

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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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



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." -

Jn 17:18-19

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 23, 2021:
*Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/
 Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39*



SATURDAY, MAY 15

5:00 PM Abigail Adams

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM For the first communicants
 6:30 PM For the high school seniors

MONDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Rev. Daniel J. Hickey

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM Rev. Paul V. MacDonald

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

9:00 AM Rev. Leo G. Cormier

THURSDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM Noel Femia

FRIDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, MAY 22

8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
 5:00 PM Michael Pedroli

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM The Duffy Family
 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

First Communion at 10AM Mass.....May 16
 Confirmations.....May 25, 6PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center
NEXT Saturday, May 22.

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

May 20 at 7PM

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service. Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction. "During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*, chap. VI



St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom 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.



"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.

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.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Choir is Returning

It's only a few short weeks until the choir returns. We'd love to have some new members join us! Meet us at **9AM on May 23** in the choir loft at 9AM. Please wear your mask. Please contact Berni if you are interested at (momandberni@gmail.com).

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.

Called to the Culture of Life Pro-Life Initiative at St. John the Evangelist: Stay Informed

Three bills currently before the MA legislature alarm pro-life advocates: (1) "An Act relative to end of life options" (HD1456), (aka the Physician Assisted Suicide Act), (2) "An Act to Require Public Universities to Provide Medication Abortions" (SD1431), and (3) "An Act relative to healthy youth," a school curriculum mandate that imposes secular sex education on public school students K-12. At the end of March 2021, all three bills went to committee, the first step on their way towards a vote on enactment. To read the texts of the bills go to: (1) (HD1456 (<https://trackbill.com/bill/massachusetts-house-docket-1456-an-act-relative-to-end-of-life-options/2020121/>), (2) (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1431>), and (3) (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3454>

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

-Love Lasts Forever-

Knowing them...Praying for them...Helping them get to Heaven!

The holy souls need our help throughout the whole year. The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings, Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

"You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

—Divine Mercy of Saint Faustina #1397



BACCALAUREATE MASS

All high school seniors and their parents are invited to attend our Baccalaureate Mass **THIS Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation of our 10th grade students will take place on **Tuesday, May 25, at 6PM** with Bishop Robert Reed officiating.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following students who received Jesus for the first time last Sunday:

Isla Cincotta	Brooke Elliott
Mary Gambino	Emily Gronemeyer
Greta Medeiros	Liam Medeiros
Sophia Mercurio	Jack Murray
Norah Reilly	Lexi Scott
Emaline Su	

Considering Homeschooling?

My name is Chris Clancy, and I am a parishioner of St. John's. I have always homeschooled my four children, including my oldest who will be coming back after his freshman year of college in just a few weeks! I would be more than happy to speak with anyone who would like to hear about what it's like to homeschool, how to get started, and what to expect, no matter the grade level. One of the best parts of homeschooling is that you really can tailor your studies to your family. While these unknowns can be intimidating, there is plenty of help to be found to get you started and keep you going. Our family has been granted so many gifts through homeschooling, one of which is to know other homeschoolers and to experience their intensity and diversity. Please feel free to contact me at clan-cyacs@comcast.net. Rev. Ed Riley is the archdiocesan liaison for homeschooling families, and is an active and enthusiastic advocate. He may be contacted at rev.edward.riley@sjc.edu. If you are signed up for flock notes from the archdiocese, information from Fr. Riley may be found at <http://boston.flocknote.com/>. Finally, a few links that are just a sampling from the many, many places to start online:

<https://hslida.org/legal/massachusetts/State=MA>

<https://cathyduffyreviews.com/>

<https://www.elizabethclareblog.com/catholic-homeschooling-the-complete-guide/>

<https://homeschoolconnectionsonline.com/>

<https://www.rcahybrid.org/Locations/Boston-Massachusetts>

If you are one of the many families newly considering homeschooling your children this fall, there are local and state resources to help. Whether you are trying to decide whether or not to homeschool at all, are looking for assistance in how to navigate your town's paperwork, or would like to discuss materials, schedules, and activities, there are people and organizations that are ready to help.

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CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20;
1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11b-19**

The setting in today's gospel is shortly before he and the apostles would go to the garden where Jesus would be arrested. "But now I am coming to you" Jesus prays to the Father in the presence of his apostles. He petitions to the Father that they be one as he and the father are one, and that they be protected from the evil one. Jesus acknowledges that they will be hated just as he is hated because they do not belong to the world any more than he belongs to the world. This was a prayer, but it also was a message to the apostles of what to expect. But that is not all. That prayer and that message was for us as well! In the lines that follow Jesus includes all of us: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me...that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." Love, intimate relationship to God, sacrifice, and witnessing to the truth in the face of opposition was to be carried out through the ages.

In the Acts of the Apostles, after prayerful consideration, Matthias is selected to replace Judas. Mathias had been a disciple from the beginning and could testify to witnessing the risen Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Apostolic succession had begun as well as the teaching authority of those selected to carry on as witnesses and defenders of the truth. Christ's prayer in today's gospel included us in that mission.

In the First Letter of John, we are reminded that our salvation is a loving gift from God who gave his only Son for that salvation. Following Christ's example, we are in this world, but we are not of it. We remain in God and he in us when we love each other the way he loves us. That is how we carry on witnessing to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is how we remain upright in an upside-down, violent world that kills the unborn, attacks the family, and attempts to cancel anyone who believes that there is an objective right and wrong. We are to act, relate, lead, help one another, and obey the Lord with love. I have used adjectives like "trying," "challenging," and "unsettling" to describe our times. Now I must say that these times are, at times, frightening. But be at peace, for the Holy Spirit is with us. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put into that action." To quote St. Padre Pio: "Rely on Jesus...do good and leave the good outcome to Jesus."

