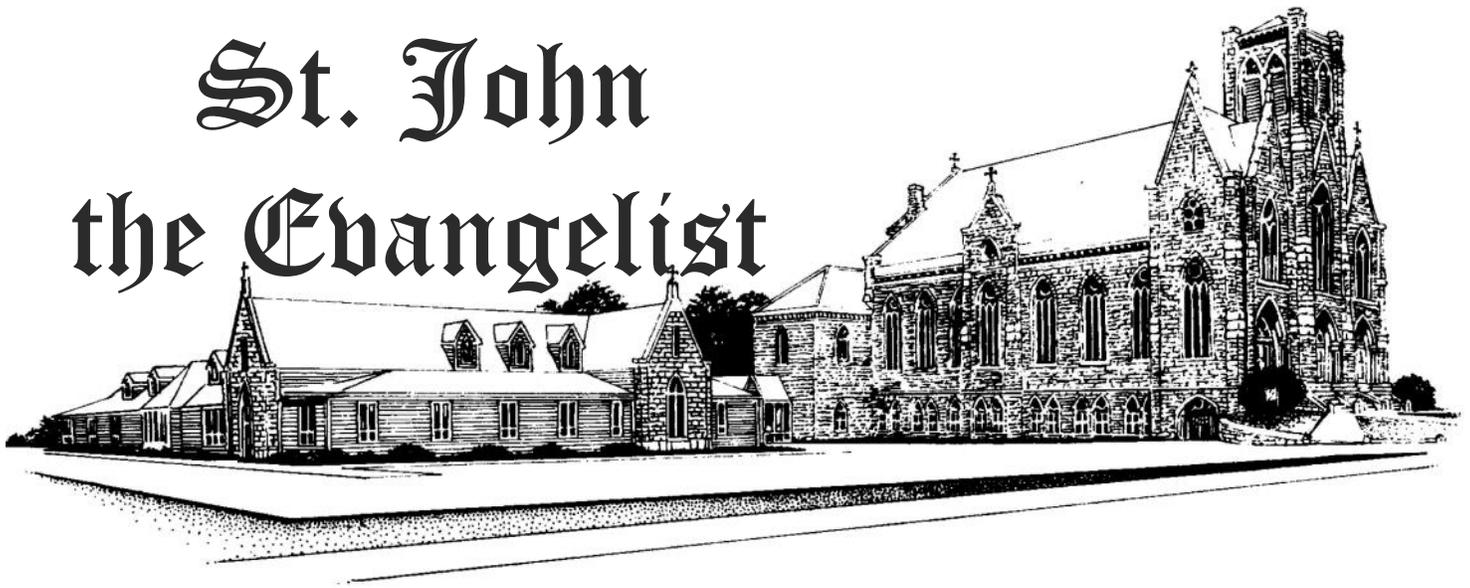


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through 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



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 7, 2021:
 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 PM Vincent Froehlich, Frances Berton,
Peter Franco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Special Intention
 6:30 PM Dr. Aine Daly

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM For the coming triumph of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM For all living and deceased
members of the clergy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM Denise Antaki Family (living int.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

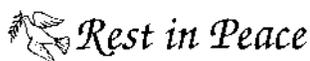
There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 11:30 AM Grade 2 parent
Zoom meeting
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 7PM Gr. 9 Zoom meeting
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 5PM Gr. 10 Zoom meeting



Robert A. Clifford



BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

We will offer a Blessing of Throats **THIS** weekend after all the Masses. This will be a general blessing at the end of the Mass.

New Deacon

We have been fortunately assigned a new deacon from Pope St. John the XIII Seminary, Br. Stephen Shanahan. Br. Stephen is a Trappist, stationed in St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. What an honor to have a Trappist monk assigned to St. John's!

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.

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation Friday, February 5 at 7PM in the Upper Church

Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God. We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart. **This will be our last First Friday Mass until after the Lenten/Easter season.**

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, February 6.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

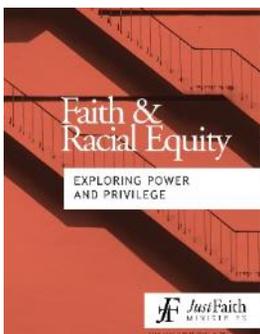
If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.

