

# St. John the Evangelist



**Established 1866**

**20 Church Street  
Hopkinton, MA 01748**

**Telephone: 508-435-3313  
for all parish offices  
Fax: 508-435-5651**

**E-Mail: [stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net)  
Web Page:  
[www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com)**

## **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**  
508-435-3313x201  
[rec55xp@outlook.com](mailto:rec55xp@outlook.com)

### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
508-435-3313x206

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

508-435-3313x208  
**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



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Readings for NEXT Sunday, September 5, 2021:  
Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37

## MASST INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 AM Matthew D'Errico

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM The Michael Duffy Family  
(living intention)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Noel Femia

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Zocchi and Dzerkacz Families

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
5:00 PM Slawomir & Grazyna Witkowski  
(40th wedding anniversary)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 AM John Dudley  
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.

## First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

**THIS Friday, September 3  
at 7PM in the Lower Chapel**

Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God. We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

### First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS coming Saturday at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

### 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.

**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, September 4.**



**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.



**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.

**LOVE LASTS FOREVER**

“Praying for one’s departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget them, they do not stop needing my love.”—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**NEVER TOO LATE**

**For God is all present:** for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive ‘too late’ since God by His very nature knows no before and after. **Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.**—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author **Love should not die at death**



**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.



**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](http://stjohnhopkinton.com)) under the “RELIGIOUS EDUCATION” tab. For more information please contact Debbie Lysik at (508) 435-3313 x208 or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

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

It’s EASY and FREE to Register!

1. Go to [formed.org/register](http://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!



**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](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

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

“The Church has consistently pointed out the ethical problems with vaccines produced and/or tested using abortion-derived cell lines. The Church has judged it permissible for people to either accept (under protest) or reject the use of such vaccines. In other words, there is no universal moral obligation to accept or refuse them, and it should be a voluntary decision of the individual. Catholic institutions, in particular, should respect the decisions of people to decline use of vaccines dependent on abortion-derived cell lines.” Read the whole statement on COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates issued by the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) at [ncbcenter.org](http://ncbcenter.org).

**St. John’s Pro-Life prayer chain:**

Please pray for the end of technology’s use of aborted fetuses which is a direct violation of the dignity of the human person.

**AUGUST 29, 2021**

---

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5;**

**James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Lord's commands are the key to truth, justice, and freedom from confusion about what is right and what is wrong. They enable us to experience the fullness of a good and faithful life doing God's will. In Deuteronomy we are told, "...you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." The Lord's commands are his word, and his word took on flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. It is Christ who is the perfect example of how to live by doing the will of the Father. As we see in today's gospel, the Pharisees had it all wrong. They were touting human precepts, but just giving lip service to the word of God, not seeing that God's law is meant to protect us from the tendencies of our fallen nature, and to prevent the corruption of our immortal souls. The Pharisees did not take God's commands to heart as a guide to how to live and serve God and one another. James tells us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not bearers only..."

We live in an era of great confusion. Deception and confusion about right and wrong always have been two of Satan's main weapons. With God's commands to guide us, we allow ourselves to be free of the uncertainty and confusion planted by the Evil One in today's culture of relativism where right is made to seem wrong and a limit to our freedom; and wrong is made to seem right. One need not look further than the specious argument that killing an unborn child is a woman's right, to realize how the soul of this country is being attacked. Such sophistry is being used on almost every moral issue of our times. But when we take the Lord's commands to heart, and live by them, we become doers of the word of God, and we are freed from confusion and corruption of mind and soul. May the word of God and his commands take root in us, bring light to the dark corners of our souls, grow, and bear good fruit, that we may serve God by serving one another, especially the afflicted

