

# 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.

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
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### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
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### **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



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 15, 2021:  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/  
1Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56



#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 PM Frank & Rita Brenna

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 AM Robert Hathaway  
6:30 PM Alessandrina D'Errico

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 AM Noel Femia

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM Mandy Heavey

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Ruth Schneider

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Clare Meehan

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Maureen Aylward and  
Carol Ann Walls

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Sadasivam Family (living)  
5:00 PM Janice Geromin

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 AM Joseph & Dorothea Murray  
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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
NEXT Saturday, August 14.

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



#### 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.



**"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.

#### 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 evening, 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.

#### 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.**

#### 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**

*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.**

**NINETEENTH 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.

**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!

**Pro-life Initiative at St. John the Evangelist**

No European nation allows elective abortions through all nine months of pregnancy "as is effectively permitted in several U.S. states." The U.S. is one of a small handful of nations, including China and North Korea, that allow late-term abortions. A recently released Charlotte Lozier Institute study found that 47 out of 50 European nations restrict abortion to prior to 15 weeks. The majority (27) limit elective abortion to **12** weeks. Prompted by a Mississippi law that protects the life of the unborn starting at **15** weeks, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the fall of this year, will consider the constitutionality of limits on abortion prior to viability (24-28 weeks gestation). <https://lozierinstitute.org/new-study-mississippi-15-week-limit-on-abortion-in-the-mainstream-of-european-law/>. To join our pro-life prayer chain call Denise St. Jean at 508-435-6827 or email [denisestjean7@gmail.com](mailto:denisestjean7@gmail.com) to sign up.

**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 ([stjohnshopkinton.com](http://stjohnshopkinton.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).

**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.



**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).

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

**June Collections**

	6/5 - 6/6	6/12 - 6/13	6/19 - 6/20 End of dis- pensation	6/26 - 6/27 End of dis- pensation	Ave.	Chge +/-
Head Count	242	258	315	344	290	-59
	Total					
In Seat	4,074	4,143	5,366	3,827	17,410	
Mail-in	1,195	2,775	1,345	2,060	7,375	
Electronic	2,060	2,060	2,060	2,060	8,240	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,329</b>	<b>8,978</b>	<b>8,771</b>	<b>7,947</b>	<b>33,025</b>	
Prior Yr.	8,648	8,648	8,648	8,648	34,590	
	(1,319)	331	124	(701)	(1,565)	
	-15%	4%	1%	-8%	-5%	
Prior Mo.	8,136	8,973	8,547	10,871	36,526	
	(807)	5	224	(2,924)	(3,501)	
	-10%	0%	3%	-27%	-10%	

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**AUGUST 8, 2021**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**1 Kings 19: 4-8; Psalm 34: 2-9;**

**Ephesians 4: 30—5:2; John 6: 41-51**

I read an article in CRUX magazine regarding a Pew Research Center Poll of July 2019. Of the many facts and figures, there were some that really stand out: half the Catholics in the United States know that the Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; most of the other half thought the Church teaches that the Eucharist is just a symbol of Christ's body; only one-third of Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and blood of Christ; twenty-two percent of Catholics reject the reality of transubstantiation, even though they know the Church's teaching. Practicing Catholics (defined as Catholics who go to Mass at least once per week) are more likely to believe, but shockingly, even among such "practicing Catholics," only sixty-three percent accept the teaching of transubstantiation. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the poll; but if it is anywhere near close to accurate, it is alarming.

The followers of Jesus and others to whom he preached in today's gospel, found it hard to believe what he was saying. For some, he was just the adult local kid claiming to be the bread of life sent from heaven. Jesus said: "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God." Jesus, "...the living bread that came down from heaven..." in effect was claiming to be God. Jesus lost many followers that day, and the disciples were, shall we say, wondering. Our own secular world has brought out some of the same human skepticism and cynicism of Christ's time on earth. That is why we desperately need the Eucharist and its sanctifying grace that helps us to rid ourselves (as Saint Paul points out) of bitterness, fury, and malice; and replace those things with sacrificial love, compassion, and forgiveness. The Eucharist gives us the nourishment we need to rid ourselves of the kind of dependency and fear that Elijah was battling in today's first reading. But the Lord gently nourished and encouraged Elijah to complete his long journey. The Eucharist gently and lovingly gives us nourishment, strength, and courage for our long journey toward eternal joy; and it enables us to be in communion with Christ and with each other.

We believe because we have God's Word for it: "This **IS** my body... This **IS** my blood." The Eucharist is not a mere symbol. The Eucharist is not a metaphor. The Eucharist **IS** a metaphysical reality: the real presence of Jesus Christ in the fullness of his human and divine natures. Therefore, as true believers, we approach the Eucharist with faith, humility, respect, and adoration. We confess to purge ourselves of serious sin before receiving. We spend some quiet time with him whenever we can, even if only for a few minutes before and after Mass. We pray: "Jesus, I trust in you! My Lord and my God, into your hands I commend my spirit."

