

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

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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



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 5, 2020:

Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

MASS
INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

George Yankowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Ray Charleston (1 year anniversary)
Anna-Marie Duffy (living birthday)
Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, MARCH 30

J. Ross Meehan

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Maureen McIntyre

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

George Winkler (living birthday)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Parishioners of St. John's
All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.



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.

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.
- 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.

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the weight of human suffering through His Passion and Cross for our salvation, hear the prayers of Your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of Your divine Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. We humbly beseech You, to bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; Grant us the grace to do what is right and the faith to endure this struggle, that we might gather once again to praise Your most holy Name in the heart of Your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in Your divine mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



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.

How to Make a Spiritual Communion

Given our current restrictions, many are trying to watch Mass at home either through EWTN or CatholicTV, and when we do so we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion. What is that? A Spiritual Communion is a prayer professing faith in Jesus Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist and inviting our Savior to come live in our hearts.

Begin by examining your conscience and making a good Act of Contrition. Then pray one of the prayers recommended by the saints for inviting Christ into your heart. Here is one by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Spiritual Communion can never fully take the place of receiving Holy Communion at Mass, but in these extraordinary times, It can help us to stay close to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The traditional Act of Contrition:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, And I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven And the pains of hell, But most of all because they have offended thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, To confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

*Special thank you to the Catholic Free Press for their helpful information.



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.

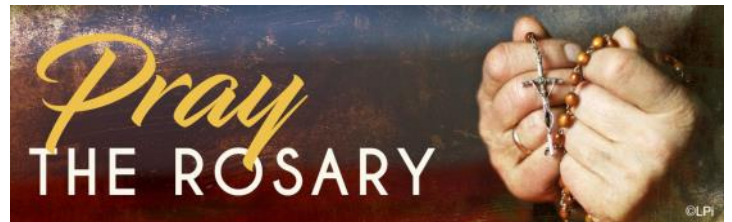


Middle School And High School Youth Groups

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

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group bottle and can collection for April is canceled.



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.



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CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 130: 1-8; Romans 8: 8-11;

John 11: 1-45

There was a time that we would say that a person is as good as his word. If we promised something important, we would emphasize the promise by adding, "I give you my word." In Ezekiel the Lord says, "I will open your graves and have you rise...I will put my Spirit in you that you may live...I have promised and I will do it." In Romans, St. Paul tells us that "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also..." St. Paul is reminding us of the Lord's promise of redemption and resurrection, if only we would believe, dwell in the spirit and not in the flesh. In these days of disease, anxiety and semi-isolation, we may be learning that we can live more simply, that there are some physical things that we can live without; and that there are spiritual things without which we cannot live fully.

The Lord God gave of his own substance to dwell among us in the person of Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, the Lord God reveals himself in our midst as the fullness of love, empathy, kindness, redemption and forgiveness. In today's gospel Jesus demonstrates that he is "the resurrection and the life..." who cares about and cries with us. He promises that "...whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Martha expressed how she had come to believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. After this, and having wept twice, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Do **we** believe as Martha believed?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**...and without him nothing came to be...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." He continues to dwell among us in the flesh through the Eucharist. The Lord God's promise of redemption and resurrection is demonstrated through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh. Do we believe this? **We must!** Through Jesus Christ, the One Lord God physically entered the world, and sealed His promise!! **He gave us His Word!!!**

