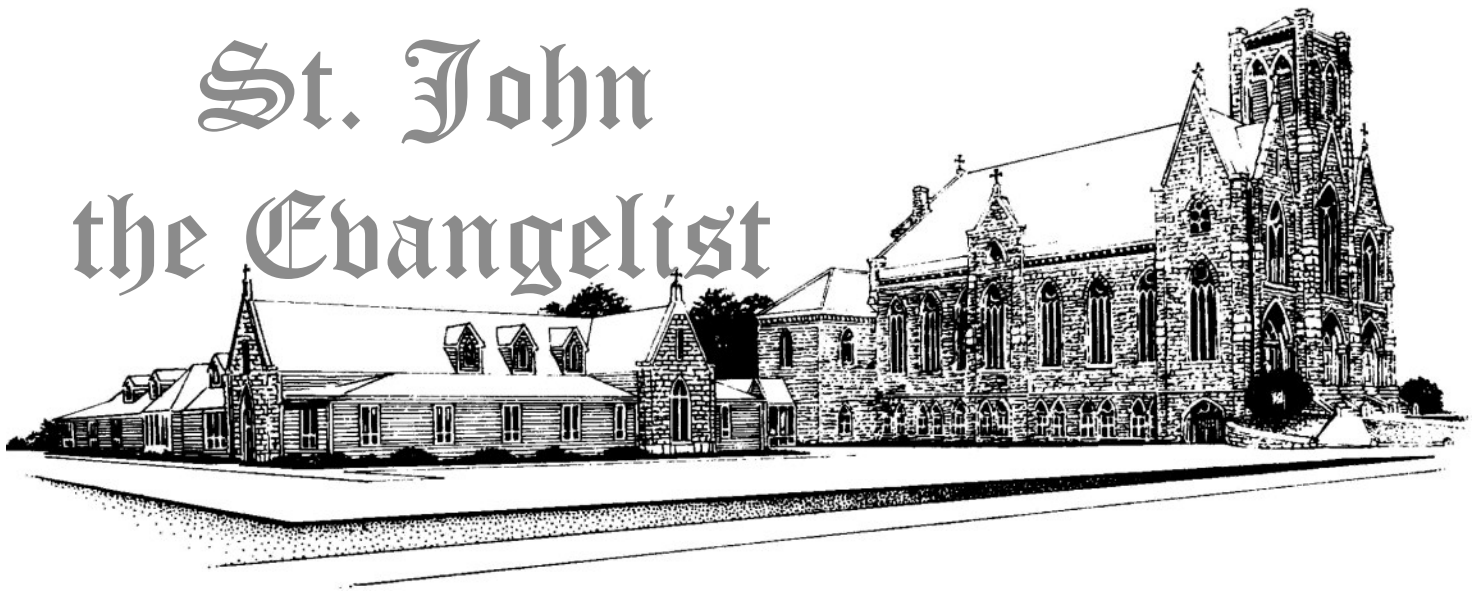


# St. John the Evangelist



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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.

### **PASTOR**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
508-435-3313x201  
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### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
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**Debbie Lysik, 7-10**  
**Ken Lysik, 9 & 10**

### **PARISH CENTER**

**Crystal Fitzgerald, Manager**  
508-435-3313x210  
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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



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 1, 2022:  
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/  
Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-14



**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

5:00 PM Elaine Antaki

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Robert C. Ovian

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**

9:00 AM Thomas Bagley

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

9:00 AM Alyssa Zino

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00 AM Christopher Johnson

5:00 PM Special Intention

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM First Communicants

6:30 PM For the conversion of sinners

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Confirmations.....April 30  
First Communions at 10AM Mass.....May 1 & May 8  
First Communions at 11AM.....Saturday, May 7



**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

7:00 PM Confirmation rehearsal (for those Scheduled for the 11AM ceremony)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

7:00 PM Confirmation rehearsal (for those Scheduled for the 2PM ceremony)

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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly Offertory: 2/6/2022.....\$4,221  
2/13/2022.....\$5,971  
2/20/2022.....\$4,463  
2/27/2022.....\$7,185

Electronic donations for February.....\$8,576  
Total collections for February: \$30,416

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

**Thank You Deacon O'Rourke**

Next weekend will be Deacon Jim O'Rourke's last weekend here at St. John's. Join us in saying thank you to Deacon O'Rourke and wishing him farewell **NEXT Sunday, May 1**, after the 10AM Mass in the parish center. Coffee and donuts will be served.



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**THIS Sunday** 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, 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.

