

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

508-435-3313x208
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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



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 26, 2021:
Nm 11:25-29/ Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 PM Dr. David Brownstein
(living intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM Constance McCarriston

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM Sarah Cormier (living intention)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

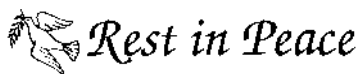
9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Steven Brow
5:00 PM DeStefano, Porrizzo, Mongiat,
and Gillam Families and their
extended family members

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Herman & Eva Stone
6:30 PM Sister Philomena Agudo



Donald Ward
Madeline Norton

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

NEW DEACON AT ST. JOHN'S

Last weekend we welcomed a new deacon to St. John's. Deacon James O'Rourke from the diocese of Albany has joined us. Please give Deacon O'Rourke a warm welcome to St. John's.

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.

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 Masses

We will have first Friday Masses at **7PM in the lower church**, 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 and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the lity to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

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 time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, September 25.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 Choir

Do you need to read music to join the choir? NO, we will teach you. Do you need to have a solo quality voice to join the choir? NO, in fact just average voices make the best choir. Do you need to attend every rehearsal and performance? NO, that would be unreasonable. Contact Berni (momandberni@gmail.com) if you have more questions. We will begin **October 10 at 9:05AM**.

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.

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.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John's Pro-life Initiative

"The truth will set you free."

Rosaries in hand, my companion and I gaze up at the story-high blue letters topping the office building across from us. "Planned Parenthood," they read. Over the street traffic I hear in my mind's ear the incessant chant of countless abortion advocates, "Reproductive health services for women! Reproductive health services for women!" In answer I start a next "Hail Mary." A slightly disheveled older man in T-shirt and wrinkled slacks approaches us. Clearly, he comes from the residential street around the corner. When he reaches us, he stops. "They're killing babies over there. That's why you're praying." He's satisfied; he's answered his own question. "Yes!" we answer in unison, "We're praying because they're killing babies." You can tell he's pleased that we're there. He smiles, as he walks on.



Religious Education Sign Up

The Archdiocese of Boston has highly recommended that we not hold in person classes at this time. We are watching the mandates change every day. By October 1st they will be updating us on this recommendation, and at that time we will be able to let our families know how we will proceed for this coming Religious Education year. Whether we hold in-person, home school or zoom classes we will not be starting until after Columbus Day. In order for us to be ready for this year, we are asking you to let us know if your child will participate in some aspect. Please go to the parish website, stjohnhopkinton.com and click on the sign up for Rel. Ed.

WALK WITH ME

My Jesus, my friend, walk with me today. Hand in hand, guide me to learn and to know what is good. Arm in arm, help me to grow in my faith and in love for others. Side by side, stay by me to protect me and show me Your ways. Heart to heart, help me to pray...and to be all that You want me to be. Thank you, Jesus, for the special love You have for me. Amen.

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 fundraising 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 on the weekend of **October 2nd & 3rd**. 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.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-8; James 3:16--4:3;
Mark 9:30-37**

Today, we are given another lesson on what it means to be and to live as a disciple of Christ. Inevitably it involves suffering of some kind. It has always been so (as we see in today's reading from the book of wisdom) that when one stands for what is right, decent, and just, one often experiences the resentment, and anger, and hate of those who do not want to be told or reminded that they should not be doing some of the things that they do. Because of mass media and social media that reaction is more prevalent, pronounced, and openly pernicious in the modern world. When we proclaim the Gospel by what we say and what we do, we can suffer criticism, ridicule, slander, even violence. It has been said that in the modern secular, relativistic world, and even in some religious communities, resistance to, and criticism of Christianity, especially toward Catholicism, is "the last acceptable bias." It is significant that the Catholic Church, the most generous, serving, peaceful institution on the face of the earth, would be so resisted, reviled, and persecuted, possibly because it is the institution which most exemplifies Christ.

But do not fear "For the haughty seek my life... Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." (Psalm 54). The Letter of James tells us that we are to seek "wisdom from above" to be righteous. Such wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, merciful, fruitful, consistent, and sincere. The righteousness thus obtained "is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." It does not seek conflict or succumb to passions and envy.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus again explained to his disciples that he would suffer, die, and rise from the dead. "But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him." But the words were clear. Could it be they were afraid to understand how it applied to them? When the disciples began to quarrel about which of them was the greatest, Jesus made it clear: "If anyone wishes to be the first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Thus, we are required to humble ourselves, serve, suffer; and have the simple faith and trust of a child that the Lord will help us and sustain our lives. There can be much confusion, violence, envy, resistance, and anxiety which faces us when we stand for what is right in the manner that Jesus did. But as Saint Padre Pio said, "The storms raging around you, will turn out to be for God's glory, your own merit and the good of many souls."