AN ONLINE 6-WEEK LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION

The New World of Faith, a book by the late **Cardinal Avery Dulles**, will be the focus of a series of 6 weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions led by **Father George Evans**, pastor of Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury/Roslindale. The book presents a **readable overview of the essential teachings of Catholicism** for thinking readers who are not necessarily expert in theology. Each Zoom session will include: a short summary of the 2 chapters (25-28 pages) that all will have read, participants' discussion and questions, application of content to Catholic life and worship, as well as a brief preview of the following week's material. Reading the designated pages in advance of each session is essential. Sessions will be on the **6 Lenten Sundays (February 21-March 28), 7:45-8:45 PM**. The book is affordably available, used or new, through online bookstores. **Free registration** for the Zoom series needs to be arranged by **February 15**. E-mail: frevans@holynameparish.com.

MUSTARD SEED CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The 9th-12th grade CCD classes and the Giving Tree gave 12 shopping bags full of new gloves, mittens, socks, hats, sweatshirts, sweaters, and other winter gear, as well as Price Chopper gift cards, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal care items to the Mustard Seed. Over 100 families and homeless folks depend on the Catholic Workers' Mustard Seed of Worcester for nourishing meals. Your generous gifts will be very appreciated. When delivering these gifts, we were given a tour of their recently completed health care clinic. It will soon begin offering a walk-in clinic every Monday and a HIV clinic every Tuesday. They have also added a shower facility for the homeless and expanded their food pantry and free clothing area. Thank you for your generosity and know that you are making these difficult times a little easier.



Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin? Presented through the lens of the Christian tradition, St. Mary's Parish in Holliston is hosting JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege*, an eight-session program that awakens individuals and groups to racial injustices within our systems and structures that empower some and oppress others. For more information about this thought-provoking and timely program, you can watch a YouTube video at <https://bit.ly/3bac1iK>. *Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege* will be presented via Zoom. It begins at **7PM on Sunday, January 31**. To register, contact Leo Racine at leoracine@msn.com or Michelle Cuff at michcuff@yahoo.com.



First Reconciliation/Grade 2:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, January 26th at 4PM** in the Parish Hall for those students signed up. Please arrive no later than 3:45PM.

REMINDERS:

Sunday, Jan. 31, 11:30 AM: Grade 2 parent Zoom meeting

Monday, February 1, 7PM: Grade 9 Zoom class

Sunday, February 7, 5PM: Grade 10 Zoom class



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.

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.

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CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9;
1Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28**

In today's reading from Deuteronomy, the people were frightened: "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see the great fire anymore, lest we die." Moses tells the people that the Lord is going to grant that wish by raising up a prophet like Moses. That prophet would be commanded by God to speak the words that God wants him to speak, and the people must adhere to that word or they would have to answer for it. God also warns against false prophets who presume to speak in God's name, but who were not commanded to speak; or who speak on behalf of false gods. This reading takes on a messianic sense in some passages of the New Testament (such as, Mt 7:5, the Transfiguration where Jesus appears with Moses and Isaiah; Jn 7:40 with the people speculating that Jesus was the promised Prophet, or the Messiah).

Today's psalm tells us "harden not your hearts" when we hear the word of God. Saint Paul tells us today that we are to adhere to God's word above all else, for in doing so we can minimize distractions and anxiety while serving God and tending to our responsibilities. In today's gospel the people were astonished at how Jesus taught, and acted with authority. But, as his fame spread throughout the region, the danger grew. As with so many of the prophets of old, right up to the imprisonment of John the Baptist, Christ's prophetic message was rejected by some because it challenged their authority or how they wanted to live. But while prophetic in his message, Jesus was and is so much more than a prophet. He not only spoke the word of God; he IS the divine incarnation of the Word (Jn 1:1). He not only spoke the truth; he IS the divine incarnation of Truth (Jn 14:6).

In the classic sense there are no prophets in our age. But, as part of Christ's Church, we are called to be prophetic: to live and proclaim the Word, to do and say difficult things for the good of others and to challenge today's false prophets who preach on behalf of today's false gods (such as statism, secularism, relativism, selfish individualism, violence, and the culture of death). Living prophetically requires prayer, reflection, morality, obedience, self-discipline, courage, and honesty (things that much of the modern world hates). But Christ is with us always! Lent (boot camp for the Church Militant) is only seventeen days away. Prepare for and use it well!

