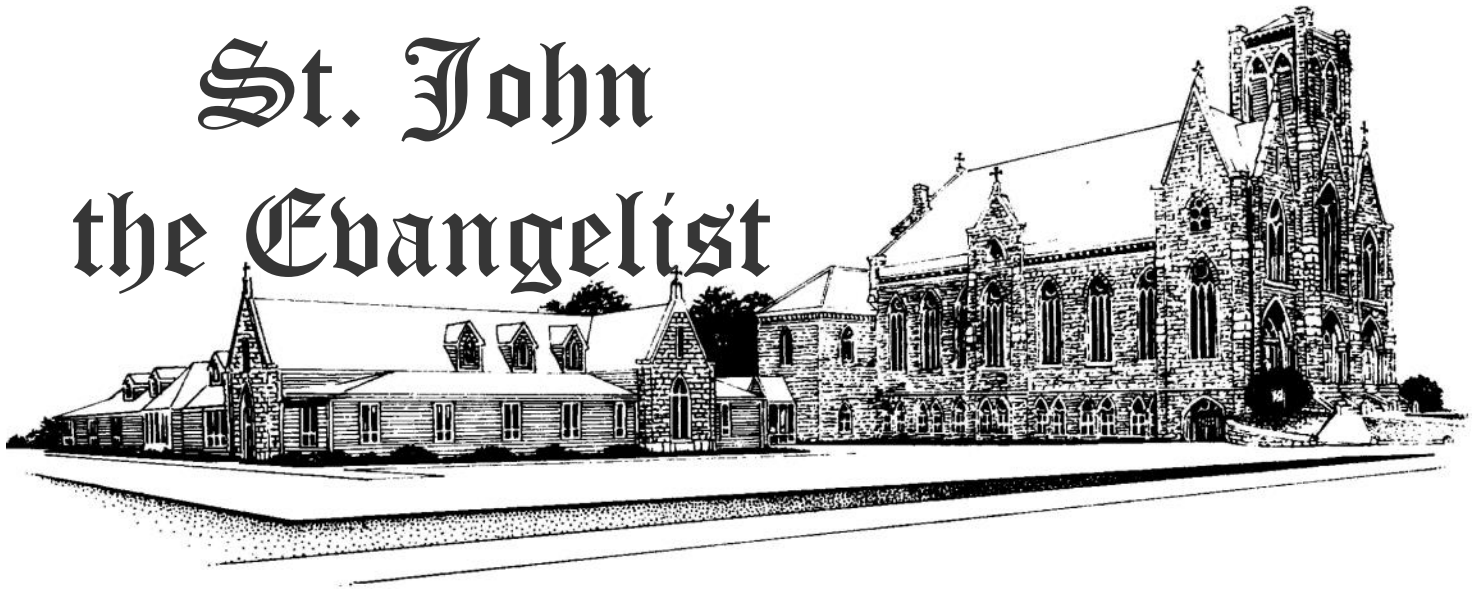


St. John the Evangelist



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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

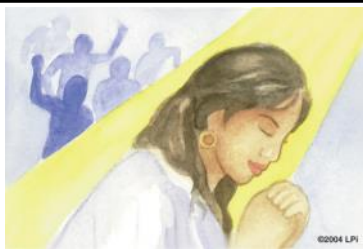
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 24, 2019:
2Sm 5:1-3/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:00 PM Joseph M. McMullen, Jr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Brandon Boivan

6:30 PM Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rudnick
(living intention)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM Helen Longchamps

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM Henry and Elaine Hart

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM Matthew O'Leary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 AM Ray Benoit

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Special Intention

5:00 PM Edward O'Leary, Sr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM Eileen O'Brien

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:15 PM Grade 2



Rest in Peace

Eleanor P. Ularich

COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the Gallagher, Valutkevich and Schuster Families.

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 Pecevich 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. Newcomers are always welcome.

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

St. John's Youth Choir 2019-2020

Welcoming all **3rd thru 12th** graders. Weekly rehearsals are on **Sundays after the 10AM Mass**; main church, rehearsal room to the right of the sanctuary. The Youth Choir sings at the 10AM Mass one Sunday a month, other devotions and concerts throughout the year, and collaborates with the Parish Choir on select feast days. This spring our choir will participate with hundreds of other young choristers in the *Pueri Cantores Festival and Mass*, to be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Boston. We are also prayerfully considering the *44th International Pueri Cantores Rome Festival* (12/26/21-1/2/22) where we would join choirs from around the world at the Papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. (so put on your fundraising thinking caps!) Youth Choir registration will take place at rehearsal. For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Lynn Maginnis at 508-435-9615 or lynnmaginnis@verizon.net).

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 23.**

THIRTY-THIRD 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.

