

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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All Masses, (Sunday, Saturday and morning Mass) in all archdiocesan parishes are suspended until further notice.

The cardinal has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

We most strongly encourage everyone to pray the rosary as a family on Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

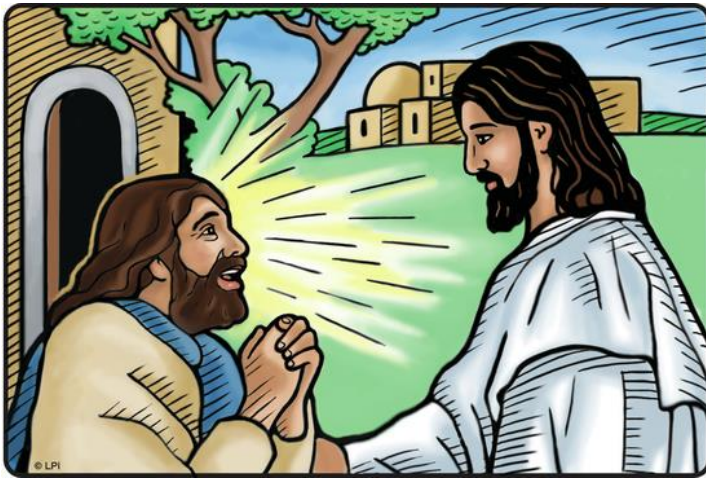
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 29, 2020:
 Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Rom 8:8-11/
 Jn 11:1-45

"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



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.

MAGNIFICAT

During this difficult time, MAGNIFICAT has made their online version of MAGNIFICAT temporarily available to everyone for free. Visit www.magnificat.com/free. It is our hope that everyone will take this opportunity to pray with MAGNIFICAT in union with the Church each Sunday and weekday. Please pray with us for a speedy and safe end to this time of difficulty in our world.

A Special Note from Fr. Cannon

Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Every day when I offer Mass, all of you are most certainly in my intention. If you know of anyone who is in any special need, please feel free to call and most assuredly, we'll do whatever we can. God bless each one of you and with the grace of God and prayers of Our Lady and our patron, St. John the Evangelist, we'll get through this—together.

Where we are With Religious Services

- Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms will continue to be offered, within the current Commonwealth emergency guidelines.
- The Church will be opened for all those who would like to make a visit on weekends, from 8AM-7PM. The lower chapel on weekdays from 7AM-7PM, except on Thursdays: 9AM-2PM.
- Sunday mornings the most holy Eucharist will be exposed for adoration from 8AM-12Noon.
- Private Masses are taking place and the scheduled Mass intentions are being said.
- Office hours for the parish and religious education offices are from 9AM-2PM.
- At this time, there are no public Masses; no public confessional times; no public Stations of the Cross. The parish mission has been canceled.
- The rich and powerful devotional practices of the Church, i.e., the holy rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Stations of the Cross are encouraged, most especially a family rosary on Sunday.

Please note that we are all in a state of flux, and all things listed above are contingent on the Commonwealth and Archdiocese protocols.

Offertory

The current situation has certainly impacted many in a very negative way financially, the parish included. We are very grateful for those small number of parishioners that are on ParishPay* and for those that have been sending in their offertory envelopes via the mail. For those that are able, if you could, please send in a weekly offering. It would be very, very much appreciated.

*A link for electronic giving can be found at: <https://stjohnhopkinton.churchgiving.com/weshare> or on the St. John website home page - <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com>. The link can be found on the right side of the page.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

WINGS Holliston

To conform with Cardinal Sean O'Malley's recent coronavirus guidelines, **Holliston WINGS is postponing its Spring Season**. We hope to have a shortened season later in the spring.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Wednesday, March 25 Community Dinner at St. Paul Episcopal Church is canceled.

