

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
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil

is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold." - Mt 13:22-23

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 19, 2020:
 Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/
 Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-30



SATURDAY, JULY 11

5:00 PM Carmencita Rodriguez

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Edward V. Cannon
 6:30 PM Mary Elizabeth Knight

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:00 AM Stephen Coffee

TUESDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM Marian Coffee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM Theresa Genoa

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM John Goode

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 AM Carl & Marie Herendeen
 5:00 PM Kathy Deering

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Thomas Archer

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmations September 29 & October 13

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
 NEXT Saturday, July 18.



I. Gregory J. Kane & Alyssa Karpacz

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. Looking For More Information? Check out our website for the most current information about St. John's as well as many spiritual resources that you can access from home.

Congratulations to Fr. Anthony Hamaty

Our very popular deacon from last year was just ordained to the priesthood on June 20th for the diocese of St. Augustine's in Florida. June 20th this year was also the feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We pray that Fr. Hamaty will always be close to our Lady's Immaculate Heart and know Her special patronage. Fr. Hamaty's new address is Queen of Peace Parish, 10900 SW 24th Avenue, Gainesville, FL, 32607.



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.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special Monday evening for confessions on July 20 from 7-8PM in the parish hall. The regular parish times for confessions on Saturday mornings can be difficult for some, so we hope this opportunity may be more convenient. The hall is especially set up to be covid safe.



"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular,
 She will save the world."

– St. Dominic's Prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Scapular, AD 1208.

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.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Brown Scapular

July 16th is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Carmel in Hebrew means "Garden of God"). This feast day is dated through pious tradition as the day in the 13th century, that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest serving in England. St. Simon was exhorted by Our Lady to make available this scapular to the faithful.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will extend her patronage to the faithful who wear the scapular, especially at one's hour of death. The faithful in turn pledge:

- Devotion to Our Lady and the teachings of the Church,
- To live a chaste life according to one's station in life
- And to say the rosary daily or
- Recite daily the Little Office of the BVM.
- Observe the fasts of Church with abstinence from meat on Fridays.

One must be vested by a priest or deacon with the accompanying prayers.

For those interested, the vesting of the brown scapular of the Carmelites will be available after all the Masses **NEXT weekend**. For those that currently wear the scapular, one's vesture could be renewed.

Morning Offering of the Brown Scapular

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. O Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!



Middle School & High School Youth Groups

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



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation dates have been set for **Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30PM and 7PM** and **Tuesday, October 13, at 6PM**. Parents were all sent an email this past week with the dates and a sign up link. To sign up for a day and time, go to our website (www.stjohnhopkinton.com). Please email Deb Lysik at dlysikstjn@verizon.net if you have any questions.



Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

July 16 at 7PM

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service.

Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction.

"During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*, chap. VI

DIVINE MERCY THOUGHT

Call upon my mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: "**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for us, I trust in you.**"

—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina (*Diary #186 & 187*)

JULY 12, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 65: 10-14;

Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

Today we are given beautiful images of how God oversees his creation, how the soil is cultivated, watered, softened, and tilled so that it will be receptive to seed, and be fruitful. While Saint Paul tells us today that "...creation was made subject to futility," he also says that our sufferings in this world are nothing compared to "...the glory to be revealed to us." Thus, the exception to that futility is our faith and hope in the resurrection of our bodies and souls that the Lord has promised us. Our nature is such that we are constantly searching for something more, something else. The reason is that the things of this earth will never totally satisfy us. Our true purpose is to be faithful to the Word, to be fruitful; and thus, to be in communion with our creator.

Like the soil, we too are cultivated by the Lord. How so? Jesus, The Word Made Flesh, dwelt among us, poured out every drop of his blood for our sake. He nourishes us with the Eucharist, and consoles us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We suffer, as Saint Paul reminds us; but we can join that suffering to Christ's. By doing so, the soil of our souls is softened, watered, tilled, and prepared by the Holy Spirit to be more receptive to the eternal seed of the Word of God, and thus, to become more fruitful.

We are taught by today's gospel that there are four kinds of people. There are those who never accept the Word. There are those who believe for a while but fall away. There are those who believe, but in whom the Word is choked off by the thorns and weeds of worldly anxieties and allurements. Finally, there are those who respond to the Word, embrace their crosses, open their souls to the seed of the Word, and who produce fruit abundantly. In our hearts and souls, we ache to be that fourth type of person. We are called to be that person. Allow the Lord to cultivate your hearts and souls. Receive His Word and allow it to take root. It is the only way to discover the fruitful person you are meant to be.

