

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

508-435-3313x208
Mary Pawela, 1-6
Debbie Lysik, 7-10
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



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 28, 2021:
 Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
 Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 15:1-39



SATURDAY, MARCH 20

5:00 PM The Zocchi and Dzerkacz Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Elissa, Katherine, and Frank Ruccia
 6:30 PM John and Pdraig Daly

MONDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Anna-Marie Duffy (living birthday)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 AM J. Ross Meehan

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 PM For the sanctity of life

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 4
 Confirmations.....May 1 & May 6
 First Communions at 10AM Mass.....May 2, 9 & 16

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, March 27.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, March 25

Mass for the sanctity of life at 7PM in the lower chapel

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **THIS Monday, March 22, and NEXT Monday, March 29, 7-8PM** in the parish center.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Boston Archdiocese's Catholic Appeal provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. You can offer your support by going online to bostoncatholicappeal.org to make your gift. Thank you for your support!

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.

EASTER MASSES

We ask that you please make a reservation on our website (stjohnshopkinton.com) for our Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses. Sign up will open on Monday, March 22 at 8AM. If you have any questions, please call or email the parish office (508-435-3313x203, stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net).



DAILY MASS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM

CONFESSION

MONDAY, March 29 7:00-8PM

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

NO 9AM MASS

THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY*

NO 8AM MASS

CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:30 AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 11)

MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 1:30-3:30 PM

*Please note there will be NO 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday and NO 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

BIBLE STUDY


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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the parishioners who have been supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission of helping Hopkinton families in need. Following a busy January and holiday season, we are looking for help. We can use cash donations and \$50 grocery store food cards to be given out at Easter. Checks can be made out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and mailed or dropped off at the church office. Grocery store cards can also be left at the church office. Again, we are so thankful for all your past and future help!!

MUSTARD SEED

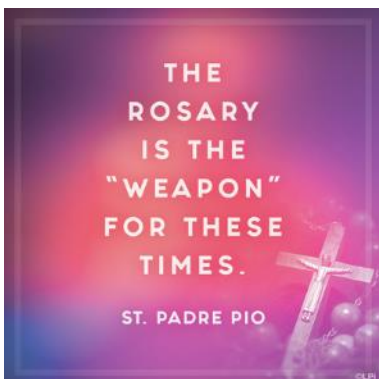
 Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

Monday, April 5, 7PM: Gr. 9 Zoom class

Sunday, April 11, 5PM: Gr. 10 Zoom class

Grade 2 Mini Retreat

Parent Zoom meeting on mini retreat—**Sunday, March 21, at 11:30 AM.**

St. John's Youth Group Bottle & Can Drive

GOOD NEWS! OUR MONTHLY BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE IS ABOUT TO RESUME!

Our High School Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans again on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning **Saturday, April 3, from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main St. Your bottles and cans help fund a number of youth group events. Your help is greatly appreciated. St. John's Youth Ministry thanks you for your support. **Please remain in your car when dropping off! The students will take the bottles & cans from your car. Thank you!**

Lenten Food for Families Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council 4822 is sponsoring a food drive to support the Hopkinton Food Pantry maintained by Project Just Because. Thanks to your generosity and participation, last year's virtual food drive was a huge success. The pandemic continues and our national and local economies have not yet rebounded from the devastation of the Covid 19 pandemic. Many of our friends and neighbors continue to be in distress. Food insecurity affects 1 out of 8 Massachusetts residents. The Project Just Because Food Pantry of Hopkinton is continually challenged to meet the ongoing needs of our community, and they are running critically low on food and supplies. Your local Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance and continued generosity with a virtual food drive. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!** Please make out your check to *Project Just Because* and put in the memo section: *K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive*. You can either put the check in an envelope marked *K of C Food Drive* in the regular collection basket at the back of St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive. Thank you so much for any assistance that you can provide!

The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in Paschale Solemnitatis, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries, up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death, and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

MARCH 21, 2021

CROSS ROADS


By Deacon Tony

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-15;
Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33**

Through Jeremiah, the Lord promises a new covenant. Unlike the old covenant, it will not be written on stone. The Lord said, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." Christ would be the fulfillment of the old covenant and of the new covenant. The new covenant would be cultivated by obedience, rooted in love and in access to forgiveness through Christ's Church. Psalm 51 exemplifies taking God's law to heart: pleading for forgiveness, for a clean heart, for humility, and for a willing and steadfast spirit.

Today's readings from Hebrews, and from John's gospel tell us about how this new covenant comes about through Christ. It would not be easy. Christ was obedient and trusted the Father, yet in the humanity he shared with us in this world, he was troubled by what he knew he would suffer. True God and true man, Christ would experience suffering out of perfect sacrificial love for the sake of salvation: "But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." In this setting the Father once again, as he did at Christ's baptism in the Jordan and at the Transfiguration, voiced his confirmation of Christ in his mission. As symbolized by the Greeks in today's gospel, Christ being raised up from the earth on the cross to his death, not only would open salvation to the Israelites, but would become "the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (Hebrews 5: 9). Christ became the grain of wheat that fell to the ground, died, and produced much fruit: salvation available to all through his universal church.

Relatively few people are called to martyrdom. But all of us are called to die to self, to be examples of sacrificial love, to put others first, to help each other to follow Christ. It was not easy for Christ. It is not easy for us; and such sacrificial love can hurt. It requires that we "put away the old self...and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Ephesians 4: 22-24). It requires that we help each other. Consequently, we are called to "Encourage each other daily while it is still today" (Hebrews 3:13). Let us pray: Lord, we humbly ask for forgiveness, and that your law and your Word be written on our hearts, take root, grow, and bear much good fruit.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.