

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



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 24, 2022:
 Acts 5:12-16/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31



MONDAY, APRIL 18	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, APRIL 19	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20	
9:00 AM	For the conversion of sinners
THURSDAY, APRIL 21	
9:00 AM	Chris Damo
FRIDAY, APRIL 22	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY, APRIL 23	
8:00 AM	Members of the Neary family
5:00 PM	Elaine Antaki
SUNDAY, APRIL 24	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Robert C. Ovia
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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, April 23.

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.



Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

April 21 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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

"Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival-yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."

St. John Paul II, Official Departure Ceremony, 1987

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

- St. Augustine

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE!!

Registration for Summer Bible Adventure (SBA) is open!! We are so excited to see your kids again for some faith-filled summer fun! We'll be celebrating God's Greatness with music, crafts, Bible stories, outdoor games and service projects:

July 11-15, 9AM-Noon, St. John's Parish Hall

Age 4 through 5th grade (2022-2023 school year) welcome!

\$100/child with a \$250 family max

(scholarships available at payment if needed.)

Parents and guests invited to attend end-of-week performance on Friday, July 15 at 11:30AM. Please fill out the registration information on our [2022 SBA Registration Form](#) found on St. John's website under "Youth Programs" and then pay online at thru WeShare on the St. John's website ([payment link](#)). Invite your friends for the summer fun!!

SPRING CLEANING?

DECLUTTERING? DOWNSIZING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. Donations accepted beginning May 9. **Please do not drop off donations before May 9.**



CONFIRMATION

Bishop Reed will be confirming 52 students here at St. John's on April 30. Please keep all of our confirmation students in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful celebration.

Rehearsals for Confirmation are as follows:

Tuesday, April 26, 7PM

Rehearsal for those scheduled for the 11AM ceremony

Meet in the Parish Center

Wednesday, April 27, 7PM

Rehearsal for those scheduled for the 2PM ceremony

Meet in the Parish Center

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass & Dinner

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Mass on **Saturday, May 21 at 5PM** followed by dinner in the Parish Center. Invitations will be sent soon.

CROSS ROADS By Deacon Tony

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

On the evening of Palm Sunday, as I have done most years, I watch the movie, "The Passion of Christ." It is a movie I can watch only once per year. It is graphically and emotionally focused on the patient suffering of Christ, Christ's total trust in, and obedience to the will of the Father, Christ's devotion to his mother, the patient love he had for his imperfect disciples, one of whom would betray him, one who would deny him, and most of the rest of them who would abandon him. There are also flash backs to his younger days, to his institution of the Eucharist, and to his teachings. At the Resurrection, the credits come on and one knows the movie has ended. It is fitting that there is no banner on the screen that says, "The End." But I think it would have been a great touch to have a banner on the screen that said, "The Beginning," because it truly was the beginning of a new reality in the history of humanity. And ever since we have celebrated and commemorated the Resurrection every Sunday and every day that the Mass is celebrated.

All humanity is a new race because of the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. What are we to do? We are called to live as Christ did. We do this through the Eucharist, patient suffering (the individual *Cross Roads* that we all must travel), devotion to our Blessed Mother ("Woman behold your son. John, behold your mother"), by bestowing mercy ("Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."), through humility (Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity so that we might have a share in his divinity), obedience to the will of the Father (conforming ourselves to his ways and his will), through simple acts of kindness ("We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." Saint Teresa of Calcutta), living a life of truth and sincerity. One more thing, while we should never overestimate ourselves, we should never sell ourselves short. I do not know to whom I should give attribution for this one, but I read it somewhere, and this is just a paraphrasing: The Lord does not always give difficult tasks or situations to the strongest people. He gives them to people that they might **become** stronger (witness the various weaknesses of the apostles, and how they became stronger).

The tomb was empty! And so, it begins! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER TO DIVINE MERCY

Mercy Beyond Belief

Eight days of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of God's mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

NEXT Sunday, April 24, 2022

On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina's diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy."

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 24, 2022, in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.

2:00 PM Confessions will be heard.

2:30 PM Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.

3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.

3:30 PM Benediction and Final Blessing.