

# St. John the Evangelist



**Established 1866**

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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.

### **PASTOR**

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**Mary Pawela, 1-6**  
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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 kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

- Mt 13:44

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 2, 2020:  
*Is 55:1-3/ Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/*  
*Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM James Sullivan  
 10:00 AM John Dudley  
 6:30 AM Parishioners of St. John

#### MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM For the spiritual welfare of the clergy

#### TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Dr. Peter Sampo

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

### 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

First Communions.....September 19 & September 26  
 Confirmations.....September 29 & October 13

**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.**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, August 1.**

### *Rest in Peace*

Jackie Bowker  
 Edwin P. Carboni  
 Eleanor Morgan

### 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](http://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.

### Your Offertory Dollars at Work

In late June and into July extensive masonry work was done on the church tower. There was a lot of repointing, especially high up on the tower. The repointing, repairing the mortar joints of the granite, is important for keeping the structure watertight. A water-resistant application was applied to the tower following the repointing. The tower was built without structural brackets, which help to keep the granite stable, so over time, vibrations from trucks or strong winds can cause the granite to grind away at the mortar joints. This why the tower must be periodically repointed. The lift needed to do the repointing work is expensive to rent. Since we had the lift, we went ahead and repainted and did some minor repair work on the wooden louvers up by the bell. Additionally, our cedar fence that dated back to 1991 was falling down and needed replacement. That work, on the east side of the parking lot, towards the southeast corner of the property, involved about 50 yards of fencing. We'll give you the total cost of these projects next week. Thank you for your very generous support of St. John's.

### HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

God doesn't want any of His wayward children to be lost, but truly rejoices when they repent of their sins, turn back to Him, and are saved. (Luke, chapter 15)

### Coming Soon to Saint John the Evangelist Church

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners starting **Thursday, August 6, 6:30-7:30 PM.**

*"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.

*Marriage Bands*

I. John Archer & Iliana Ferguson

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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.

### Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for most of his adult life. Father is currently 84 years old. He usually celebrates a 10AM Sunday Mass here at St. John's in August while he is here for his yearly family, medical and dentist visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, father will not be able to visit his family home in Sutton this year. Consequently, he will be unable to make his usual visits to local parishes for fundraising in support of his "St Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). The clinic was shut down for a time during a lockdown but is now open again at the request of the of the Haitian Director of Health with a list of additional safety procedures that must be followed. They continue to find new leper cases. On a positive note, Fr. Henault was able to install some solar cells and deep discharge batteries at his residence during the shutdown. He can now keep a small refrigerator running since there has been no power from the electrical grid for the last three months. With summer temperatures in Haiti often over 100 degrees with high humidity, this is a nice upgrade to his living accommodations. Imagine if that were the extent of our summer luxury. St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations during this difficult time. Anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (made out to *St. John's Mission Apostolate*), can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket at the rear of the church or mail it to St. John's Parish. Donations for Fr. Henault via St. John's Parish can also be made through Donor Advised Charitable Funds by noting it is for Fr. Henault and the Mission Apostolate. For any questions or if you are interested in joining the Global Mission Apostolate, please contact Paul St. Jean at 508-435-6827.

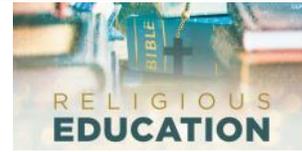
### PRAYING WITH SAINT FAUSTINA FOR THE LOST

"O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. I beg of You light for poor sinners."

Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #72

### 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.



### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation dates have been set for **Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30PM and 7PM** and **Tuesday, October 13, at 6PM.**

### First Holy Communion

First Communion dates have been set for **Saturday September 19 at 11AM** and **Saturday September 26 at 11AM.** These dates are for those students that were supposed to have received this past spring. To sign up for a date, go to St. John's web page at: [stjohnhopkinton.com](http://stjohnhopkinton.com). If you have any questions, please email Mary Pawela at [mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com).

### Religious Education for Fall 2020

At this time we do not know what our religious education program will look like in the Fall, but we are currently working on options and we will keep all our families posted as we move forward. We want to continue safe practices while also being able to engage our children and families.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please email [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net) for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year. **We do not know at this time what type of program we will be offering. But,** for our planning purposes it is important for us to know of any new registrations.

### How Can We Help Fellow Parishioners Who Are Struggling Financially?

**Through St. John's Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference. Your support is greatly appreciated!!**

**Who we are:** The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international charitable organization with local Catholic parish affiliates worldwide. In the spiritual tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, known as the "Apostle of Charity and Father of the Poor", it was founded in France by Frederic Ozanam in 1833. Our Parish Conference was established back in 1956. We play a crucial role in supporting the needs of the local Hopkinton community. Through the generosity of parishioner donations and member volunteers, we've been able to assist countless Hopkintonians (260 in fiscal 2019) with both financial assistance and service referrals.

**How we support clients:** We assist with rent, utilities, insurance, medical and food. We also provide complete meals to families at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

**If you would like to help:** Gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations are welcome, as are cash donations. Checks can be made to St. Vincent de Paul. Checks and gift cards can be mailed to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748

**If you have a friend or neighbor in need and think we can be of assistance, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313.**

**JULY 26, 2020**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Psalm 119: 57,72, 76-77, 127-130;  
Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52**

Solomon was a young man when his father, King David, chose him to be his successor. Solomon was blessed with a divine visitation, and God offered to give him anything he wanted. Unselfishly, Solomon chose to ask for wisdom and a listening heart. God granted Solomon's request. God was so pleased with Solomon's choice that he also granted Solomon the riches befitting a king; and promised him a long life if Solomon remained faithful to God's laws. Solomon had enough insight into the challenges ahead of him that he realized he needed God's help. Solomon chose God so that he could better serve God's people.

Saint Paul tells us today that "...all things work for the good for those who love God." But to love God is to live up to the Christian vocation that we all share: to be conformed to the image of his Son, and to choose the kingdom of heaven before all else. That means we are to commit ourselves totally to God, according to our state of life and the things we have been given to do. We are not to take the liberty to follow some of God's precepts and to ignore others. That mindset inhibits the formation of a right conscience and alters our behavior to the detriment of ourselves and others. The challenges of this age make it more difficult and even dangerous to live that Christian vocation. Western civilization has turned its back on God; and Satan's fury against humanity is out in the open.

The parables in today's gospel have one purpose: to let us know that everything comes at a price. Thus, someone who understands the **supreme** value of the kingdom of God gives up whatever he must to obtain it. "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God..." Romans 12:2. Pray for wisdom, discernment, insight and perseverance. The Spirit of God was gifted to us at Baptism. The seven gifts and twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit were gifted to us at Confirmation. I suggest that we review them and contemplate them in prayer. Every day we need to ask ourselves if those gifts and fruits are demonstrated by what we think, say, and do. Pay the price. Give up what is superficial. Stand up for and choose the kingdom of God.

