

# St. John the Evangelist



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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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### **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



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 12, 2021:  
*Is 50:5-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35*



#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM Evan Girardi

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Jeff East

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM Kenneth Brow  
 5:00 PM Mary & John Moisuk

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Frances Fitzgerald  
 6:30 PM Armand & Doris Germain

#### 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.

### 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.

### HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You **always** console Me when you pray for sinners. **The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners.** Know, My daughter, that this prayer is **always heard and answered.**

—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina,  
 Divine Mercy Diary #1397

### Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best


The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our Lady asked "**are you willing to offer yourself to God and bear all the suffering He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?**"

*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 11.**

 *Rest in Peace*

Melody Monaghan  
 Elizabeth Connolly-Walsh  
 Fr. Joseph K. Fagan

## TWENTY-THIRD 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](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### *Your Prayers are Needed!*

#### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

**Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7PM** in the lower chapel. "Yours is a witness to the incomparable value of human life..."

### 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.

### ST. CECILIA'S ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

**Saturday, September 18 & Sunday, September 19**

Donated items may be dropped off **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday ONLY 9AM to 12PM (or by appointment) in the Family Center from August 2nd to September 10<sup>th</sup>**. You may call the rectory at 508-881-1107 or Corinne Hickey at 339-221-1476 if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment. We will accept household items, small appliances, toys, books, jewelry, small furniture (clean & animal free home) and Christmas items. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: Baby furniture (rockers, cribs & seats), clothing, shoes, electronics (including televisions & stereos), linens, large furniture (including dining tables, hutches & bed frames) and stuffed animals. Please make sure everything is clean and in working condition.** Contact Corinne Hickey at 339-221-1476 if you can help with the Flea Market or have any questions.



### 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).

### 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.

### **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!



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

40 Days for Life, the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion, will run its fall campaign this **September 22nd to October 31st**. St. John's Pro-Life initiative will participate in this 40-day, non-stop, round the clock prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood in Worcester where parishioners will offer to stand in prayer an hour or more weekly. Since 2007 over one million participants in 1,000 cities in 64 countries have saved 19,198 lives and helped close 112 abortion facilities. Please consider joining the fall 40 Days for Life campaign. Even one hour spent in vigil and every prayer is vital to this endeavor! For more information contact Denise St. Jean by phone (617-794-2485) or email [denisestjean7@gmail.com](mailto:denisestjean7@gmail.com).

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; James 2:1-5;  
Mark 7:31-37**

In today's world there are many things that can cause us to be afraid. Global terrorism, the culture of death, the state of the economy, disease, even some of the things that our own government does and fails to do are just a few things that can cause anxiety and fear. But today we hear from Isaiah that the LORD says "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared...the tongue of the mute will sing." The LORD brings justice for the oppressed, sets captives free (including captives of fear and sin), thwarts the wicked, consoles the afflicted and the broken hearted. All of this is fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are well into the age of salvation that Isaiah predicted. Courage and peace can be ours through Christ's Church, at the center of which is the gift of the Eucharist, the spiritual food that can transform us in spirit to be more and more like Christ, who we are called to imitate. And all are invited irrespective of wealth or status! Amid all the bad news with which we are bombarded every day, this age of salvation is very good news. Yet our secular society tends to ignore it, and even resent it.

In today's gospel Jesus restored the hearing of a deaf man and removed the man's speech impediment. Jesus said "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And the man was cured. "Exceedingly astonished," the people who were present were moved to "proclaim" what Jesus did, even though Jesus ordered them not to do so. It is almost as if their own eyes were opened to see Jesus as Lord, their own ears opened so that they could hear his message, their own tongues freed to proclaim the good news. I think sometimes we can be deafened by the world's noise, blinded by the world's awful distractions, and silenced for fear of becoming a victim of the criticism of the "cancel culture." We have the good news of salvation. Ephphatha...be opened to it! Hear it. See it. Speak of it. Be strong and fear not. Proclaim the good news in word and deed! "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

