

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



The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer

him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 1, 2019:
Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/ Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM Geno, Angelo and Ray Spinosa

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Peter Winkler

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM John & Helen O'Brien

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Thomas Hostage (living)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Eleanor Lysik



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27—NO CLASSES, THANKSGIVING BREAK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1—NO CLASSES



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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place **THIS** Sunday at the 10AM Mass for children in grades K-2 and 3-5.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Retired Religious Sisters

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 our Middle School Youth Group.



Middle School Youth Group Bake Sale

Our Middle School Youth Group's annual bake sale will be held **THIS Sunday, November 24, after the 10AM Mass** during coffee hour. This is the one fundraiser that the Middle School Youth Group does all year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday Mass

7PM in the Lower Church

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 and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

The great gift of Divine Mercy and Purgatory

"Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual."

—Saint Thomas Aquinas

How can we help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory?

The best way is to have the Holy Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self-denials and sufferings. Eucharistic adoration. Offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738
Love Should Not Die at Death

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

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Christmas Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Christmas help. We need parish families to play Santa to less fortunate Hopkintonians. This can be done by fulfilling requests from their wish lists. Please consider this incredibly worthwhile Christmas cause. We are also in need of the following gift cards in \$50 denominations: Target, Walmart, gas or VISA. Any questions, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Our group really appreciates all the help, past and future.

St. John's St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please use the turkey boxes located on 2 tables in the back of the church to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of preventive health screenings will be here at St. John's on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation—irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**



High School Youth Group

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.

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2. Enter Access Code: **BNZFH7**
3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



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, please contact Lynn Maginnis at 508-435-9615 or lynnmaginnis@verizon.net.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Psalm 122: 1-5; Colossians 1: 12-20;
Luke 23: 35-43**

Today we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's readings give us examples of the differences between the expectations of humanity, and those of God. For instance, what is a king? And let's face it, as great as David was, he demonstrated many faults. In 2 Samuel the elders hail David as the shepherd and commander of Israel; and they anointed him to be king of Israel. But Paul makes it clear that Jesus was much more than that. First, Christ has no faults. Jesus has been called many names and hailed to be many things. Today Paul tells us Jesus Christ is "the image of the invisible God," "the firstborn of creation," "the head of the body, the church," "the beginning, the firstborn from the dead." Paul tells us more about Jesus Christ: "...all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together..."

David was anointed king by the elders. Jesus was anointed by and through his suffering, death and resurrection. By his very entrance into this world, Jesus Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity opening a path for us to share in his divinity. Earthly kings almost never humble themselves, share their power, or share in the lives of their subjects. Christ's way was not marked by being victorious on a battlefield, or by his royal political skills. Christ's victory over evil was won by the blood of his cross by which he reconciled us to be heirs to the Kingdom of God, opening a path to eternal life with him, if we choose to take that path. Christ's social contacts were not kings; nor or did they take place in palaces. Christ's social circles were with sinners in order to recover what was lost; and with all who were sick, suffering, poor, or needy in order to heal, and to bring peace, justice and light. As God among us Christ demonstrated what God expects of kings and of us.

As we approach Advent and Christmas, let us follow Christ's road. There are many ways to do that, but alms giving is one way, particularly as Thanksgiving is only a few days away. Helping the Saint Vincent De Paul Society with monetary and/or food and clothing donations would be a great start.