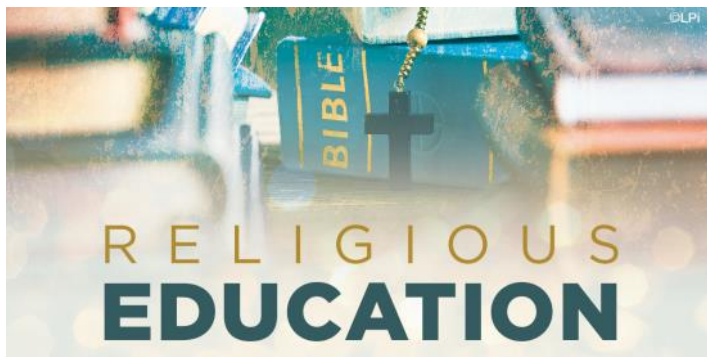
ST. JOHN'S BIBLE STUDY

St. John's bible study group will not meet until tentatively **Wednesday, April 8, 7-8:30PM** in the lower church hall. For scheduling convenience, we will now be meeting on Wednesday evenings. The next topic will be: Genesis 1-11. Also, we will explore the upcoming Sunday reading through the Lectio Divina method. All are welcome to participate. Please bring your Bible. Fr. Conrad S. Pecevich will be the facilitator.



Middle School And High School Youth Groups

All activities and gatherings, including the HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser are canceled until further notice.



Dear Families,

At this time, St. John's Religious Education Program will not be holding formal classes on site at the parish center. What we would like to do is ask you to finish up the Religious Education school year with your child at home.

We will be in touch with you on the different grade levels as to what our expectations and guidelines are for you to carry this forward. Stay tuned.

We realize that the sacrament years (grades 2 & 10) are more specific, and we will be in direct contact with you very soon in regards to receiving the sacraments and preparation. If we make any changes to the confirmation date or communion date, we will let you know as soon as possible. The Rel. Ed. Office will be open Monday-Wednesday 9AM-12Noon. If you need any assistance please call or email.

Fr. Cannon strongly recommends praying the Rosary as a Family, as Mass is not available to us at this time.

Stay healthy and sending prayers,

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MARCH 22, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23: 1-6;
Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41**

In today's first reading, Jesse presented Samuel with seven of his eight sons who must have seemed by appearances to be the most likely candidates to be chosen by God as king. It was not until David, the youngest, was presented to Samuel that God revealed that David was the one chosen to be king. Samuel anointed David with oil, and "the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David." Samuel learned that God sees more than appearances. God sees deeply into the heart, including each of ours. He knows us better than we know ourselves.

In today's gospel Jesus declares that he is the light of the world, and then cures a man who had been blind from birth. But the Pharisees criticized Jesus for **attempting** to heal the man on the sabbath. Jesus scolded the Pharisees for being blind, and for misleading others. They refused to see or admit that the man had been blind from birth, or that Jesus was responsible for the healing. They only saw a threat to their status, authority, and their ways; and they did not want to change. They resisted even to the point of twice interrogating and chastising the man who was cured, to which the man responded bravely, and expressed his faith in Jesus. Ultimately, they would resist even to insisting that Jesus be put to death.

We are living in dark days: abortion, treachery, crime, war, the inability of some to see that there is an objective right and wrong, and now the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, we all have our own personal blind spots, where we sometimes only see what we want to see, live some aspects of the gospels and Church teachings but downplay the ones that would fundamentally change us to be who God wants us to be. However, as David was chosen and anointed, so we have been chosen and anointed at our Baptism and Confirmation, and the spirit of the Lord rushed upon us. What a gift! St. Paul tells us today that, through the light of Christ, we are called to be children of the light. That is, we are to strive to see ourselves, one another, and the world as God does. If we are truly willing to see through the light of Christ, and to reflect that light to others, we need to ask the Lord every day to grant us the spiritual sight and insight that we need. Then, in dark times we will live more bravely; and we can pray today's psalm with conviction, "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you...give me courage."

