

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



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 18, 2021:

Jer 23:1-6/ Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34



SATURDAY, JULY 10

5:00 PM John E. Fitzgerald

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Edward V. Cannon

6:30 PM The Crohan Family

MONDAY, JULY 12

9:00 AM Stephen Coffee

TUESDAY, JULY 13

9:00 AM Marian Coffee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM Stephen Malloy

THURSDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM Noel Femia

FRIDAY, JULY 16

9:00 AM John Goode

SATURDAY, JULY 17

8:00 AM Carl & Marie Herendeen

5:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:00 AM Scott Michael Bonvini

10:00 AM Louise Creswell and Nancy Ciceroni

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

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.**

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 lower church **NEXT Saturday, July 17.**

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Fr. John Higgins of the La Salette Missionaries will be speaking at all Masses **NEXT weekend** for the Mission Appeal.

Work On Murals

The work on the murals is progressing, as you can see. The purpose of having the work done on these beautiful paintings is to: clean; restore; and do significant reconstruction on two of the canvases.

If you were standing in the sanctuary with proper lighting, you can see how sorely this works needs to be done. There was an effort about forty years ago to work on the paintings and unfortunately it resulted in a botched job on the Annunciation and Pentecost, so much so that significant reconstruction work is necessary to preserve them.

Thank you for your patience with the scaffolding. Hopefully, the work will be completed in time for the Feast of the Assumption. Please kept this important work in your prayers. The company we are working with is Painters' Pride out of Framingham. The total cost will be just under \$50,000. We will be looking at this fall's Grand Annual Collection to help us with the expense. Thank you all for your wonderful support of St. John's.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

July 15 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



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.

FIFTEENTH 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.

St. John the Evangelist Choir

Our choir will sing for the Feast of the Assumption on **August 15**. Come sing with us to celebrate Mary's all important contributions to our world. **Rehearsals will begin on July 18**. All singers are welcome. No experience necessary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Brown Scapular

July 16th is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Carmel in Hebrew means "Garden of God"). This feast day is dated through pious tradition as the day in the 13th century, that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest serving in England. St. Simon was exhorted by Our Lady to make available this scapular to the faithful.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will extend her patronage to the faithful who wear the scapular, especially at one's hour of death. The faithful in turn pledge:

- Devotion to Our Lady and the teachings of the Church,
- To live a chaste life according to one's station in life
- And to say the rosary daily or
- Recite daily the Little Office of the BVM.
- Observe the fasts of Church with abstinence from meat on Fridays.

One must be vested by a priest or deacon with the accompanying prayers.

For those interested, the vesting of the brown scapular of the Carmelites will be available after the morning daily Mass **THIS Friday** at 9AM and **Saturday** at 8AM. For those that currently wear the scapular, one's vesture could be renewed.

Morning Offering of the Brown Scapular

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. O Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!



Religious Education Registration

Registration is ongoing for new students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the first time, you must fill out a one-time registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's. The registration form can be found on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab. For more information please contact Debbie Lysik at (508) 435-3313 x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

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
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!



BIBLE **STUDY**

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. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

We are so excited to start Summer Bible Adventure tomorrow! Please pray for all the children, teens, and adults this week as we are discovering that we are all priceless to God. Thank you to the countless volunteers, both teens and adults who made this week possible. Special thanks to Fr. Cannon, Bernie Mitchell, Andrea Heavey, Sue McCarthy, and Debbie Lysik for your help with this ministry.

JULY 11, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Amos 7: 12-15; Psalm 85: 9-14; Ephesians 1: 3-14;
Mark 6: 7-13**

Let us focus on the fact that all of us, irrespective of our station in life, are called to witness to the truth that all that is good is summed up in Jesus Christ. The prophet, Amos was a humble shepherd and a dresser of sycamores by trade, but he was called. Most of the twelve apostles were fisherman. Yet, while the twelve were still in formation and did not fully understand, they were sent, detached from belongings, with none of the visible credentials of the material world, to preach the good news, to heal, and to face rejection. Saint Paul who was a persecutor of Christians (in effect a persecutor of the risen Christ) was transformed into a zealous witness to the truth, to the good news. Paul tells us that we who believe, even though we have never seen Christ face to face, are chosen and destined to act out of praise to the Lord, so that all things are accomplished in accord with God's purpose.

At one time or another, we all have experienced some doubts regarding our capabilities to do certain things. But the key is to pray and to listen to what God is calling us to do, not to compare ourselves to others. In today's readings we see that the Lord often calls on the humble, the lowly, and even those in need of reformation. No matter who we are, the Lord sees into our hearts and knows how he can work through each of us do little and big things that, by the grace of God, add up to great things. At Saint John's we are blessed with so many parishioners who individually and in the aggregate are doing the work of the Lord in their families, the parish, and in the community.

When we abide in Christ and he abides in us, Christ accomplishes great things through us. We may never see the impact of what we do, or we may receive little or no recognition. But we do not serve to gain the esteem of others. Amos objected to Amaziah's implication that Amos was a prophet for hire. Amos asserted that he was a simple shepherd called by God to witness prophetically to the people. Similarly, we are to answer the call (by what we say, and by how we live our lives) to proclaim that all that is good, holy, and eternal (love, truth, justice, kindness, peace, and redemption) are summed up in Christ, whom we are to emulate.

Pro-Life Initiative
at St. John the Evangelist

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced their decision to draft a teaching document on the Eucharist, one part of which will examine the eligibility to receive Communion of those who persistently and publicly reject Church teaching on grave moral matters, such as abortion. A group of 59 Catholic Democrats of the House of Representatives released a "Statement of Principles" urging the bishops not to deny Holy Communion to anyone over the issue of abortion. Read their statement and Archbishop Cordileone's forthright reply here: <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2021/06/a-response-to-the-statement-of-principles#print> or on the St. John's website by clicking on our pro-life tab.