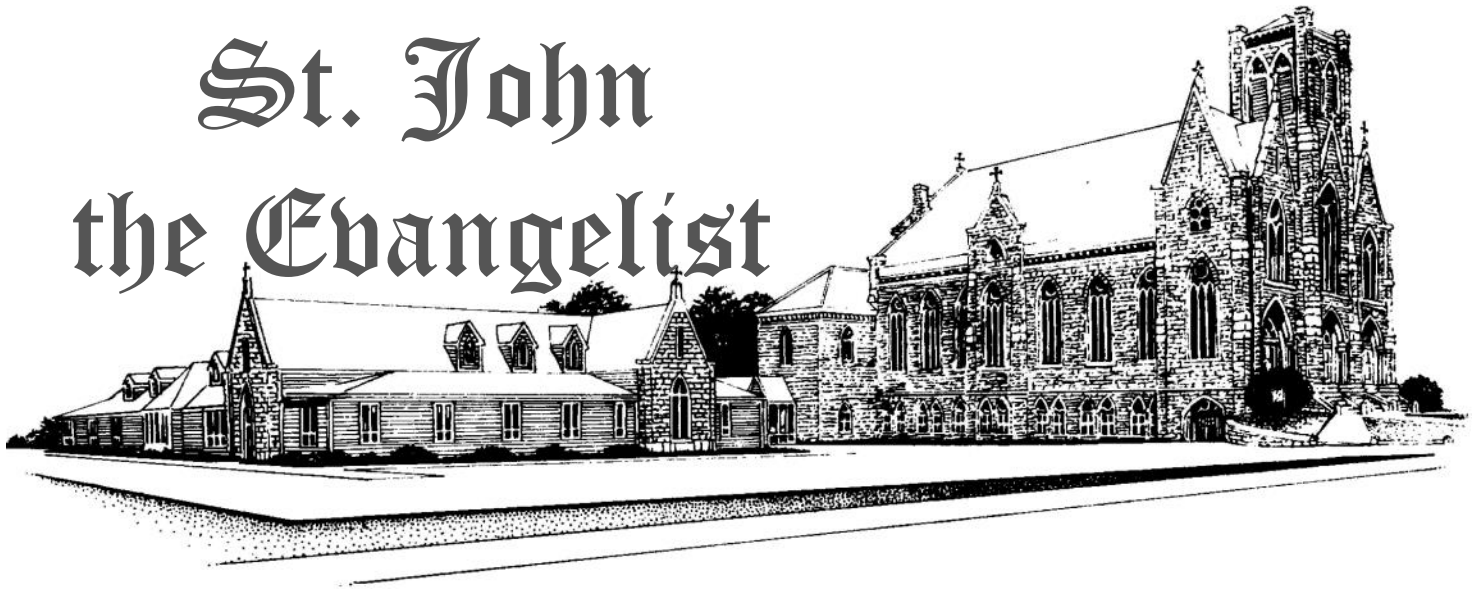


St. John the Evangelist



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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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**Mary Pawela, 1-6
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

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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

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



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 22, 2019:
Am 8:4-7/ Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/ 1Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:10-13



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 PM Donald J. Belger

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Frances Mitchell

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.

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.

Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confession time, there will be a special evening time for confessions **NEXT Monday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, September 21.



- I. Maxwell Robidoux and Andrea Gendron
- I. Kevin Donegan and Lisa Miranda

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass this Sunday hosted by our High School Youth Group. The group would like to say thank you for the parish's support of their recent mission trip to Philadelphia, PA. 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.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

A New Deacon for St. John's

We are pleased to announce that St. John's will be receiving a deacon for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. Deacon Anthony Hamaty is in the Diaconal Internship Program of Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary. We are honored to have Deacon Hamaty with us as part of our pastoral team through the spring of 2020. Please welcome Deacon Hamaty to St. John's.

Altar Server Training

All young people, in 5th grade and older, who would like to be altar servers, are invited to attend an instruction on **Sunday, September 29, after the 10AM Mass** in the upper church. The instruction will last about 1 hour.

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 7-8:30PM**. 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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

On the third Thursday of every month at 7PM in the lower chapel, 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. **Monday, September 30, 2019, 7-8:30PM.**

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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!

St. John's High School Youth Group:

All students in grades 9 thru 12 are welcome! First meeting for 2019-2020: **Sunday, September 29, 5-6PM** in the parish center. Please join us to learn about St. John's High School Youth Group, the overview for the coming year and the plans for the 2020 mission trip. What is St. John's High School Youth Group all about? Service, Socializing, Spirituality. Our parish provides our high school youth the opportunity to come together and socialize as we meet and carry out service activities while integrating Catholic spirituality. For more information or questions, please contact stjohnythmin@gmail.com.

Grades 1-6 Catechists

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

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated **THIS Sunday, September 15**. This year's theme is "Entrust our Faith".



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 **THIS 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 dlysiktjn@verizon.net).

Grade 1 needs 1 catechist: two Wednesdays per month

Grade 2 needs 2 catechists: Wednesdays

Grade 3 needs 1 catechist: Mondays or Sundays

Grade 4 needs 2 catechists: Mondays or Tuesdays

Grade 5 needs 1 catechist: Mondays or Tuesdays

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 15, 2019

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

St. John's will be starting a Young Adults group for Catholic adults, single or starting new families, to foster friendship and holiness through community. We will have our first meet and greet after the 10AM Mass on **September 29th** during the coffee hour in the parish hall. Please consider joining us for fellowship and refreshments.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32**

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him." (Luke 15:20). Do not forget those words! We need to think of them when we are tired, and discouraged by our repeated failures, or finding it difficult to forgive ourselves or others. At the behest of Moses, God relented in his anger. On the Cross, and every day in the Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus intercedes for us. The Lord chose Paul, who humbly admits how great a sinner he was. In Psalm 51 we are assured that God will not turn away from a humble and contrite heart.

Like the father in the parable quoted above, the Lord is always searching for any sign that we are turning back toward him. God is always looking for us, and always sees us as we are meant to be, even from a long way off. No matter how much we have defiled and disfigured ourselves in body, mind, and spirit, he recognizes us, and he rushes out to greet and to embrace us when we turn back to him. We can be sure of that. Let us pray every day that we always will turn away from the false gods of this world, and toward Him. Let us pray for a humble and contrite heart, a right conscience, a firm purpose to do better, and the grace to forgive as God forgives.

Knights of Columbus

Special People's Field Day

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council will host its annual Special People's Field Day on **Sunday, September 29**, at the Ashland Fish and Game Club from 1-4PM. This event brings together members of the special needs community to enjoy an afternoon of activities and events. The event is meant to be a day of fun and includes sports activities for all, pony/horse rides, fire truck rides, a barbeque lunch, ice cream, and giveaway prizes. If interested in attending or helping, please contact Deputy Grand Knight, Bill Muench at 508-259-3382 or william.muench@comcast.net).

ELECTRONIC & APPLIANCE RECYCLE DAY

THIS Saturday, September 21, 9AM-2PM

Clean out your basement or garage and bring your items to the church parking lot! Please see stjohnhopkinton.com for details as some items do have a small fee to drop off. Bicycle Recycle same day and time. Bring any and all unwanted or under used bikes to the parking lot. Any model of bike: mountain, road, BMX, etc., in any condition. The aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.