

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 - 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



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to re-

pay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 8, 2019:
 Wis 9:13-18b/ Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM Maureen McIntyre
and Eileen O'Brien

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:00 PM Evan Girardi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

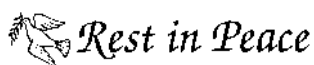
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
 NEXT Saturday, September 7.**

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.



Donald J. Gallagher

St. John's Ministry Fair

St. John's will be having a Ministry Fair at coffee hour **NEXT Sunday, September 8, from 9AM-12Noon** (after the 8AM and 10AM Masses) in the parish hall. Every volunteer ministry at St. John's will have a representative present with information about the ministry and to answer any questions. We invite all to attend, and we hope to inform, inspire, and invite all parishioners to become actively engaged in our parish life.

First Friday Masses in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation Friday, September 6 at 7PM in the Lower Church

Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God.

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

On the third Thursday of every month, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service.

Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction.

"During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI



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.

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **September 12th**, *Reading and Praying the Scripture*, A Bible Study will be offered here at St. John's. The group will meet **Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm** (location TBD). The focus will be on the Sunday Scripture readings and the writings of St. Paul. Fr. Conrad Pecevic will be the instructor and facilitator. This is a wonderful opportunity to become comfortable with the Word of God and better incorporate it into your spirituality. All are welcome to participate.

St. Cecilia Parish Flea Market **54 Esty Street, Ashland, MA**

It's that time again! St. Cecilia's is now accepting donations for the Flea Market to be held on **September 21, 9AM-4PM and September 22, 9AM-1PM**. Donations can be left on the rectory porch or you can call the rectory for information on drop off. We will accept household items, small appliances, toys, books, jewelry, furniture, and Christmas items. No clothing, electronics, linens, or stuffed animals. **Please make sure everything is clean and in working condition. NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 13TH.** Any questions, call Anne Powderly at 508-881-3118. **Thank you for your continued support.**



HS/MS Youth Group

Please be on the lookout for our parent kick-off meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 25, at 7PM** in the Parish Center. We cannot run our Youth Ministry Programs without our parent volunteers. We hope to see you at the meeting!

High School Youth Group

The High School mission trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a huge success! The students and their chaperones worked hard and made a difference. **The H.S. Youth Group will host a coffee hour on Sunday, September 15, after the 10AM Mass** and they would like to say thank you for the parish's support. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have for them. Stop by the parish center after the 10AM Mass and meet these awesome students and adult leaders.

Grades 1-6 Catechists

Catechist Training will take place **Sunday, September 22, 1PM-3:30PM** for all grades 1-6 catechists.



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 limited 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.

GRADES 7-10

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

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.

ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ONLINE SIGN-UPS

FOR ALL REGISTERED IN GRADES 1-6

The site will open **Sunday, September 15, at 1PM** and will close on Wednesday, September 18, at 6PM. Student sign-ups for fall classes must be done online at: www.stjohnhopkinton.com. Click on the **Rel. Ed. Sign-ups** on the home page. Students in Grades 7-10 do not need to sign up as they do not have a choice of day or time. (But we do ask that if you are not planning on sending your child, to please let us know).

GRADES 1-6 CATECHISTS NEEDED

PARENTS, PLEASE! Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our young people during this school year. Some days cannot be offered if we do not have catechists to teach on these days.

Pope Francis speaking to catechists in Rome on September 30, 2013 said: "So as I look out at you, I think who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; revive it in others. Let us ask the Lord that we may all be men and women who keep the memory of God alive in ourselves and are able to awaken it in the hearts of others. Amen". Please email or call for more information (508-435-3313 x208 or x209, mpawelas-tjn@gmail.com or dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

Grade 1 needs 1 catechist: two Wednesdays per month

Grade 2 needs 3 catechists: Wednesdays or Sundays

Grade 3 needs 2 catechists: Mondays or Sundays

Grade 4 needs 2 catechists: Mondays or Tuesdays

Grade 5 needs 3 catechists: Mondays or Tuesdays and 1 to partner on Sundays

Grade 6 needs 2 catechists: Mondays 2:15-3:15 or Sunday 9-9:50
Liturgy of the Word needs leaders for grades K-2.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68: 4-7, 10-11;

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sometimes it is easy to forget that we were born into this world to prepare ourselves for eternity with God. Humility is one of the virtues that helps us to avoid the distractions of our imperfect world and to focus on that goal. Sirach tells us today to "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." We know that Jesus, the image of the invisible God, was sent lovingly to us for our salvation, and to show us the way, the truth, and the life. We are called to imitate him. In this case we are called to imitate his gentle, humble, and loving heart. If we seek the admiration, recognition, and accolades of other people, we simply are trapping ourselves in inevitable disappointment and futility, because such things are temporary and fickle. And, be aware that even otherwise good and virtuous deeds can be diminished by pride and self-promotion.

Jesus suffered a death that was humiliating in the eyes of other people. But then he was exalted by his Resurrection, Ascension, and eternal Kingship. Saint Catherine of Siena is said to have stated, "Nails were not enough to hold God...fastened on the Cross...had not love held him there." Saint Paul said in Galatians 2: 19-20, "...the life I live now is not my own...it is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Humility helps us to concentrate on what is above, not on ourselves. By the grace of God, that is the humility and selflessness we try to emulate in order to be exalted before Him.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Soccer Challenge at the upcoming Hopkinton Family Day, **Saturday September 14**. Last year's event was a huge success and we hope to see many of you back along with new children to kick some goals. All boys and girls aged 9-14 are invited to test their penalty kick skills at the athletic fields behind the high school. The event will run from 3-6PM. Registration and proof of age are required. One girl and one boy from each age group who wins the event, qualifies to move to the district, regional and possibly state level competition. For more information, contact Bill Maginnis at billmaginnis@verizon.net.



GRACES BEYOND BELIEF

At every Holy Mass, we enter into the timeless reality of the perfect and acceptable sacrifice of Christ to the Father for our sake. And from that sacrifice, immeasurable graces flow for all people and especially for those for whom the Mass is being offered. This is particularly the case for the faithful departed who may be undergoing purification in Purgatory to prepare them for the joy of Heaven. We can offer the Holy Souls no better comfort and solace than to attend a Mass for them, or have Masses said for them.

—Holy Souls Crusade

Love Should Not Die at Death