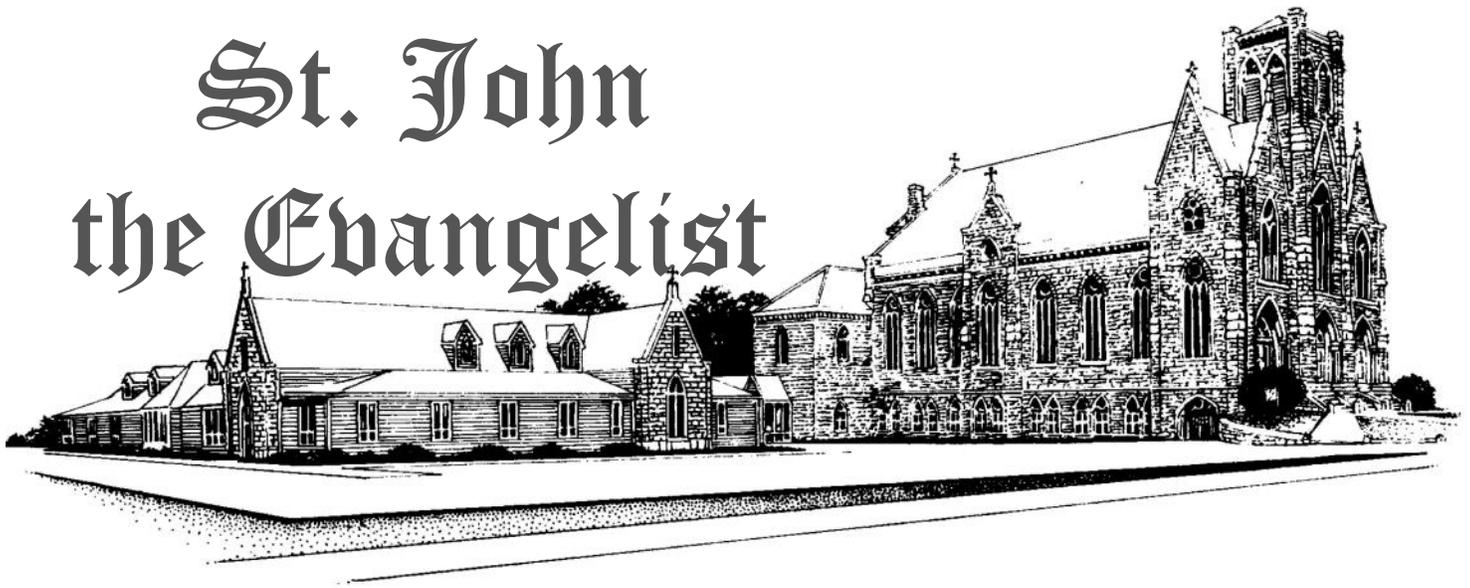


# St. John the Evangelist



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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.

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

508-435-3313x208  
**Mary Pawela, 1-6**  
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**Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

### **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**  
[momandberni@gmail.com](mailto:momandberni@gmail.com)

### **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 bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:10b-12**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 15, 2020:  
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/  
 1Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-15, 19-2



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

5:00 PM Maria Guzman

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
 10:00 AM Nathan Oliver

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

9:00 AM Beny and Soraya Chua (living)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

9:00 AM Rocco D'Errico (for healing)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

9:00 AM Pam Duffy (living)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

8:00 AM Alessandrina D'Errico  
 5:00 PM Dr. Leon Payawan

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

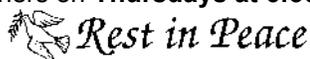
8:00 AM Dominic Sicuso, Mary Sicuso  
 and Donna Sicuso  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

**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.**



Joseph John Kenney

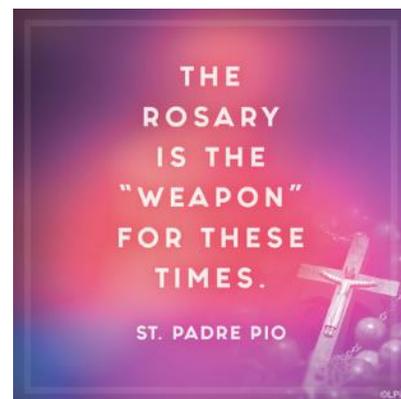
**PLEASE NOTE:** Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

**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.

**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.



***"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.***

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, November 14.***



## 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. 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!

### PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

**What does the church teach about Purgatory?**

1. There is a Purgatory
2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace and are assured of their eternal salvation.
3. They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. Rev. 21:27; Mt. 5:8, 48
4. The holy souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification by offering up works of penance, prayer, devotions, Eucharist adoration, gaining indulgences for them, but above all having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them. 2Mac. 12:43-46; CCC 958, 1471-1479

### **LOVE LASTS FOREVER**

"Praying for one's departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget them, they do not stop needing my love."—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

### **NEVER TOO LATE**

**For God is all present:** for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive 'too late' since God by His very nature knows no before and after. **Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.**—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author  
**Love should not die at death**



### 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.



### 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](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

### 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](http://www.macatholic.org). Thank you!

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 63: 2-8;**

**1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13**

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." In today's gospel ten virgins went out to await the arrival of the bridegroom. They all went with their lanterns, but some of them were foolish and did not bring oil for their lanterns. By the time the bridegroom was approaching, the lanterns of the foolish ones had run out of oil, causing them to leave to obtain more. When they returned, the bridegroom had already entered the wedding feast with the others, and the foolish ones were not admitted. When they knocked on the door, the bridegroom said, "...I do not know you." To be always prepared seems like an impossible task. How do we do it? We cannot do it alone.

Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day are over, and Thanksgiving is approaching. We are at least in the preparation stages of the holiday season. We do spend a lot of time and effort preparing for celebrations and other events that happen, but then are gone. We all are busy working, doing, seeking, acquiring. Much of that is necessary and good. None of it satisfies us for long. Do we allow enough time to seek what is eternally satisfying? At our deepest levels we are built to seek and to see the face of God. His "...kindness is a greater good than life;" and His wisdom "...is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake [wisdom's sake] keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care..." With wisdom comes not just the knowledge, but the consoling realization that Jesus promised to be with us always, and to prepare a place for us and our loved ones. Therefore, above all other things, we are to seek the Lord and His wisdom first. If we are informed by His wisdom, we will be inspired to live prudently, doing what is right with hope and faith in the promise of eternal life. The "oil" of God's grace, especially through the sacraments, will keep us vigilant and light up the lanterns of our souls, providing light for us, and for others by example. Thus, we will abide in Christ and he in us. Then, when the time comes, we will be present and well prepared; and He will recognize us as one of His own.

