

# 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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### **DEACON**

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**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 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



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 11, 2021:  
 Acts 4:32-35/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/  
 1Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-3

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MONDAY, APRIL 5**  
 9:00 AM George Winkler (living birthday)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 6**  
 9:00 AM Ernie & Rita Fecteau
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**  
 9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- THURSDAY, APRIL 8**  
 9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
- FRIDAY, APRIL 9**  
 9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- SATURDAY, APRIL 10**  
 8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00 PM Janice S. Jeromin
- SUNDAY, APRIL 11**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Vincent Porzio  
 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.

**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**

- Divine Mercy Sunday.....April 11
- Confirmations.....May 1 & May 6
- First Communions at 10AM Mass.....May 2, 9 & 16

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM** in the parish center **NEXT Saturday, April 10.**



*Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.*

**EASTER COLLECTION**

This 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](http://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](http://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.



**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.

**Has Something Changed?**

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or [stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

**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.**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### 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

#### NEXT Sunday, April 11, 2021

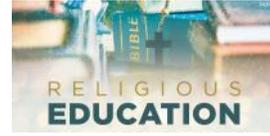
On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina’s diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: “Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: ‘Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.’ Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.” The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: “My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy.”

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

#### 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

#### 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.

#### **The best Catholic content. All in one place.**

It’s EASY and FREE to Register!

1. Go to [formed.org/register](https://formed.org/register)
2. Enter Access Code: **BNZFH7**
3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



#### 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.

#### The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

For information on Eucharistic miracles, check out the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis: [www.miracolieuucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieuucaristici.org).



#### 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).

**APRIL 4, 2021**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9**

Another year has passed. It has been a year of contrasts: suffering and healing; loneliness and greater appreciation of family and friends; discouragement and hope. I could go on, but it is enough to say that it has been a year like no other. Last year at this time we were locked down and worshipping remotely. Things are not nearly back to normal; but conditions have improved, and we have the blessing of the option to attend and offer joyful sacrifice to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Perhaps we appreciate the opportunity to do so more than ever.

This last week of Lent we recalled Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday we commemorated the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood; and Christ's demonstration of humility by the washing of the feet; and of obedience through his acceptance of the Passion. On Good Friday we saw God's supreme act of forgiveness and love of humanity in the sacrificing of his Son to the Cross, through which our salvation was earned. But at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

When Christ died on the cross, it seemed like the end to his disciples. But the Cross was not the end. It was the beginning. When they found the tomb to be empty, they finally began to understand. Christ, through his humility, obedience, and trust in the Father, and by his Resurrection made all things new. Saint Augustine said, "The resurrection of Christ was God's supreme and wholly marvelous work." As marvelous as all of God's creation is, the Resurrection of the Christ is supreme because it conquered death. It promises that if we die to sin with Christ through our Baptism, we also will rise with Him. Let us follow Christ's example. Let us emulate his humility, sacrifice, love, gentleness, and obedience. Let us go about doing good as he did. As Saint Paul tells us, let us think of, and seek what is above, not what is on earth. In doing so, by the grace of God we too shall rise.

