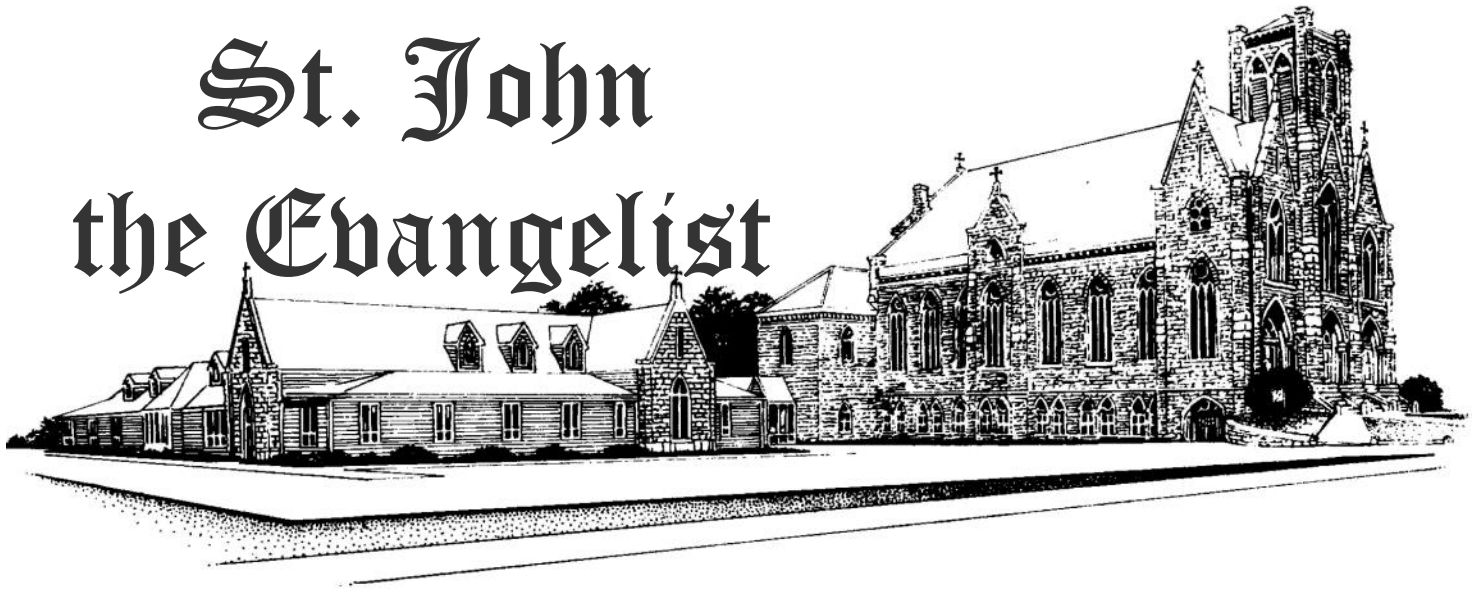


St. John the Evangelist



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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

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



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 6, 2019:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ 2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

MASS
INTENTIONS

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:00 AM Agnes Petzold

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:00PM Lourdes Banson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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.

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 time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Join Us For Coffee,
Donuts and Conversation
COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by our new Young Adults group.

Altar Server Training

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

Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited NEXT Sunday, October 6, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Coffee and donuts will be served for this joyful occasion. We hope you will join us!

First Friday Masses in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

Friday, October 4 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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, October 5.**

TWENTY-SIXTH 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, **THIS 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!

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

If you have been storing your bottles and cans all summer, GOOD NEWS: St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans again on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning **THIS Saturday, October 5, from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The collections from these drives help fund the different activities for the HS Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mike Burdulis at michael.burdulis@umassmemorial.org.

High School Youth Group:

All students in grades 9 thru 12 are welcome! First meeting for 2019-2020: **THIS 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.



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

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

GRADE 9 CONFIRMATION

Letters have gone out to all Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates. Opening Confirmation meeting is **Monday, October 7, 7-8PM** in the Parish Center. At least one parent and the candidate are asked to attend this meeting. If you are new to the parish and would like to enroll in this program, please call the Debbie at the Religious Ed. Office (508-435-3313x208)

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

Letters have gone out to all Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates. Opening Confirmation class is **Sunday, October 6, 5-7:15 PM** in the Parish Center. This class/meeting is for students only. If you are new to the parish and would like to enroll in this program, please call Debbie at the Religious Ed. Office (508-435-3313x208).

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 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

Grade 2 needs a partner for **Wednesdays**

Liturgy of the Word needs a leader for grades K-2 & 3-5.

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 **THIS 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 6: 1, 4-7; Psalm 146: 7-10; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16;
Luke 16: 19-31**

"If they will not learn from Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Those words from today's gospel are a caution to the rich and complacent, in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. In the first reading Amos condemned those who were complacent, who took advantage of the poor, who ignored the lessons of history, who avoided any kind of discomfort or suffering, and ignored the suffering of others. Much the same was happening in Jesus' time. Many did not want to face discomfort of their own, let alone tend in some way to the suffering of others.

This should sound familiar. In today's cultures, particularly western cultures, it seems anything goes. The comforts, distractions, and temptations are legion; and in many cases diabolical. Those things, when they become the goal, weaken our sensibilities and consciences. Comfort often leads to some level of complacency. The slaughter of sixty million unborn children, which not only harms the child, but also the parents is just one example of the evil that complacency can produce. As Roman Catholics our mission is to follow Christ, which means sharing in His Cross by carrying our own and helping others to do the same.

Saint Paul tells us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" and to "Compete well for the faith." While doing the many good things that we do, each of us, according to our gifts, must stand up for the Faith and for what is right, using the seven qualities Saint Paul told us to pursue. In faith we know that Christ rose from the dead. Let us learn the lessons that His Resurrection teaches. Let us not allow ourselves to become too comfortable.

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

Hopkinton Community Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a blood drive to be held at St. John's Parish Center on **Friday October 11, 2PM-7PM**. Schedule an appointment by calling 800-RED-CROSS or online: redcrossblood.org and enter 9159. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Maginnis (508-435-9615 or billmaginnis@verizon.net).