

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 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



“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”
- Lk 6:38

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 27, 2022:
Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/
1Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM Valerie, Mike & Julia Egan (living)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM Julia Chace and Owen Timothy
(for healing)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Marie Grant
5:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John’s
10:00 AM Barb & Jim Tamborra
6:30 PM Rebecca and Luke (for healing)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....March 2
Easter Sunday.....April 17



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20—NO CLASSES
—FEBRUARY VACATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27—NO CLASSES

MASK MANDATE

As of February 28, masks will no longer be required at public Masses in the Archdiocese of Boston.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM	MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM	MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM	ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM	MASS & ASHES

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, February 26.

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
Brian Cormier



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.

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.

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

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who donated Sunday, January 30th, to the collection for St. John's pro-life initiative. Thanks to your generosity, checks were sent to Problem Pregnancy in Worcester (across the street from Planned Parenthood), Visitation House (a home for mothers during their pregnancy) also in Worcester, and our local Birthright in Framingham. The protection and care of mothers and babies remain the first and primary focus of all pro-life effort. Our prayers and our contributions to birth centers work hand in hand. Thank you for your support of both!

Knights of Columbus

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus is very pleased to update the parish on the winners from the council level poster contest. After announcing our local winners, each of them moved to the district, regional and state competition. **Congratulations to Charlotte Lawyer**, who was named the State Level winner for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for the 8-10 year age group. Great job Charlotte! We also want to congratulate Nora Gronemeyer for her 3rd place finish in the 11-14 year old group. The Bishop Rice Council is very happy to see them recognized for their work. Again, to all the children who participated, great job and thank you. We look forward to seeing all of your creativity in action next season.



Religious Education Reminders

The Religious Education Office will be closed this week. Classes begin:

Sunday, March 6: Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 at 8:45 AM

No Grade 10 class due to retreat on March 13

Monday, March 7: Grade 6 at 2:45 PM

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

Grade 9 at 7PM

Tuesday, March 8: Grades 7 & 8 at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 9: Grades 1, 2, & 5 at 4:30 PM

Grade 10 Confirmation retreat

Sunday, March 13, 1-4PM, St. John's Parish Center.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children who received their First Reconciliation during the month of January and their families. They all learned about and prepared for this sacrament and did an amazing job. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist over the next few months.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

HOOPSMANIA fundraiser!

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a March Madness Hoopsmania, and sweepstakes tickets are available and going fast! Each ticket is \$20 and the ticket holder gets music downloads worth \$20 as well as the chance to win cash prizes! There are 75 prizes (1 in 19 odds) with top prize of \$1000 for the highest point total, \$500 for second and more. It is guaranteed that at least one ticket sold by the Knights will be a winner (\$30 minimum). No knowledge of basketball is needed as the tickets are randomly generated with equal odds. All funds raised will go to supporting Knights of Columbus activities in our parish such as Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and more! We will be selling tickets after selected Masses but feel free to flag down any Knights of Columbus member or contact Chris Alicandro (chris.alicandro@comcast.net or 1-617-335-6688).

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38

In today's reading from the Book of Samuel, David spares the life of his enemy, King Saul. This was the second time that David spared Saul. David recognized that it was the Lord's decision how Saul would meet his end, whether naturally or in battle. David's words on that subject were a foreshadowing of Saul's later demise in battle. For the mercy he showed Saul, David was rewarded with a peaceful transition to the kingship, great success, and later, forgiveness by the mercy of God for his own grievous transgressions.

Saint Paul reminds us that humanity has an earthly nature, but also has a heavenly one in that we have been made in the image and likeness of God. As such, we are called to love and forgive as the Lord does, as Jesus demonstrated in his sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity, and in his prayer to the Father to forgive those who condemned and tortured him, "for they do not know what they do."

In today's gospel we are told to give to those who are in need, and to not expect repayment. We are commanded to love and pray for one another, especially our enemies, and to turn the other cheek when harmed, or offended. Jesus tells us that by doing so we will be rewarded in heaven. Does this mean that we shirk our responsibilities to provide for and to protect our families? Does it mean that in praying for and forgiving our enemies that we trust them? No! Simply put, we are to trust in the Lord, do what we truly can for all, and have an open heart to the possibility that all can be redeemed. As with Saul, the rest is up to the Lord. In the end our love, generosity, and mercy toward others, especially toward our enemies dictates how we will be judged. "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Let us not forget what Jesus taught us to pray, "...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

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