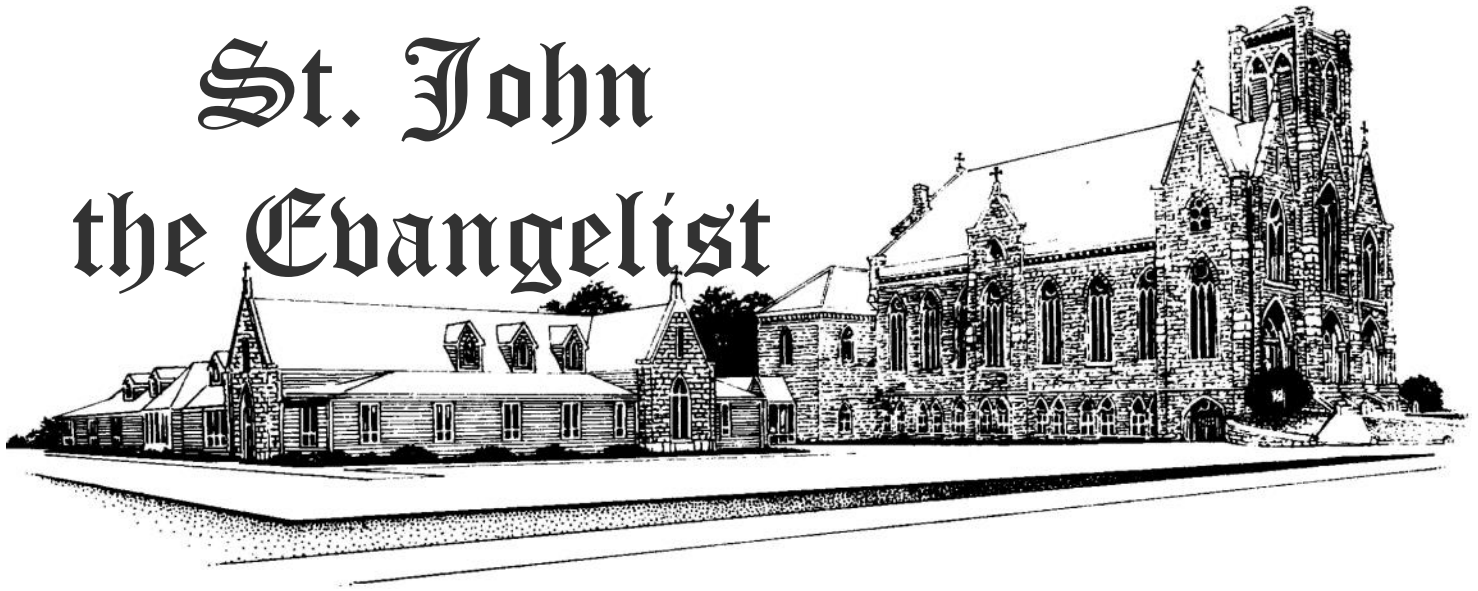


St. John the Evangelist



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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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508-435-3313x201
rec55xp@outlook.com

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PARISH CENTER

Crystal Fitzgerald, Manager
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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



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 31, 2021:

Dt 6:2-6/ Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/

Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 PM John & Marilyn Palmer
(living, 60th wedding anniversary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Armand & Rose Boucher

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM William Carey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 AM Theresa Genoa

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM Finbarr Dunlea and Phelim Dunlea

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 AM Joseph Chua and Joshua Chua
(living intentions)
5:00 PM Special intention

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM For the conversion of sinners



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

11:00 AM Teacher Meeting, Grades 1-6,
Main Hall

5:00 PM Grade 10 Teacher Meeting, Room 3

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 PM Grade 9 Teacher Meeting, Room 3

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
World Mission Sunday

New Parish Center Manager

We are pleased to announce that Crystal Fitzgerald has joined St. John's parish staff as our Parish Center Manager. We warmly welcome Crystal and look forward to working with her.

Special Evening for Confessions

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

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.



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.

ALL SOULS MASS

We will have a special Mass for All the Holy Souls in Purgatory on **Tuesday, November 2, at 6:45PM, in the lower church**. The "Book of the Living" will be available for those wishing to add the names of deceased loved ones.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

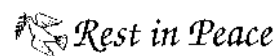
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

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**.

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, October 30.



Thomas Brock



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.

Called to the Culture of Life

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Notes from 40 Days for Life Boston Campaign Director Rita Russo's October 13, 2021 update: "The campaign continues to do well. As of Tuesday, 277 babies and their mothers [worldwide] have been confirmed saved. Keep praying! God is blessing our efforts!" And "Also be sure to watch this short video clip: 'Fox News host makes must-see emotional plea to end abortion: <https://youtu.be/r8qrolk612M>.'" You can find it on the pro-life tab at St. John's website. In Worcester last Tuesday, October 12th, 90 pro-life students and adults joined Bishop McManus in vigil outside Planned Parenthood. Parishioners from St. John's stood among them!



Religious Education Classes

We are looking forward to our Religious Education Program starting up in early November. We are here to accommodate all families at this time. All safety protocols will be observed including the wearing of masks, and classrooms will be set up for social distancing. We will be in touch via email with information about your child's in-person class and also for those that chose to homeschool. Please watch your emails for details on pick up dates for homeschool books, and also please watch your emails for details on start dates for the in-person classes. In order to place students into in-person classes, we are still in need of teachers for grades 4-8. Please let us know if you would be willing to witness your faith to our young people of St. John's Parish. Contact us at: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 (mpawelastjn@gmail.com) or Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 (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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of food cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It has been determined that these meals will cost about \$75 per Hopkinton family. Generally, we help 30 families per holiday. If you would like to donate food cards from any local grocery store, please drop off with the parish secretary or business office. All help is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission.

Sep 2021 Monthly Col- lection	Sep 2021	Sep 2021				Ave.	Chge +/-
	Monthly Collection	Monthly Col- lection	9/4 - 9/5	9/11 - 9/12	9/18 - 9/19		
Head Count	312	331	317	378	335	36	
In Seat	4,106	6,937	3,880	4,429	Total 19,352		
Mail-in	685	1,895	3,185	833	6,598		
Electronic	2,084	2,084	2,084	2,084	8,335		
Total	6,875	10,916	9,149	7,346	34,285		
Prior Yr.	5,479	6,622	7,078	5,390	24,570		
	1,396	4,294	2,071	1,956	9,715		
	25%	65%	29%	36%	40%		
Prior Mo.	6,100	7,246	5,023	8,147	26,515		
	775	3,670	4,126	(801)	7,770		
	13%	51%	82%	-10%	29%		

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

OCTOBER 24, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 126: 1-6; Hebrews 5: 1-6;
Mark 10: 46-52**

Today's gospel is another example of the healing that is available to all of us if we only ask and persist. As with other healings by Jesus, it is the faith of the person healed that impresses Jesus. And as with many of such healings, there is more to it than a physical healing. Though he faced opposition from some of the crowd, spurred on by faith, Bartimaeus persisted in his plea to Jesus, "...have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." When summoned to go to Jesus, Bartimaeus "...threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" The answer was, "Master, I want to see." Jesus tells Bartimaeus, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus was not cured only of his physical blindness. For when it was time for him to go his way, the way he chose was to follow Jesus. Spiritually he could see a new way to go.

I once heard a brilliant commentator say that faith is an act of the will to command one's intellect to believe in something that one may not have seen for himself. He said that act of will is something like that of jurors in a court case. They hear witnesses, they consider the possibilities and probabilities, the reliability of the witnesses, the position of a particular witness to know. Bartimaeus could not have seen Jesus. He must have relied on the testimony of people he knew before daring to approach Jesus. What about us and our faith? Do we tell the Lord that we want to see? We can be blind to many things. We all need a cure to see such things beginning with whether we see ourselves as God sees us (as we truly are and as we could be), not to mention whether we see the many evils present in today's world. What about our faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ? We have the testimony of the gospels, the testimony of the apostles and their successors, the testimonies of all the saints and martyrs. Faith is a gift but accepting that gift is an act of the will. Let us ponder whether we have the enthusiastic faith of Bartimaeus. When summoned by Jesus, do we respond by throwing off our protective cloaks, by leaping to our feet, by approaching Jesus, by asking for healing, and by making His Way our way?

