

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



“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” - Lk 6:43, 45

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 6, 2022:

Dt 26:4-10/ Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/

Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Mary E. Claprood Therrien

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Members of the Pineau Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Bob Jordan
6:30 PM For our confirmation candidates

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 27—NO CLASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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

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.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 7PM

A Lenten Evening of Prayer with Fr. Lacombe in the upper church. Confessions will be available

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**.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (lower church)

MONDAY—FRIDAY	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS	7:00 PM
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RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS	8:30-9:15 AM
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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.

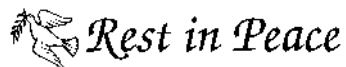
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, March 5.



Arthur L. Gendron, Jr., M.D.
E. Aubrey Doyle



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.

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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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, inaugurates the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life. Your support is invaluable, whether through daily prayers, financial support, standing in prayerful vigil outside Planned Parenthood **or all three!** The campaign which ends April 10th, Palm Sunday, especially needs participants peacefully praying on the sidewalk on Tuesdays 7AM-3PM, Thursdays 10AM-3PM, and Mondays & Thursdays 5-7PM. (Participants are only asked to pray. You are not expected to try to engage with people going in and out of Planned Parenthood unless you have received sidewalk counselor training.) Your presence at any time is greatly appreciated! Please sign up for the Worcester location at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester>.

HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND PURGATORY

-Love Lasts Forever-

Knowing them...praying for them...
helping them get to Heaven!

During the holy season of Lent, we can pray, fast and offer up sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. The holy souls need our help throughout the season of Lent. The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Diving Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC 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’ words to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

Religious Education Reminders

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.

SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL

Virtual Open House, **March 1, 6:30PM**,

Meet our faculty, staff and parents!

Pre-register at: www.saintbridgetschool.info

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.

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 27, 2022


CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16;
1 Corinthians 15: 54-58; Luke 6: 39-45**

There are many lessons that can be learned from today's readings, but I will concentrate on just a few key points. We all can be prone to different kinds of sinfulness. Unless we humbly admit our own sinfulness, we may speak and act in ways that are not fruitful or helpful to anyone, least of all ourselves. Sinfulness distorts our perspective of the world, of situations, of ourselves, and of other people. It is like living with cataracts on the biological lenses of our eyes: light and colors are suppressed and altered, and the images we see are not sharp and clear. But when the surgeon removes the cataracts and new lenses are attached to our eyes, we finally see clearly, and realize what we have been missing. For good or ill, we are known by the fruit we bear, by what we say and how we say it, by what we do and how we do it. As we approach Lent, what are we to do spiritually to deal with the sinfulness that blurs our vision and stifles the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The answer is to be rooted and nourished in Christ. We are rooted in Christ by frequent use of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist which remove our spiritual cataracts and enable us to see more clearly, and to bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit that we received in Baptism: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. By doing so we replace our sinful inclinations with good fruit which enriches us and others through the Holy Spirit working through us. Do not stifle the Spirit living in us! Stay rooted in Christ and walk with the Spirit! By doing so we put on the armor of incorruptibility and immortality won for us by Christ, and we are enabled to help others to do the same. There will be challenges and obstacles, and perhaps some sorrows. But as it is written in Sirach, "...tribulation is the test of the just." Do not be discouraged by perceived failures or lapses. As Saint Paul tells us today, "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."



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.