

# 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**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Mary Pawela, 1-6  
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### **PARISH CENTER**

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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**

**Bernadette Nadeau**

### **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



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home

justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13-14

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 3, 2019:  
 Wis 11:22—12:2/ Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/  
 2Thes 1:11—2:2/ Lk 19:1-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:00 PM Robert & Jackie Lavoie

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Philip John McGrath

6:30 PM Edward Hughes (living intention)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM Mike Barretto

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM Ray Benoit

7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Elizabeth Belger

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### 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.

### Monday Evening Confessions

There will be a special evening time for confessions on **Monday, October 28, from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel**.

## Weekly Schedule

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:15 PM Grade 2

## NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, November 1, is All Saints Day. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on November 1 or on the evening of October 31. At St. John's we will have Masses at **4PM on Thursday, October 31** and at **9AM and 7PM on Friday, November 1**.

### GRAND ANNUAL

### Grand Annual Update THANK YOU!

Since last Sunday, 55 parish families have returned their Grand Annual commitment forms. These wonderful commitments averaged over \$330 in gifts to the parish's year-end appeal. To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St. John's. We are now up to \$18,536 raised toward our \$55,000 goal. Thank you very much for this terrific beginning! Our parish has responded with great generosity and enthusiasm. We hope to have all commitments in by Thanksgiving. Psalm 116:12 *"What return shall I make to the Lord for all He has given to me?"*

### New Organist/Choir Director

We are pleased to announce that Bernadette Nadeau will be joining our parish family as our new organist/choir director beginning **THIS weekend**. We welcome Bernadette to St. John's!

### 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.

### 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.

*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, November 2**



*Rest in Peace*

Christine Salvucci

## 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.

### Can You Carry a Tune in a Bucket?

Come join the choir. An organizational meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 27**, immediately following the 10AM Mass. **BUCKETS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

### LOVE AND MERCY, ST. FAUSTINA MOVIE

A new film on the life of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun whose visions of Jesus led to the Divine Mercy devotion, will have a one-night-only showing **THIS Monday, October 28 at 7PM** at the Regal Cinemas in Bellingham and Solomon Pond and at AMC in Framingham. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Faustina as the King of Mercy. Clothed in a white robe and emanating two large rays from his side, one white and one red, He asked Faustina to paint this image of Himself along with the phrase "Jesus, I trust in You" and to spread the message of mercy around the world. The gripping new docudrama **LOVE AND MERCY** presents unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the vision of Faustina.

### LOVE LASTS FOREVER

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.**

#### What is Purgatory?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The church gives the name purgatory to the final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030, 1031

#### What is All Souls Day?

All Souls Day is a special day of prayer, fasting, and sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith." **How can we best help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, who cannot help themselves?** There will be five Holy Masses for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory starting this **Friday, November 1 at 7PM, Saturday, November 2 (All Souls Day), at 8AM and 5PM, Sunday, November 3, at 6:30PM and Monday, November 4, at 9AM** here at St John's. For those who can join us, there will be a holy hour after each Mass. This is sponsored by the Helpers of the Holy Souls.

*The Lord said to me Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there. O my Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.*

—Divine Mercy Diary of St. Faustina #1738

What is Jesus' "Treasury of Mercy"? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this treasury!

**Love Should Not Die at Death**



### High School Youth Group

Come join us for the St. John's High School Youth Group's Annual Fall Fest on **November 2 from 6-9PM** in the church hall. We'll provide the pizza and the fun, but please sign up via the Google Doc link that was sent via email to attend and to bring paper products, snacks, and drinks. Admission to the event is a canned good for donation to Project Just Because. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Shamus or Amy Watson ([tshamus@verizon.net](mailto:tshamus@verizon.net), [watsonamyb@gmail.com](mailto:watsonamyb@gmail.com)).

### Middle School Youth Group

Stay tuned for more information on our annual bake sale to be held on November 24 after the 10AM Mass.

### HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans **THIS Saturday, November 2, 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](mailto:michael.burdulis@umassmemorial.org).



### Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders Needed

Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our young people during this school year.

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, [mpawelstjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelstjn@gmail.com) or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net)).

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



We remember in prayer all those who have died this past year, including:

Agnes E. Penney  
Margaret Ring  
William A. Mackin  
Margaret L. Powers  
Adriana A. "Anne" Darcy  
Ethel Foley  
Jeffrey Donahue  
Christine Salvucci

Charles R. Fitzgerald  
Thomas "Roy" Robson  
Emery A. McKenzie  
Kathleen "Bonnie" Gilligan  
Raymond F. Charleston  
Richard Hilditch  
Susan Lukey

**OCTOBER 27, 2019**

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

**St. John the Evangelist Conference**

Since the founding of “our” St. John the Evangelist Conference in 1956, The Society has played a crucial role in supporting the needs of the local Hopkinton community. Through the generosity of parishioner donations and member volunteers, we’ve been able to assist countless Hopkintonians (**304 in fiscal 2019**) with both financial assistance and service referrals. Recent examples of support to clients include: rent, utilities, insurance, medical and food cards. Coming up soon, our Conference will be providing complete meals to families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to donate, please feel free to use the envelopes located in the pews or the back of the church. Checks should be made out to **St. Vincent de Paul**. The envelopes can be put in the collection basket or brought to the parish business office. Any donation will help. Gift cards are also helpful, especially Target, gas and Walmart. Thank you in advance for all your support.



**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18; Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23;  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14**

As I write, it has been twelve days since a dear friend of mine suddenly passed away. He passed quietly while he was in the process of doing something for somebody else. If it were not for the fact that I happened to be present when he would get two or three phone calls, or for the occasions when we could not get together because of the volunteer work he was doing, I never would have known that he always was doing something for somebody else. He had that great virtue of humility, that is, he was poor in spirit. My friend did not feel the need to try to justify himself. He did his best, and he humbly spent himself in service to others. As much as anyone I have ever known I believe his was a spirit that pierced the clouds and was welcomed by the Lord.

In today’s gospel, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector demonstrates that humility is essential. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God. In his pride, he did not realize that it is only by the gift of faith and God’s mercy that we are justified. Don’t be that guy. Be more like the lowly tax collector who understood reverence for God, and the need for God’s mercy. Be more like Saint Paul who was “...being poured out like a libation...” Saint Paul finished the race, kept the faith, and continued to proclaim the gospel, even though he was nearing his end. Paul’s words of being “poured out” are reminiscent of Christ’s example of giving his all, even to the shedding of his last drops of blood and water as he died on the cross for us. Paul exemplifies giving one’s all, and yet understanding that it would be God, in his mercy, who would carry him safely to his eternal reward. We strive to be poor in spirit while spending our self in service to others, in order that in some fashion we might be considered among the lowly. As Sirach tells us today, “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds...”