

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.

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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



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 7, 2021:
1Kgs 17:10-16/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:41-44



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 AM Elizabeth Belger

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Maria Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Donald Ward, Jr.
6:30 PM Special Intention

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.**



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9AM-12 & 2PM-6PM, Homeschool book pick up

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9AM-12 & 2PM-6PM, Homeschool book pick up

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9AM-12 & 2PM-6PM, Homeschool book pick up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:45 AM Grades 1-4
Grade 2 Parent Meeting
5:15 PM Grade 10

ALL SAINTS DAY

THIS Monday, November 1, is All Saints Day (not a holy day of obligation this year). Mass will be at **9AM**.

Grand Annual Collection

This week we sent a mailing to all parishioners asking for contributions to our 2021 Grand Annual Collection. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. Last Fall we raised over \$60,000 for the operating expenses of the parish, and this year's goal is \$55,000. Please pray about what you can do and return your pledge or contribution by November 6 & 7, which will be our Grand Annual Weekend. Thank you very, very much for your continued support and sacrifice that you make in behalf of St. John's! It is very, very much appreciated!

ALL SOULS MASS

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

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have a first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, November 5 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 litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

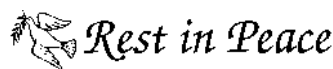
First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS coming Saturday at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

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, November 6.



William John Keefe



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.

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.



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. MARY'S WINGS

Based in Holliston, WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. **Please join us Wed. November 3, 10AM-11:15AM, for the fifth session of our six-week Fall Virtual Season "Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Teaching."** Our speaker will be Fran Ludwig, founder of the Faith and Environment Group at Sacred Heart and St. Brigid Parishes in Lexington. Fran will speak on "Care of God's Creation: The Urgency of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*." For more information call Jennifer Schiller (617-852-9632) or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to sign up.

Called to the Culture of Life

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Thank you to the 236 parishioners who stepped forward to sign the Babies Born Alive Petition. From its very beginnings, the Church has forthrightly proclaimed the sanctity of human life from conception in the womb to natural death. Every conception is a gift to mother and father; every baby in the womb is a distinct human being who—body and soul—was intended by God and for whom Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross. May we cherish this truth upheld by the Catholic Church, and may we courageously defend it in these difficult times.



Religious Education Classes

For those that are home schooling your child/children for Religious Education this year, books can be picked up on **Tuesday, November 2, Wednesday, November 3, or Thursday November 4 from 9AM-12Noon and 2-6PM**. There is a \$25 charge for each book. Cash or check (made out to St. John's). We are looking forward to beginning our Religious Education year. If your child/children were assigned to a class, teachers are currently emailing parents to introduce themselves and letting you know the start date of your child's/children's class. All safety protocols will be observed. Students and teachers will need to wear a mask during class time. Please watch your emails for information from your child's teacher. Teachers are still needed for grades 3-8. Please consider witnessing your faith to our young people. Classes are twice a month. Contact us at: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 (mpawelastjn@gmail.com) or Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 (dllysikstjn@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.



Advent Wreath Making Workshop

November 28, 2021

Come anytime between **1PM-3PM**
St. John's Parish Hall

Create Your Own Fresh Advent Wreath

All materials provided,
including assorted fresh greens and candles.
Please bring your own clippers if you have them.
\$25 per wreath, payable by cash or check, at the door.
Refreshments will be served.
To reserve your wreath*
please RSVP by November 17th
(parishhallstjn@gmail.com or 508-435-3313x210).
***We order wreaths based on number reserved, so please reserve yours today!**

OCTOBER 31, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6; Psalm 18: 2-4, 47, 51;

Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12: 28-34

Forgive me if I borrow a term from "Star Trek," but today's readings make known and illuminate God's "prime directive." As articulated by Jesus in Mark's gospel, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is a command, not a suggestion. Yet we are not to obey simply out of obligation, but we are to "take to heart, these words" because it is not simply a command. It is a way of life, the key to inner peace and joy in this largely Godless world, and the prescription for eternal life. I call it God's "prime directive" because it sums up all other commandments. True obedience to loving God with everything that we have and loving our neighbor as ourselves requires obedience to all other commandments. For instance, if we are stealing, cheating, hurting, coveting, misleading, leading others astray, or ignoring the needs of others, we are not loving our neighbor as ourselves. More than that, to obey these commands we must not just refrain from harming each other, we are called to help and encourage each other. We are called to love as God loves.

God, who is love, is so full of love that his love spills over into creation. God's love is productive, creative, generous, and salvific. His love for us is so great that he created us in his own image and likeness; and he sent his Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ to live, teach, and die, among us, and to rise from the dead to demonstrate that resurrection and eternal life can be ours. We can turn to Christ as our unblemished, perfect, and eternal high priest, who "is always able to save those who approach God through him," who is our strength, refuge, shield, salvation, stronghold, and rock. Be not afraid or discouraged. Heartfelt obedience to God's directive can enable our love to spill over to other people for the benefit of all. By the grace of God, we can help and encourage each other, thereby becoming instruments of creating an atmosphere conducive to the goal of eternal life. This is God's will. This is God's way. Let us pray once more, "Lord, conform us to your will, and conform us to your way."

Holy Souls in Purgatory

--Love Lasts Forever--

Knowing them...Praying for them...

Helping them get to Heaven!

The holy souls need our prayers 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 release or relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (c.c.c. 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.

PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

"If by your prayers, sufferings, or other works, you have obtained a good death for the dying sinner, you have placed it in Purgatory. Now you will assist, by all the means you can, in obtaining its release from that place of confinement. To do this, you should have Holy Masses offered up, gain indulgences and pray for them."

Mother Mary Potter, foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters.