

# 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.

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
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### **DEACON**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

### **PARISH CENTER**

**Maureen Belger, Manager**  
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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



"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 29, 2019:  
Am 6:1a, 4-7/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ 1Tm 6:11-16/  
Lk 16:19-31



#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 PM Donald J. Belger

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Frances Mitchell

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM Carmencita Rodriquez

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Charles "Charlie" Backstran

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM Aidan Holmes Borrello (for healing)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 PM Paul Zitelli

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM Raymond and Rose Leveille

10:00 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.

### Monday Evening Confessions

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

**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 Donegan and Lisa Miranda

## NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

### 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.

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to host a Coffee Hour at St. John's. As you may know, Coffee Hour is held after the 10AM Mass on any given Sunday between October and the end of June. It is a wonderful community builder for our Parish and a big draw for the kids! But it requires volunteers to keep it going week after week. Coffee Hour volunteers can include individual families, groups of neighbors, community groups, Parish ministries, CCD classes, and more. It is a simple process with easy step-by-step instructions, requiring about one hour of your time before Mass and 45 minutes after Mass. The parish provides the coffee and tea and will reimburse you for the cost of donuts. It's easy, fun and feels good to contribute. If interested, sign up at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x\\_VKR8A6Zjcne5R\\_J9ftWeuQDgsFvqi6OeviHiM149U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x_VKR8A6Zjcne5R_J9ftWeuQDgsFvqi6OeviHiM149U/edit?usp=sharing)

### Altar Server Training

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

### 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

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, September 28.**

## ***TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

*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.

### **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.**

### **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

The Ministry to the Sick and Homebound visits people who are hospitalized, homebound, or who are in assisted living and nursing home facilities. If you, a family member, or friend are in such a situation and would like a visit to receive the Eucharist or simply to talk; or if you think that you may be interested in participating in this ministry, please let us know by contacting Deacon Tony Sicuso or the parish secretaries. God Bless!

### **ANNUAL SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites couples celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and vow renewal on **October 6, 2019** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street, Boston. Families and friends are welcome. Go to [www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass) to register. For more information, contact Emily Elliott at [EElliott@RCAB.org](mailto:EElliott@RCAB.org) or 617-746-5756.

### **HS/MS Youth Group**

Our parent kick-off meeting will be **THIS 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:**

All students in grades 9 thru 12 are welcome! First meeting for 2019-2020: **NEXT 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](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com).



### **CLASSES BEGIN GRADES 1-6**

Sun. Oct. 6	Grade 2, 9-10AM (all Gr. 2 parents & students)
Sun., Oct. 20	various classes
Mon. Oct. 7	Grades 3-5 4:15-5:15PM (students)
Mon., Oct. 7	Grade 6 2:15-3:15PM (students)
Tues., Oct. 8	Grades 3, 4 & 5 4:15-5:10PM (students)
Wed. Oct. 16	Grade 1, 4:15-5PM (parents & students)

### **GRADES 7-10**

<b>Grade 7</b> Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month Starting <b>October 15</b>
<b>Grade 8</b> Tuesday (6:30-7:30PM) two times a month Starting <b>October 22</b>
<b>Grade 9</b> Monday (7-8:15PM) two times a month starting <b>October 7</b> with a <u>meeting for students and parents</u>
<b>Grade 10</b> Sunday (5-7:15PM) once a month starting <b>October 6</b> with a <u>meeting for students only</u>

### **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, [mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com) or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net)).

Grade 1 needs 1 catechist: two Wednesdays per month

Grade 2 needs a partner for Wednesdays

Grade 3 needs 1 catechist: Mondays or Sundays

Grade 4 needs 1 catechist: Mondays

Grade 5 needs 1 catechist: Mondays

Liturgy of the Word needs leaders for grades K-2.

### **Grades 1-6 Catechists**

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

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**

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**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 **NEXT SUNDAY, September 29th** during the coffee hour in the parish hall. Please consider joining us for fellowship and refreshments.

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8;  
Luke 16: 1-13**

It has been said that the measure of a person and of a society is how they treat the least among them. We know who they are: our children, born and unborn; those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; the poor; the hungry; the homeless; the powerless. To the extent that we try to do something to help, does what we do raise up the needy, as it is promised that the Lord will do? "He raises up the lowly from the dust...to seat them with princes" (Psalm 113: 7-8). Or do we do things that make the needy dependent on us, which deprives them of dignity, holds them back, and subjugates them. Be warned, "The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done" (Amos 8:7).

Our world has been beset with false gods like riches, pride, selfishness, power, and jealousy since Eden. These things disturb the peace and tranquility which God intended for us. In short, since the fall, humanity has had a knack for creating its own problems that were not in God's plan. However, by the grace of God, the saving grace of his Son, and prayer these disturbances can be overcome. "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone...that we lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity...lifting up holy hands without anger or argument" 1 Timothy 2: 1-2.

Let us not squander the riches of our Master (the grace of God), like the steward who squandered his master's property in today's gospel. Although, even that steward managed to do some good for his master's debtors, and for his master, even though he slyly did so for selfish reasons. It makes me wonder, if the story were continued, whether the steward ever truly amended his ways; or if he later squandered the grace of his master's mercy and forgiveness. I dare say that there are lessons here for all of us.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Special People's Field Day**

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council will host its annual Special People's Field Day **NEXT 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](mailto:william.muench@comcast.net)).