

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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508-435-3313x208
Mary Pawela, 1-6
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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/MUSIC DIRECTOR

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 said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 10, 2021:
 Wis 7:7-11/ Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/
 Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-27



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Frances Fitzgerald

6:30 PM William E. Curran, Jr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM Douglas & Annette Parent (living)
 (28th wedding anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 AM Devin Parent (living intention)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 AM Katherine B. Ruccia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Nicole (living special intention)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Timothy Lynch

6:30 PM Oliver Witkowski (living intention)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Kathy & Clifford Beavers
 (living wedding anniversary)

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

6:30 PM Padraig & Maire Daly (living)

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.

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.

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.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
 St. John's Mission Apostolate (Fr. Henault)

Updated COVID Protocols from the Archdiocese of Boston

The Archdiocese of Boston has updated their protocols with regard to COVID safety measures. These measures take effect on the weekend of Labor Day (September 4 and 5).

Regarding Safety Precautions at Masses:

All parishes are mandated to have clearly marked areas of the Church for people who want to wear masks and be sitting only near people who are wearing masks.

Here at St. John's, pews on the north side of the church will be marked with blue tape for parishioners who want to wear masks. Please do not sit in this area without wearing a mask. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to manage St. John's Parish Center. This part-time position is approximately 10 hours per week. The Parish Center Manager oversees all activities in the parish center including parish events and hall rentals. This person would also supervise set-ups, maintenance and inspections, act as a liaison to the public and town, and manage the CORI process for the parish. Computer skills are necessary for maintaining the Google calendar, spreadsheets, and rental contracts. Please inquire at the parish office.

Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited THIS Sunday, October 3, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. We hope you will join us for this joyful occasion!

Special Evening for Confessions

There will be a special evening time for confessions on **Monday, October 25, from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel.**

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, October 9.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John's Choir

What Makes A Good Choir Member? A willing heart. A desire to give to the congregation and our Lord. Contact Berni at momandberni@gmail.com with any questions.

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 the Evangelist Pro-life Initiative

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: OCTOBER 3, 2021

"Every threat to human dignity is felt in the church's heart. It affects its faith and engages its mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Life – a proclamation especially pressing because of the new threats to the life of individuals and peoples, especially where life is weak and defenseless. I repeat the words of the Second Vatican Council condemning crimes and attacks against human life: "whatever is opposed to life itself such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction; whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever insults human dignity...all these things and others of their kind are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from injury. Moreover they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator." (GS 27 #3) (The Gospel of Life) St. John Paul II 1995

Thank You to St. John's Parishioners

Fr. Cornell from St. Cecilia's in Ashland would like to thank the parishioners of St. John's who generously donated items to St. Cecilia's recent flea market. Additionally, a big thank you to Mary Morrissey and Kathleen Auclair for all their hard work in helping with St. Cecilia's flea market.

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



Religious Education Classes

The Archdiocese of Boston has granted us permission to hold in-person religious education classes this year with the understanding that some families should be allowed to teach their child at home if they are more comfortable with this approach. We are here to accommodate all families at this time. All safety protocols will be observed including the wearing of masks, and classrooms have been set up for social distancing. We plan to start classes after Columbus Day. We are still in need of catechists for grades 2-8 in order to place all students into a class. Please let us know if you can help us out. If you are willing to teach this year, please email us: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 (mpawelastjn@gmail.com) and Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 (dllysikstjn@verizon.net).

Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for most of his adult life. Father is currently 85 years old. He usually celebrates a 10AM Sunday Mass here at St. John's in August while he is here for his yearly family, medical and dentist visit.

For the second year in a row, due to Covid as well as the dangerous political situation in Haiti, father was not able to visit his family home in Sutton. Consequently, he was unable to make his usual visits to local parishes for fund-raising in support of his "St Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy).

Fortunately, Father's residence in Gonaives received only a widening in the existing cracks due to the recent earthquake and the clinic remains open and continues to treat patients.

Unfortunately, the church on Ile a Vache where Father Gilbert (Fr. John's replacement there) now serves and Fr. John helps support, received some more severe damage although it is still standing.

St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations during this time of need. A second collection will be held **THIS** weekend. Additionally, anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (**made out to St. John's Mission Apostolate**) at another time can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket or mail it to St. John's Parish. Donations for Fr. Henault via St. John's Parish can also be made through Donor Advised Charitable Funds by noting it is for Fr. Henault and the Mission Apostolate. For any questions or to join the Global Mission Apostolate, please contact Paul St. Jean at 508-435-6827.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Genesis 2: 18-24, Psalm 128: 1-6;

Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16

The love that is our Triune God is permanent. The love of God for us, his children, is permanent. The love of God for his church is permanent. The love of God for his children and his Church is so profound and sacrificial that he made us in his own image and likeness, that he humbled himself to come into the world through Jesus Christ, to be one of us, to share in our lives, joys, and sorrows, to experience our vulnerability to the point of sharing the experience of our mortality. In rising from the dead, He overcame mortality so that we too could have eternal life. From creation God created man and woman, as suitable partners, and helpers for each other. That does not suggest subordination. Rather, according to commentators, it suggests a certain vulnerability to one another, and sensitivity to one another's needs, a unique and profound affinity between one man and one woman that is both supportive and nurturing.

In today's gospel, "God with Us," Jesus Christ, proclaims that God's intent from the beginning was that the conjugal relationship between a man and a woman would be permanent, as is the love of God Himself. The intent was that conjugal love reflect the permanent love that is the Trinity, the love of God for all creation, and for the Church. Thus, the role of conjugal love is to be a micro church, a symbol of the Church. The main task of the man and woman in marriage is to help each other to get to heaven, and to do the same for their children; and to do so with the simple trusting nature of a child. As children, for a time we all were completely dependent on our parents. As complementary helpers to each other, husband and wife always must acknowledge their total dependence on God while reflecting his pure love for each other, and toward others in need.

In today's world, the Church is under attack by Satan. A couple of the most blatant examples of this are Satan's attack on the family unit and its meaning, and Satan's attack on the unborn and partially born. The Church will never be overcome because Christ is the cornerstone. But Satan is the father of confusion and misdirection; and he can create havoc by chipping away at the family unit, which is part of the foundation of the Church. Let us maintain our marriages and families as our Creator intended.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money to help intellectually challenged individuals worldwide. The Knights will be outside after all Masses **NEXT WEEKEND, October 9th and 10th**, collecting spare change to support this worthy cause. Please consider sparing what you can to support their mission. Thank you in advance for your donations which will help us serve those with intellectual & physical disabilities. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Bill Muench (william.muench@comcast.net or 508-259-3382) or visit www.kofc.org/joinus.