

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

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

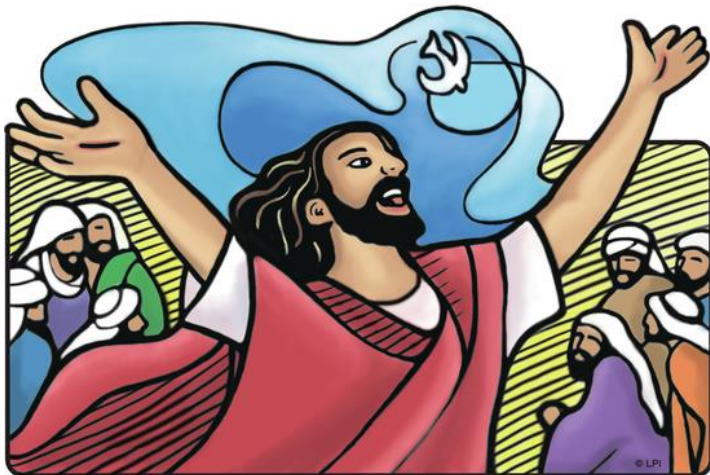
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
- Jn 20:21-23

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, June 7, 2020:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 AM Abe Kniaz

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

5:00 PM Anne Ahearn

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Louise Creswell and Nancy Ciceroni
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome Back to Mass at St. John's

You will notice some changes as we reopen for Masses. We have performed a thorough cleaning and will continue to disinfect between Masses. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to bring your own if possible as well as disinfecting wipes if you would like to wipe down your area. Pews have been marked off for social distancing. There are also markings for the flow of traffic within the church for communion. Face masks are required except for medical exemptions. All the pew missals have been removed. We ask that you sign up in advance to attend Mass at www.stjohnhopkinton.com or leave a message for the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203 (Monday through Friday). Also, if you would like to receive emails from us and links to the weekly bulletin and the recorded Mass, please fill out the form on our website. We have all been through some trying times that are far from over, so please have patience with us. Your personal safety is a top priority.

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 utilize electronic giving* 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 "WeShare" link for electronic giving can be found on St. John's website home page: www.stjohnhopkinton.com.

St. John the Evangelist's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is Here to Help

Hopkinton residents who are having financial difficulty are encouraged to contact St. John's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are able to offer assistance in many areas including; rent, utilities, insurance, food. We can also make referrals. Our parish council was established in 1956 and is supported by donations from parishioners. Please call (508) 435-3313 x207, if you or someone you know is in need of help. If you would like to make a cash or gift card donation, please drop off or mail to the parish office. Checks should be made out to "The St. Vincent de Paul Society."



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 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.

Welcome New Hopkinton Knights of Columbus!

The Bishop Rice Council of the K of C serving Hopkinton/Ashland would like to welcome the following Hopkinton residents into our order: Tom Carey, Bernie Mitchell, Don Muldoon and Conrad Lavoie. We welcome them as Knights of the 3d Degree and look forward to serving our parishes and communities together. The Knights have waived the \$30 initiation fee for those who join as eMembers before 6/30/2020. If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please visit www.kofc.org/joinus or contact Chris Alicandro (617-335-6688 or chris.alicandro@comcast.net).



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

Confirmations are postponed. We will notify you as soon as we hear from the Archdiocese about a future date.

Congratulations to the class of 2020! May God continue to guide you and be with you as you continue your life journey.

Thank You

To all our volunteers!

The biggest thank you for volunteering your time and energy to St. John's Parish this past year. Your help and talent do not go unnoticed. Our parish is lucky and grateful to have you in whatever area you volunteer in. You have made our parish better and have possibly changed the lives of some. We wish you all well and hope you all stay safe. We look forward to seeing you when we can all come back together as a Parish family.

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MAY 31, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-34;

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

In today's reading from the gospel of John, Jesus appears to the disciples on the day of his Resurrection. His first message is "Peace be with you." His second message is one of peace and mission, "Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathes on them, imparts the Holy Spirit, and gives the disciples the power to forgive sins. This is the only place in the gospels that there is an account of Jesus imparting the Holy Spirit on his disciples after the Resurrection.

However, it is only in today's reading from Acts, which is considered a sort of sequel to Luke's gospel, that we have an account of the first Pentecost. This account paints a graphic picture of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit: the noise of a strong driving wind, the tongues of fire, the urge to proclaim, and the speaking in different languages so that all understood **as one** to the astonishment of those who witnessed it. What a difference from the first reading from Genesis in the Pentecost Vigil Mass. That reading was about the Tower of Babel, when because of pride the people were made to speak in different languages and could not understand one another. They were no longer **as one**. Saint Paul puts much of this in perspective. We have no real faith without the Holy Spirit. All of us have different gifts and missions, but they all come from the same Spirit. We all are different parts of the same body **as one**, serving the same God (Father Son and Holy Spirit).

The disciples received the Holy Spirit, were transformed, and sent to renew the face of the earth into **one** family of God. We have received the same Spirit through Baptism, and through Confirmation (our personal Pentecost). Prayer, peace, comforting, transformation, renewal, mission, are some of what we can take away from this holy day. Let us pray as the disciples did to receive the Holy Spirit who always is available to those who ask: Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful. Transform us, that **as one** we can serve God and one another, and help to renew the face of the earth.