**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 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.**

**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.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### 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](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative A Story of Mercy

"Melissa Ohden's keynote address was a personal story of love and forgiveness. Ohden was miraculously born alive, surviving a five-day saline-infusion abortion procedure and induced labor. Her grandmother, owed a favor by the abortionist, demanded that the child be left to die. Nurses disobeyed and gave the baby medical care. Ohden learned this truth as a teenager. Her search for her birth mother revealed another secret, that her mother had been forced into an abortion she didn't want and had been told that the baby had died. Ohden credits the mercy of forgiveness of God for healing and reconnecting the family."

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### 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**

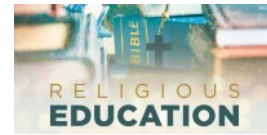
Age 4 through 5th grade (2022-2023 school year) welcome!  
\$100/child with a \$250 family max

(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!!

### Knights of Columbus HoopsMania Winners!

The Bishop Rice Knights of Columbus Council would like to congratulate the five \$30 winners of our inaugural HoopsMania fundraiser: Collen Kodjian, Jim White, James Smart, Paul Czerepuszko, and Nathan MacDonald. Congratulations to these winners and thanks to all who participated. Your support helped raise over \$1400 which will help us run more programs to support our parishes and communities. For more information on the Knights of Columbus please contact Chris Alicandro ([chris.alicandro@comcast.net](mailto:chris.alicandro@comcast.net) or 617-335-6688).



### 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

### CONFIRMATIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, April 30, at 11AM & 2PM**

**For those receiving at 11AM**, please arrive at the Parish Center 1 hour before the ceremony (10AM).

**For those receiving at 2PM**, please arrive at the Parish Center 1 hour before the ceremony (1PM).

### 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.

### FIRST COMMUNION

#### First Communion Dates:

**Sunday, May 1 at 10AM**

**Saturday, May 7 at 11AM**

**Sunday, May 8 at 10AM**

#### First Communion Rehearsals

**Thursday, April 28, 4:30-5:30PM**—rehearsal for May 1st First Communion

**Wednesday, May 4, 4:30-5:30PM** rehearsal for May 7th First Communion

**Thursday, May 5, 4:30-5:30PM**—rehearsal for May 8th First Communion

**All rehearsals will be held in the upper church**



### 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.**

### Rummage Sale Volunteers

Please sign up on the calendar at the rear of the church for drop-off dates. During the week, the calendar will be in the lower church hall outside the secretary's office. Thank you for your help.

**APRIL 24, 2022**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 5: 12-16; Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31**

Today in John's gospel we are told of two visitations to the disciples by the risen Christ. The first was in the evening on the day of his resurrection when Thomas was not present. The second was one week later when Thomas was present. In both cases the disciples were hiding in a locked room out of fear for their lives. Except for John, these were the same disciples who either denied or abandoned Jesus during his passion. Yet Jesus did not rebuke or condemn them. In the first visitation Jesus said peace be with you two times, once when he showed them his wounds, and again when commissioning them to carry on his mission, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" and bestowing the Holy Spirit upon them and giving them the power and authority to forgive sins, thus instituting the Sacrament of Penance. When Thomas was told of all this, he would not believe until he saw for himself. In the second visitation a week later, Thomas saw for himself, and was moved to say, "My Lord and my God." That is when Jesus brings us into the scene when he says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." But, as we shall see going forward, it would not be until after Pentecost that these disciples would venture out to proclaim and to perform the signs, wonders, and healings that are described in today's reading from Acts.

The disciples were afraid, as all of us might have been. But over time by the power of the Lord's patient mercy ("His mercy endures forever" Psalm 118), and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they would be transformed, at peace and unafraid, "Do not be afraid, I **am** the first and the last, the one who lives...forever and ever" (Revelation). Each of us is commissioned to proclaim the Word by what we say and what we do. We must believe in the miracle of Christ's Resurrection, and the power of the Lord to perform miracles big and small even now. As Saint Augustine said, "Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature." Only the Lord, who created all of nature, really knows. Finally, we must believe in and trust in the Lord's infinite mercy. We too can be transformed. We must not be discouraged by our weaknesses. As Brother Chris Garcia, OFM Conv, wrote, "Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future. We must be willing to let go and align ourselves with God's will."

**DIVINE MERCY AND PURGATORY**

The message of Divine Mercy given through the scriptures, church tradition, and the writings of Saint Faustina is a message that extends to everyone in need of God's mercy. This includes the souls in Purgatory. The spiritual works of mercy remind us that the seventh work is to "pray for the dead." There are many ways we can bring Divine Mercy into our prayer life for the souls in Purgatory.

"of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual."

—St. Thomas Aquinas

**Love does not die at death**