SEASONAL HELP NEEDED

St. John's is in need of some seasonal help with snow removal. We need someone who is able to shovel as well as work light machinery. Please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x202 or bmitchellstjn@verizon.net.

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.

PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

Through Purgatory to Heaven

The souls in Purgatory are those who have some kind of disfigurement on their souls, a self-love, something they will not let go of which prevents the full saturation of the soul with divine love.

What are the sufferings of Purgatory?

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**
2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused others and themselves in their lives and there is nothing they can do about it. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death

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.

AGAPE

Welcome all High School students to AGAPE! (Greek for "selfless love"). **November 23 from 7-8PM** with an optional hangout until 9:30PM at the Petruney Home, 24 Smith Road, Hopkinton. AGAPE offers all High School students an opportunity to continue their journey in their Catholic Faith in a way that is unique, relevant and FUN!! The group usually meets for two hours once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for pizza/dessert, fellowship, activities, and large/small group discussion. We are delighted to be able to begin our 6th year with this program. It's designed to accommodate everyone's busy schedules as it is not necessary to attend every gathering in order to benefit! Come when you can and bring a friend or two!! If you have any questions, please contact: Meg Gaughan or Heather Petruney (petruneyh@gmail.com, hpagape@gmail.com).



High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: November 17 at 5PM in the parish center. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

Thursday, December 12: Mission Trip 2020 Information Night at 7PM in the parish center for parents and students. Come find out more information about our upcoming June mission trip. This is NOT the sign up meeting. That will be on January 9, 2020.

DONATIONS NEEDED

St. John's High School Youth Group will be collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets they will be putting together for some needy families in Hopkinton. They will be assembling these baskets at the next meeting on Sunday, November 17. Some suggested items are canned goods, non-perishables, items to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner, gift cards to local supermarkets/gas stations and Target, toiletries (soap, shampoo, and razors). Items can be left in a box outside of the Rel. Ed. office. All gift cards should be left in the mail slot in the Rel. Ed. door. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

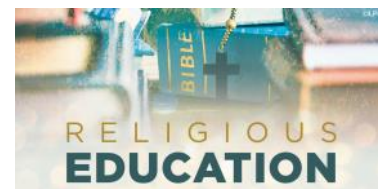


Middle School Youth Group

BAKE SALE: Our annual bake sale will be held **NEXT Sunday, November 24, after the 10AM Mass** during coffee hour.

BAKERS NEEDED!

The Middle School Youth Group is hosting a bake sale on Sunday, November 24 during coffee hour. This is the one fundraiser we do all year. Please come and support the group. We also need bakers to make cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes, breads, muffins, etc. Drop off for the sale can be before or after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 23, or before the 8AM or 10AM Masses on Sunday, November 24. Thank you for your support and help!



Grade 1 Students at Mass

THIS weekend at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 1 and their catechists will serve as greeters, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. Families of 1st graders are encouraged to attend this Mass.

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98: 5-9; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19

We are approaching the First Sunday of Advent, a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and The Life. The readings from last week, this week, and next week prepare us for a good Advent. In the process we learn how we must change to be ready to commemorate his first coming; and ultimately for his second coming. This week's readings are very direct about what is to come. In today's Gospel Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem. But Jesus went a step further, and he revealed things that would happen at the end of the world.

The reading from Malachi promises final victory for those who reverence the awesome glory and power of our Creator. Saint Paul tells us to toil in faithful humility for one another. Jesus teaches us to beware of false prophets, and to serve, live and die with faith and hope as he did. Jesus warns us about wars, natural disasters, persecution, and about families turning against one another. However, we can take heart because he promised to be with us until the end of time, and to give us what we need to persevere in the Faith to secure our eternal life. That means we must accept our own crosses in whatever form they come to us. That requires a real change of heart, putting on the "new man" as Saint Paul would urge us to do.

In our current age, we see some of the persecution of which Jesus spoke. That does not mean that the end is near. We do not know when. However, it is a reminder that we need, by the grace of God, to allow ourselves to be fundamentally changed to live as Jesus did. On or about 70 A.D., the Romans destroyed Jerusalem as Jesus had predicted. As he is about everything, Jesus was right about that one. I suggest that it would be wise to take the Lord's word for it regarding his second coming.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Come anytime between 2-4PM, St. John's Parish Hall
Create Your Own Fresh Advent Wreath for your home.

All materials provided, including assorted fresh greens and candles.

Please bring your own clippers if you have them.

\$25 per wreath, payable by cash or check, at the door.

Refreshments will be served.

Plus Christmas Card Station

There will also be a station for the children to make Christmas cards for the residents of Golden Pond.

St. John's Children's Choir will deliver the cards and sing for them prior to Christmas.

To reserve your wreath* and/or donate a baked good, **please RSVP by November 20th** to Debra Villani (villani@verizon.net or 508-435-9369).

****We order wreaths based on number reserved, so please reserve yours today!***