

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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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 lower chapel

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



“Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.”
 - Lk 6:21

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate is in effect until March 3, 2022.

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 20, 2022:
 1Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ 1Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 PM James Riley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. John & Mary Jo Duffy,
 John Duffy Jr., and James W. Duffy
 6:30 PM George Winkler, III

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy and Anna-Marie Duffy (living intentions)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy and Anna-Marie Duffy (living intentions)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM Sean and Susan (for healing)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM Michael J. Duffy and Anna-Marie Duffy (living intentions)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Brigid and Ciara (for healing)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

10:00 AM Helen, Cal, and Timothy Sparks

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20—NO CLASSES

—FEBRUARY VACATION

Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

February 17 at 7PM

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service. Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction. "During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, February 19.

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.

Rest in Peace

Dr. Arthur L. Gendron, Jr.



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.

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.

Would You Like to be a Cantor?

Do you have the ability to read music? Do you have a lovely singing voice? Then you have the ability to cantor. Contact Berni for more information at momandberni@gmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"The possibility of Roe v. Wade falling or of access to abortion being scaled back in many states, has led pro-life advocates to wonder how to better serve a resulting increase in the number of women facing crisis pregnancies...In March 2020, the U.S. Catholic bishops launched a new effort called the "Walking With Moms" initiative, inviting all U.S. Catholic parishes to get involved in offering a pastoral response to the needs of women facing pregnancies in challenging circumstances." "Pro-life centers aim to offer hope for every woman in crisis pregnancy". THE PILOT 12/24/21

THANKS!! to Our Donors

Knights of Columbus BR Council 4822 2021/2022 Coats for Kids & Families Drive

Over 135 gently used adult and child-sized coats were donated by the Parishioners of St. Cecilia's and St. John the Evangelist in the recent annual Knights of Columbus BR Council 4822 Coats for Kids & Families Drive. A sincere THANK YOU to all who donated and made the event a big success. Keep an eye out for next year's Coats for Kids and Families Drive, next year after Thanksgiving, as we continue to support our Charitable Mission to give help where it's needed the most.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.



Religious Education Reminders

Sunday, February 13: Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 at 8:45 AM
Monday, February 14: Grade 6 at 2:45 PM;
Grades 1, 2, 3 & 5 at 4:30 PM; Grade 9 at 7PM
Wednesday, February 16: Grades 1, 2 & 5 at 4:30PM
Grade 10 Confirmation retreat
Sunday, March 13, 1-4PM, St. John's Parish Center.

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
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!



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.



FEBRUARY 13, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalm 1: 1-4, 6;

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

The Sermon on the Plain in today's gospel highlights a preference for the poor, the hungry, the persecuted, the insulted, the outcasts, the despondent. It also highlights dire consequences for the rich, the full and satisfied, those who are happy and content, those who bask in the esteem offered to them by other people. Taking all of today's readings into consideration are we being told that one is doomed if one is well-off, and saved if poor and persecuted? The short answer is, NO! The theme running through all of this is faith and trust in God: His law, His ways, His love and concern for others, His resurrection from the dead in the person of Christ as a harbinger of our own resurrection when we live according to the Spirit, and not the way of the world.

There is nothing like being poor, hungry, despondent, threatened, ridiculed, persecuted, and lonely to make us realize that we need God to be spiritually safe in this world. Also, there is nothing like being well off, well thought of, full, satisfied, and complacent to make us forget that we need God, and that the goal of our life IN this world is not OF this world. When we live according to the Lord's will and the Lord's ways as opposed to the ways of the world we are nourished and fortified like the tree planted beside the stream. The question is not that so many of us have good fortune, it is what we do with it, and whether we see and respond to the needy.

These days, all the truly faithful are being persecuted, ridiculed, canceled, and labeled in harsh terms. People all over the world are being mutilated and murdered every day for being Christian. A coach or a teacher can lose their job for praying or using the wrong pronoun. We are ridiculed, insulted, and marginalized if we stand up for life (It is a crime to destroy the egg of a bald eagle, but it is just fine to kill sixty-three million babies). Today happens to be World Marriage Day; but one will be ridiculed and labeled a bigot if one stands up for the true meaning of marriage. The ways and esteem of the world are fickle, false, and futile. Let us have trust and faith in the Lord; and let us pray that we be conformed to the Lord's will, and the Lord's ways, that we have the courage to stand up for what is right, and care for the needs of others. That is the sure path to our resurrection and salvation.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter announces an in-person experience in New England. This non-residential weekend takes place at St. Gabriel The Archangel Church, 151 Mendon Street in Upton, Mass., from **Friday, March 18- Sunday, March 20, 2022**. Couples can drive to the experience from their homes or stay at one of several hotels in the area. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they've been married only a short time or many years. This in-person experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. To apply contact Joe & Ginny Vatalle at 800-710-9963 or visit www.mema.org.