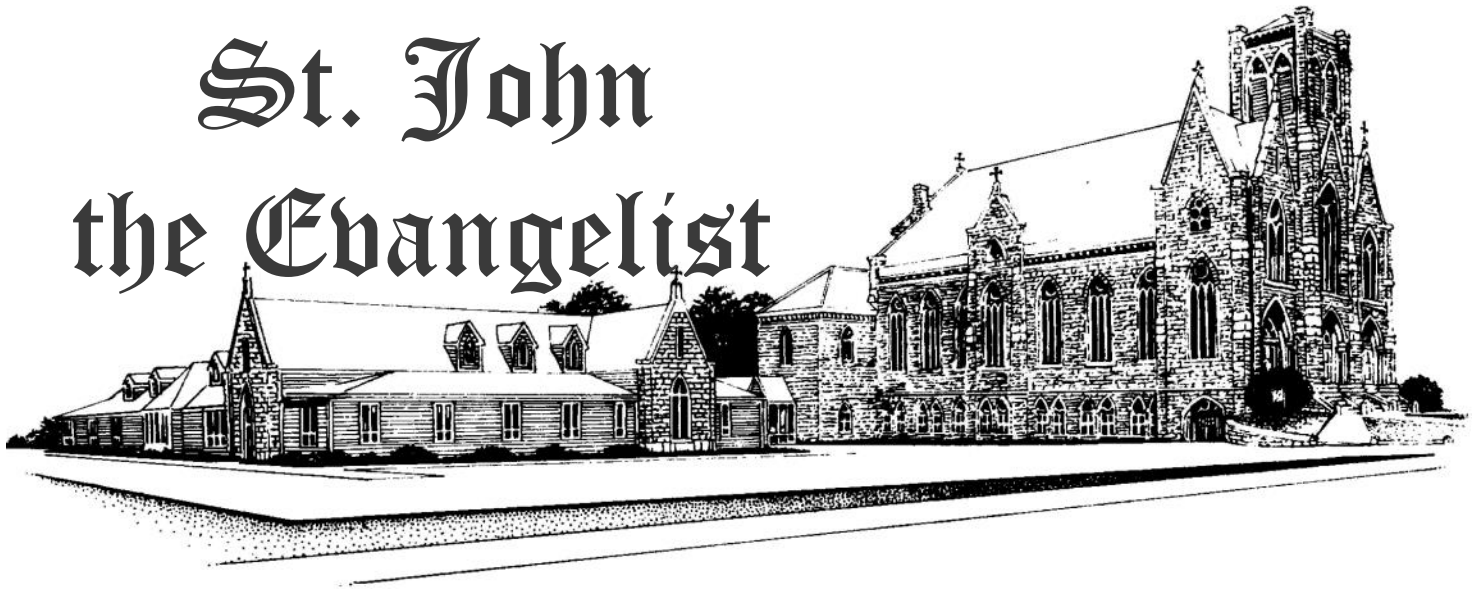


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

PASTOR

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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



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 29, 2021:
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/
 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

5:00 PM Kathy Quigley DeMore

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 AM Stuart Kramer

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Sarah Cormier (living intention)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Fr. John Henault and all the people of Haiti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Shirley Johnston

5:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Jenessa Pacheco

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

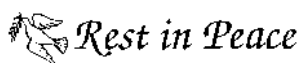
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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.

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.



Joseph Sergi

Special 2nd collection **THIS** weekend for Haiti Earthquake Relief
 Please make checks payable to St. John the Evangelist
 With "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Milford Daily News, 1889

"Large crowds went into the church yesterday to view the magnificent oil paintings and the elaborate windows which are being placed there. All say that they surpass any of the paintings in the churches of the surrounding towns."



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.



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.

"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.



Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I offer you, my holy Mother Mary,
 All my thoughts, all my actions,
 All my prayers and acts of charity,
 All my faith and good works,
 All my sacrifices that I make today.

Grant me the grace to do everything in my life
 With a pure intention and a desire to please God.

I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart,
 And I pray, through the merits of your intercession,
 That I may adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 And through His divine mercy,

Obtain the grace of conversion and the remission of my sins.
 O Mary, my Blessed Mother, watch over me and protect me
 From all sin and from all evil this day. Amen.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, August 28.

TWENTY-FIRST 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'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.

**St. John's Pro-life Initiative:
Called to the Culture of Life**

PROJECT RACHEL

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. **Fall 2021 dates are September 25, October 16, and November 20, 9AM to 5PM.** Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. **For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.**

St. John's Pro-Life prayer chain:

Please pray this week for healing for women who have suffered abortion.



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.

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Jul 2021 Monthly Collection	Jul 2021	Jul 2021				
	Monthly Col- lection	Monthly Col- lection	7/17 - 7/18	7/24 - 8/1	Ave.	Chge +/-
	7/3 - 7/4	7/10 - 7/11				
Head Count	332	337	292	348	327	38
					Total	
In Seat	4,236	6,311	5,165	4,816	20,529	
Mail-in	531	756	876	1,382	3,546	
Electronic	1,922	1,922	1,922	1,922	7,687	
Total	6,689	8,989	7,963	8,120	31,762	
Prior Yr.	7,974	7,974	7,974	7,974	31,894	
	(1,284)	1,016	(10)	147	(132)	
	-16%	13%	0%	2%	0%	
Prior Mo.	7,329	8,978	8,771	7,947	33,025	
	(640)	11	(808)	173	(1,263)	
	-9%	0%	-9%	2%	-4%	

Note: July has been normalized to 4 weeks for reporting purposes.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

AUGUST 22, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21;
Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69**

Today's gospel is the last of the readings in chapter 6 of John's gospel that comprise his discourse on the Eucharist. That discourse is about the reality of the Eucharist as the real physical presence of Jesus Christ in all his humanity and divinity. It is our true source of spiritual nourishment, and the sanctifying grace that can energize our spirits. It can deliver us from the evil one, from our inevitable fears, trials, distress, and futile attachments to the things of this world. But for us to be true believers, and to benefit fully from the gift of sanctifying grace, we must humbly submit ourselves to the will of God, and to the legitimate needs of others, because that is what God does for us.

God submitted himself to us through Jesus Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity; and Christ humbly submitted himself to death at the hands of humanity. God submits himself to us all the time, by allowing us to decide whether we will serve him or not. He never abandons us; but in our stubbornness he sometimes does leave us to our own devices, and to the inevitable consequences when we choose the attachments of this world, rather than choosing him. Joshua challenged the Israelites to choose who they would serve, the Lord or the false gods of the people they had conquered with the Lord's help. But Joshua added, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." The people likewise chose to serve the Lord. Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was rejected by many, even some of his own disciples. When Christ asked the twelve if they also wanted to leave, it was Peter who said, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Let us not forget the humble submission of Our Lady to the will of God and the Incarnation. Saint Paul instructs us today that submission and service to one another is to serve as Christ did.

I suspect that failure to believe in the Eucharist, or the failure to put its Sanctifying Grace fully into action, often is caused by humanity's aversion to submission in general (Satan's downfall). Even as believers, sometimes we fail to submit to serving God, and the legitimate needs of others. In its fallen nature, humanity is prone to seek the futile pleasures, and allurements of the world, as opposed to choosing a truly Christlike life of sacrificial love. To whom shall we go? Let us choose the Lord and embrace the Grace!

