

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 have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you

may be children of your heavenly Father."

- Mt 5:43-45a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 1, 2020:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/

Rom 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Joseph M. McMullen, Jr.
6:30 PM Steve Aitken

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM E. J. Murray

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM Kathleen "Bonnie" Gilligan

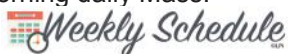
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:00 PM George and Terry Rodny

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Philip McLaughlin

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23—CLASSES RESUME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5
6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26—NO CLASSES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal (music room)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

5:00 PM Grade 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....February 26
Easter Sunday.....April 12
Confirmation (2 Masses).....May 2

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, February 29.

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 Boy Scouts of America Troop 4.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM	MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM	MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM	ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM	MASS & ASHES

Parish Lenten Mission

Keeping the Faith

Please join us for a Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. John Broussard, CPM, **March 21-26 at all weekend Masses and Monday through Thursday at 7PM in the upper church.** Confessions will be available before and after mission talks. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with conference. Topics include: Confession, The theology of suffering and the cross, The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Eucharist and the Mass, Living the faith in our daily lives. Examination of conscience available. Fr. John is a native of Houston, Texas, and is a graduate of Seton Home Study in 2005. Fr. John is a permanently professed religious priest of the Fathers of Mercy. He completed his bachelors of philosophy at Holy Apostles College and Seminary and his Master of Divinity at the same institution; graduating in 2014. Father John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 7th, 2014. He is currently serving as the Rector at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin and part time on the mission band traveling and preaching parish missions and retreats. Father attributes his vocation to the prayers of his family and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

40 Days for Life

From **February 26 through April 5**, you're invited to join other Catholics for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: rita.a.russo@gmail.com, 781-762-4391, or check www.40daysforlife.com.

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.



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.

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. Please join us for a special evening of reflection and prayer on Divine Mercy with Sister Veritas of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (Saint Faustina's order), on **Monday, March 2, 7-8PM in the lower chapel**.

BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Bible Study resumes on **Thursdays at 7PM in the lower church area**. The topic will be "The Acts of the Apostles," and the presenter is Fr. Conrad Peceovich. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible. Come and enjoy our faith-sharing group and fellowship.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (lower church)

MONDAY—FRIDAY 9:00 AM
SATURDAY 8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION (lower church)

MONDAYS, March 9, March 30 6:30-7:30 PM
April 6 6:30-8 PM
SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM

Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

Middle School Youth Group

Service Project: Preparing Easter bags for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen, **Friday, March 20, 11:30AM-1PM**. More info to come.

High School Youth Group

St. John's High School Youth Group Hosts Coffee

Hours: Come visit us on **March 1, March 8, and March 15**. Come make an Easter Ornament Craft and take a guess at the candy jar. Guesses: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, March 8 at 5PM in the lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, March 14

Mystery night out. More details to follow.

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, April 4, at 6PM

This fundraiser helps defray costs to our students and chaperones for many of the various activities, including the mission trip.



WEATHER NOTICE



Any time the Hopkinton Public School District cancels school due to weather conditions, St. John's Religious Education Classes will also be canceled.

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FEBRUARY 23, 2020

CROSS ROADS


By Deacon Tony

**Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; Matthew 5: 38-48**

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues to clarify the law, and tells us in unambiguous terms what we are commanded to do and not to do, and how we are to live. All of today's readings direct us toward becoming holy and perfect as our heavenly Father is holy and perfect. However, since that bite of the apple in the Garden of Eden, we have been burdened with imperfection, doubt, anger, anxiety, and guilt (Adam and Eve saw that they were naked, and they tried to hide from God). Humanity has been struggling with that problem ever since. And since then, aside from Jesus himself, the only person who has been born perfect and full of grace has been the Blessed Mother. Now Jesus gives us what seems to be the burden to become perfect?

I say to you that becoming perfect is not a burden. There are many burdens and crosses in life; but becoming perfect is not one of them. Rather, becoming perfect is a radically beautiful process and way of life. We are not burdened with it, because we are Temples of the Holy Spirit, and it is not we who make ourselves perfect. Our job is to cooperate with the grace of God by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and perfect us. He prunes us like a master gardener so that we become fruitful. He chisels away at us like a master sculptor and shapes us into the beautifully perfect souls we were created to be.

Every human being in heaven is a saint, and every one of them started out as imperfect as we did. The Lord's commands relieve us of the heavy burdens that we pile upon ourselves: hatred, resentment, jealousy, grudges, enmity, retaliation, anxiety, guilt, and fear. The Lord's commands replace all such burdens with love, graciousness, humility, mercy, pardon, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, compassion, and the abiding joy of his loving presence when difficulties arise. Lent begins on Wednesday. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our hearts. Let us cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the process of being perfected into saints. As others have said, what else is there?



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.