

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



“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” - Jn 14:2-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 17, 2020:
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/
 1Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



SUNDAY, MAY 10

Parishioners of St. John
 Catherine Sullivan

MONDAY, MAY 11

Rosemary Ganssle

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Irene Ganssle (living intention)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Parishioners of St. John

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.



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.



Rest in Peace

Dorothy R. Sullivan

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; and no public Stations of the Cross.
- 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.

Easter Donations

In normal times, Easter donations are designated for the Clergy Health & Retirement Fund. However, the Fund is allowing local parishes to keep the donations marked for Easter for their general fund to cover operating expenses with the agreement of the parishioner(s) who sent in the funds. With your blessing and continued support, St. Johns will use the Easter donations for operating expenses. Should you wish your Easter donation to remain with the CHR Trust please call the office 508-435-3313 or email bmitchellstjn@verizon.net. Thank you for your continued support.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I offer you, my holy Mother Mary,
All my thoughts, all my actions,
All my prayers and acts of charity,
All my faith and good works,
All my sacrifices that I make today.

Grant me the grace to do everything in my life
With a pure intention and a desire to please God.

I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart,
And I pray, through the merits of your intercession,

That I may adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

And through His divine mercy,

Obtain the grace of conversion and the remission of my sins.

O Mary, my Blessed Mother, watch over me and protect me
From all sin and from all evil this day. Amen.

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 Annual Rummage Sale

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, it will not be possible to have our 2020 Annual Rummage sale this year. We look forward to having it again in 2021.

Middle School

And High School Youth Groups

All activities and gatherings, including the HS Mission Trip are canceled.

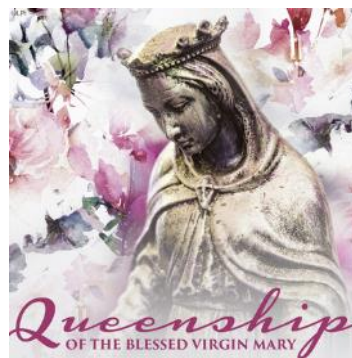


First Communions

All First Communions have been postponed. We will contact families as soon as we are able to reschedule. All of our students and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

CONFIRMATION

The Archdiocese has notified us that our Confirmations scheduled for May 2 are postponed. We will notify you as soon as we hear from the Archdiocese about a future date. Thank you for your patience and prayers. The entire St. John's family is praying for all of you during this time. Stay healthy and safe.



May Procession Hymn

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Refrain:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms of the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
Their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

Refrain

MAY 10, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**. Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2: 4-9;
John 14: 1-12**

In today's first two readings, as the number of believers grew, the early Church had to transform itself to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of its members. The apostles needed help. They ordained seven men by praying and laying hands on them. Those first deacons would focus on service, though they also would evangelize and baptize. The apostles would focus on spreading the Gospel, evangelization, Baptism, the Eucharist, and imparting the Holy Spirit, though they too would serve. Saint Peter would refer to the Church as an entity built with living stones with Christ as the corner stone. Also, Peter would speak of the members of the Church as a royal and holy priesthood. Thus, Peter proclaimed that all are called to serve and to offer spiritual sacrifices to God for the good of all.

John's Gospel leaves no doubt as to who Jesus is: God Among Us. In today's gospel we hear one of Christ's discourses at the Last Supper, where he was trying to prepare the apostles for what was to come. In response to Thomas and Philip, Jesus declares, "I AM the way and the truth and the life..." and that only through him does anyone go to the Father. Jesus also declares, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." He emphasizes twice, "I AM in the Father and the Father is in me." The holy reality of the mystery of God, in all his divinity, sharing our humanity and manifesting Himself in the person of Jesus is revealed to the apostles and to us.

The Church remains a living and breathing entity. We are its living stones. Christ is ever with us. In its struggles we see people serving others and sacrificing for the good of all. Like the early Church, today's Church is adapting and transforming to better meet the needs of the people and to fulfill the Church's mission, while the tenets of our Faith, like Christ, never change; and the Church perseveres. In this health crisis and in other struggles, we are getting a taste of the early Church and its struggles. Have Hope. Have Faith. Serve with Love. Follow Christ's example! The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is the heart and soul of the Church. Christ's Church is indestructible, and it WILL fulfill its mission!

