

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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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 parish center

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



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"
- Mk 11:9-10

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 4, 2021:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9



MONDAY, MARCH 29
9:00 AM Frances A. Mitchell
TUESDAY, MARCH 30
9:00 AM Ray Charleston
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
9:00 AM James F. Sullivan

EASTER MASSES

Although not required, we encourage you to make a reservation on our website for our Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Masses. **Sign ups are now open** at www.stjohnhopkinton.com. If you have any questions, please call or email the parish office (508-435-3313x203, stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net).

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, April 3.

EASTER COLLECTION

Next weekend, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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!



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.**

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: General Notes

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us by the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. Communion under both forms will be made available as it is highly recommended by the Church. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 10PM.

Good Friday

The holy water fonts are emptied. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths. This is the only day in the entire calendar year when Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the Catholic World.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil takes place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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.

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."

EASTER TO DIVINE MERCY Mercy Beyond Belief

Eight days of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of God's mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 11, 2021, in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.

2:00 PM Confessions will be heard.

2:30 PM Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.

3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.

3:30 PM Benediction and Final Blessing.



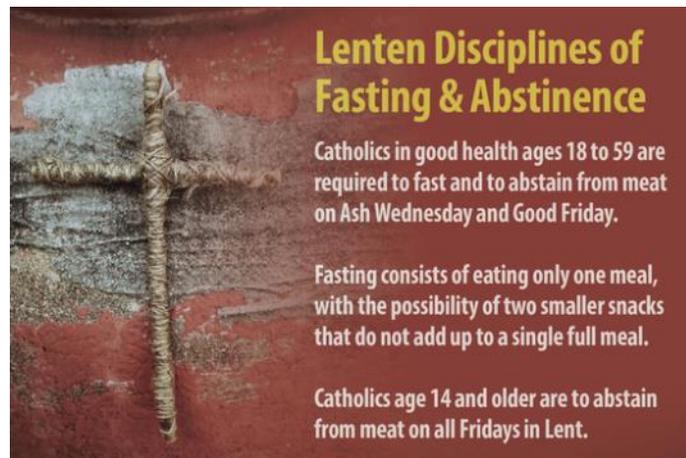
REMINDERS:

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

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

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 **THIS 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!**



Knights of Columbus Lenten Food for Families Food Drive March 13-March 28

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!

MARCH 28, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24;
Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1---15:47**

It is Palm Sunday. We begin with Christ's being hailed as a King on his final entrance into Jerusalem. But was he being hailed as the King that he is, or as the temporal king that most of the people expected? We find the answer to that question in Christ's Passion, for on the very next day many of those same people would be clamoring for Christ's crucifixion. In today's readings we can see the difference between how God thinks and acts in our midst, and how humanity is prone to think and act. We see the faithfulness of God, and the fickleness, unreliability, and futility of human praise.

The account of Christ's Passion speaks for itself. It was God's supreme act of mercy and love, to live among us in the person of Christ, the Image of the Living God, God's Word Made Flesh, His Anointed who humbled himself, to become a slave, and to demonstrate obedience "to the point of death...on a cross." At the Pascal dinner with his apostles, Jesus gave us the Eucharist and he appointed his first priests. Then Christ would go to Gethsemane, and pray in great distress, because he knew he would be betrayed, abandoned, and denied; and he knew the type of death he would suffer. Can we even begin to appreciate the magnitude of what Christ did for us? Every road is a road to the cross for true Christians. But, with all our sufferings added together we do not approach the suffering of Christ who carried all the world's sins and sorrows: past, present, and future, including the sins we continue to commit. He was the fulfillment of the suffering servant who gave himself up without protecting himself.

Roman crucifixion was designed to be slow, gruesomely painful, and extremely humiliating; and It was designed to be an extreme desecration of a human's body, spirit, and life for all to see. Yet Christ obediently faced it with firm resolve, trusting in the Father, and forgiving all as he died. Let us resolve to join our own sufferings and relatively small humiliations with those of Christ. But for The Cross, there would not be the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of our own resurrection. As we begin Holy Week, let us embrace our crosses as Christ did, with firm resolve, and with humility and trust. "Ave Crux, Spes Unica" (Hail to the Cross, our only Hope).

