

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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PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager
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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

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



"'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' " - Mt 25:20b-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 22, 2020:
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
 1Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-4



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:00 PM Dr. Leon Payawan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM Dominic Sicuso, Mary Sicuso
and Donna Sicuso

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM Daniel Manna

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM Ken Zino, Sr.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM Regina Manna

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Ray Benoit

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Matthew O'Leary

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

From the Archdiocese of Boston:

Holy Communion must be distributed in a way that is safe: The priest and/or extraordinary minister must disinfect his or her hands before distributing Communion. The priest and/or extraordinary minister must wear a mask while distributing Communion. The communicant must wear a mask while receiving Communion. After the minister has moved on to the next person, or after the communicant has stepped aside, they should remove their mask, consume the Host, and put their mask back on before returning to their seats. **The norm must be that communion is given in the hands.** In the case of a person insisting on receiving on the tongue, if the priest feels comfortable doing so, he can disinfect his hands, give the communicant Holy Communion on the tongue, disinfect his hands again, and continue distributing Communion. This is an exception, and must not be the norm in a parish. Some priests, because of their own health vulnerabilities, may decide that they are not comfortable giving a person Holy Communion on the tongue even as an exception, and their concerns must be respected.

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

November 19 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?"

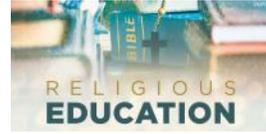
--St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, November 21.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Needs Your Help**

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Thanksgiving and Christmas help. Due to the virus, subsidized meals are not available this year. Instead, we plan to give out grocery cards to those in need. We are looking for donations of at least 30 grocery store cards, value of at least \$50, for each holiday. Please put the cards in an envelope addressed to St. Vincent de Paul and drop in the offertory basket or at the parish office. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Religious Education for Fall 2020

Thank you to all the families that signed children up for Religious Education this coming year. Our book pick-up was this past week. If you have not picked up your child's book yet, please call the Rel. Ed. Office to make arrangements for pick up at 508-435-3313 x208. The cost of the book is \$25, payable when you pick up by cash or check (checks can be written to St. John's). Grade 10 program this year will be a video series and there will be no book.

**PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE
Through Purgatory to Heaven**

The souls in Purgatory are those who have some kind of disfigurement on their souls, a self-love, something they will not let go of which prevents the full saturation of the soul with divine love.

What are the sufferings of Purgatory?

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**
2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused others and themselves in their lives and there is nothing they can do about it. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death



St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.



	10/3 - 10/4	10/10- 10/11	10/17/- 10/18	10/24- 10/25	Ave.	Chge +/-
Head Count	290	247	287	264	272	16
In Seat	3,010	2,688	3,482	2,832	3,003	
Mail-in	1,230	2,069	2,028	1,886	1,803	
Electronic	1,976	1,976	1,976	1,976	1,976	
Total	6,216	6,733	7,486	6,694	6,782	
Prior Yr.	7,947	7,947	7,947	7,947	7,947	
	(1,731)	(1,214)	(461)	(1,253)	(1,165)	
	-22%	-15%	-6%	-16%	-15%	
Prior Mo.	6,550	7,164	7,064	6,791	6,892	
	334	431	(422)	97	110	
	5%	6%	-6%	1%	2%	
Head Count	HC comparison to Sept. avg. of 256/wkend					

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

CROSS ROADS

**Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128: 1-5;
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30**

If we fear the Lord, that is, if we are in awe and wonder of his infinite power, majesty, love, and mercy, then we are driven to use our talents, whatever they may be, in his service. We are called to be fruitful. But we cannot be fruitful if we do not acknowledge our talents, even to ourselves, and use them to help others. Like our physical muscles, those talents cannot develop and grow stronger if we do not use them. Like the worthy wife in today's first reading we are called to bring good, not evil, to be fruitful in faithful service, especially to the poor and the needy. There is some culpability in not faithfully using our talents in a way that serves the Lord by loving and serving each other.

We need not do great things. We need not be "successful." In today's gospel, the master tells the two servants who accomplished something with the money that he gave them, "Since you were **faithful** in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come share your master's joy." Notice he said faithful, not successful. The lesson is clear that we are to use our gifts faithfully. From personal experience, I think that sometimes we can be a bit fearful or timid at the thought of the greater responsibilities that may be asked of us; but remember that the Lord is always with you.

So, start small, do your best, leave the results to the Lord, and follow where the Lord is leading you. Saint Therese of Lisieux (Therese of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower) struggled mightily to discover her call. She found her vocation and gift was love, to spread **little flowers**, to do little things and to make little sacrifices with love, even when they were not noticed or acknowledged. Passing to the Lord at the age of only twenty-four, she became a great saint and doctor of the Church. Pray for the wisdom, insight, and discernment to discover your talents, and for the courage to use them. Then, you become a fruitful child of the light, and when the time comes, you will be ready to meet the Lord; and you will hear the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."

