

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.

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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

ORGANIST

Bernadette Nadeau
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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



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are

killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast" ' ' ' - Mt 22:2, 4bc

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 18, 2020:

Is 45:1, 4-6/ Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/

1Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-2



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:00 PM Epifania & David Guzman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM John Deneen
(20th anniversary of death)

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM Beny and Soraya (living intention)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM Claire Zino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM Eileen O'Brien and
Maureen McIntyre

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:00 PM Robert, Jackie, Maureen
and Charlotte Lavoie

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmations.....October 13 & October 15

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, October 17.

REMINDER: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

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. Signing up in advance to attend Mass is appreciated, but is not required. You can sign up 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.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special evening for confessions **Monday, October 26, from 7-8PM** in the parish hall.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the confirmation ceremony on **Thursday, October 15,** we will postpone our monthly Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests.

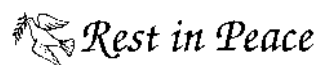
Let Your Voice Be Heard-Again
"Say No to ROE"

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617 -722-2396 and let them know you are opposed to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps!

Remember these bills would remove:

- The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion
- The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion
- The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals
- And the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org. Thank you!



Ann Louise Forrest

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

St. Mary's Holliston WINGS Group

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. We are pleased and excited to host a **five-week Virtual Fall Season through Zoom**. In support of the Boston Archdiocese's Year of the Eucharist, our Fall theme is "The Centrality of the Eucharist: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ." **Please join us Wed. October 14th, 10-11AM**, when Christa Mahoney, Spiritual Director and former Catholic Chaplain, will speak on "The Church as the Living Body of Christ." How can the Church, as the living body of Christ, actively live out the faith in the world through the practice of Catholic social teaching? Suggested donation is \$10 for the Fall Season or \$30 for the entire year. All women are welcome at WINGS regardless of ability to pay. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish, and mail to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane, Holliston MA 01746. **Current WINGS members will automatically be sent the Zoom link prior to the session.** For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for St. Mary's WINGS group, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation dates have been set for **Tuesday, October 13, at 5:30PM and 7PM** and **Thursday, October 15, at 6PM**.

Religious Education for Fall 2020

The Religious Education team here at St. John's has been working on a plan to ensure a safe and fulfilling program that we can offer to all our parish families and their children. Our staff has been meeting to consider how to safely and effectively open our religious education programs for the coming school year. We realize these months have been challenging and the future is uncertain for all aspects of our lives, including Church and faith formation. In following State and Archdiocesan guidelines and mandates, we have decided based upon our capabilities for social distancing, bathroom monitoring and disinfection protocol, that we cannot safely have any "in person" classes at this time. We will re-assess as we move forward. **At this time, planning for home school classes is the direction that we will be following. Thank you to all the families that signed up children up for Rel. Ed. this coming year.** We will be in touch by grade level for those that have signed up and will let you know the next step. Signups are now closed so we can efficiently order books/supplies etc. based on our current sign ups. Questions dlysikstjn@verizon.net. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.



Weekend	9/5-9/6	9/12-9/13	9/19-9/20	9/26-9/27	Average	Change +/-
Head Count	195	271	300	258	256	20
In Seat	\$2,829	\$2,273	\$2,970	\$3,235	\$2,827	
Mail-in	\$1,505	\$2,675	\$1,878	\$1,340	\$1,850	
Electronic	\$2,216	\$2,216	\$2,216	\$2,216	\$2,216	
Total	\$6,550	\$7,164	\$7,064	\$6,791	\$6,892	
Prior Yr.	\$8,443	\$8,443	\$8,443	\$8,443	\$8,443	
	(1,893)	(1,279)	(1,379)	(1,652)	(1,550)	
	-22%	-15%	-16%	-20%	-18%	
Head Count	HC comparison to summer avg. of 236/wknd					

OCTOBER 11, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 23: 1-6;

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14

Today's reading from Isaiah is full of hope for the house of Israel, looking to God for sustenance, consolation, and deliverance. Psalm 23 is a reminder that God is always with us, especially when we are walking through the dark valleys of our lives. He guides us in "right paths" (the way to salvation). He provides rest, nourishment, and protection. He offers us everything that we need and more: "My cup overflows." St. Paul tells us today that he learned to live in lean and abundant times. While he supported himself through his labors, he relied on the Lord: "I have the strength for everything through him..." And, in his need, Paul accepted financial support from the Philippians. While thanking the Philippians for sharing in his distress, Paul emphasized that God would provide for them as well.

In today's gospel, the abundance of the banquet, to which we are invited as followers of Christ, is tempered by a warning. Once again, the parable in today's gospel was directed at the Jewish priests and elders but is relevant to all of us. The king prepares a wedding feast for his son and twice sends his servant messengers to invite the guests. Some of the guests decline, while others ignore the invitation, and others kill the servant messengers. In response, the king sends his soldiers to punish the murderous guests and to burn down their city (an allegorical reference to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD). When the good and bad were gathered from the streets to come to the banquet, we know of one guest who was severely punished for not being properly dressed. The parable was a warning to the priests and the elders, to the early Church, and to us. We all need prayerful reflection.

Do our lives demonstrate acceptance of the invitation to the heavenly banquet? Will our souls be properly attired when we are gathered with the good and the bad, and face judgment? Irrespective of the risk in these turbulent times, do we accept the call to be the Lord's servant messengers, to invite others to the banquet? Do not be troubled, for we "...have the strength for everything through him."

