lands.

Faith and trust in things that we cannot see is at the heart of our hope for the things that last, for living the life that the Lord intends for us, even though we often may not clearly see the road ahead of us. Faith and trust in the Lord are also vital for dealing with the good times, the difficult times; and for being prepared. We cannot be truly at peace without faith and trust in the Lord. With them we can live each day as both another beginning, and as our possible last day with confidence.

As Catholic Christians we are given much, and much is expected of us. Do the things that please God. Spread the Gospel by what we do and what we say. Help the needy. Promote respect for life. Seek justice. Pray for the light with which to see our course. The "Merton Prayer" is an example: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me...Nor do I really know myself...you will lead me by the right road...I will trust you always...I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."





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.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

This Fall, elementary students will have the opportunity to sign up for classes at the following times, October to May:

- Grade 1 will meet two Wednesdays each month, 4:15-5:15PM
- **Grade 2** will meet every Wednesday, 4:15-5:15PM with three exceptions when classes will meet on Sundays, 9 -9:50AM while parents meet with Mary Pawela.
- Grades 3-5: We hope to have classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for grades 3-5 in the hope that we have teachers for those days. Please stay tuned.
- **Grade 6** will meet every Monday, 2:15-3:15PM **Every grade, 1-6**, will have a <u>limited</u> optional choice of attending a Sunday class, 9-9:50AM, depending on catechist availability—first-come, first-served. Sign up will be in September. Every family that has a child registered in the program will receive the information in the mail.

<u>GRADES 7-10</u>	
Grade 7	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 8	Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month
Grade 9	Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month
Grade 10	Sunday (5-7:15PM) once a month

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.

Fr. Henault Visit

Fr. John Henault of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will be celebrating Mass with us **NEXT Sunday, August 18 at 10AM**. The Mission Apostolate group here at St. John's has worked with Father Henault for many years. We invite you to join us in celebrating Mass and also invite you afterward to the lower church to meet and/or catch up with Fr. John. In a recent e-mail, Father Henault provided the following update:

"Since I started getting involved with leprosy in October 2014, I had sent to Leogan (300 miles round trip) 105 patients and paid their transportation every month for the full year of their treatments. In the meantime, I tried to get the government to acknowledge that Hansen's disease existed in Haiti and to get them to recognize the clinic I was trying to set up so that the World Health Organization would send me the specific medication for leprosy which I couldn't get unless the Haitian Ministry of Health admitted that leprosy existed. They finally had to admit the fact, because of all the documentation we presented, so Klinik Sen Damien became official. From February 2017 to this date I have treated 25 patients at my clinic, and when I came home (father is originally from Sutton, MA) I had 23 under various stages of treatment. I was told several new cases were discovered since I arrived stateside. Also, with the help of St John's last year, the salaries were paid in full for the teachers at the little school at Kay A Lo in the parish of Notre Dame de la Mer, at lle A Vache (a former parish where Fr. John was for 25 years). There will be a new pastor there as of Sept. 1st, since Fr. Guy is transferred, and he has already approached me and said he was counting on me to keep that school open. Also, assistance received permitted me to set up a functional laboratory where I can do all the tests necessary to better screen all our patients and in so doing save time and expense by not having to pay huge sums to have these tests done elsewhere. I am greatly indebted to St John's for getting this set up. My concerns now are to be able to get out into the rough country and do several MOBILE CLINICS. Each deployment costs \$1,700 US because we buy medications to treat other types of skin problems not related to leprosy. We need several vehicles because we go with a team of 12 doctors and nurses, mostly Cuban, and have to feed and transport them. Also, I have 9 lepers who are completely healed but are physically scared so I would like to help them learn or continue the trades they worked at before becoming lepers. These include sewing, artist, plumbing and handicrafts to be sold to tourists, so they can remake their lives since they are rejected by society because they were lepers. So, I would like to buy pedal sewing machines, tools and whatever necessary that best fits their trade or natural gifts. Treating them is one thing, helping them get back their dignity, self-respect and put their life back on track is something else. Most of my patients are young. Also have to continue to assure I can buy the many medications I have to give that accompany the leper treatment and that are NOT GIVEN by any agency. Also, the chemicals for the lab equipment are very costly as well and we don't charge the lepers for any and all lab work we have to do."

At the young age of 83, father continues to assist local residents and act as chaplain for the local Sisters of Charity that work with terminally ill patients. The funds that we at St. John's send, help fulfill Christ's work of compassion for and healing of the sick while spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. Anyone wishing to make a donation over the coming weeks can place it in an envelope marked for Fr. Henault in the collection basket or mail it to St. John' Parish, Global Mission Apostolate, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.