

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



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and

took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 8, 2022:
 Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/
 Rv 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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

MONDAY, MAY 2

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 AM John Morrissey

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:00 AM Camille Banson (living intention)

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 7

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Pamela Almeida

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM Catherine Sullivan

10:00 AM First Communicants

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

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

First Communions at 10AM Mass.....May 1 & May 8

First Communions at 11AM.....Saturday, May 7

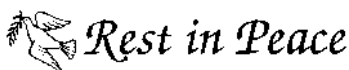


WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

4:30 PM 1st Communion rehearsal for May 7

THURSDAY, MAY 5

4:30 PM 1st Communion rehearsal for May 8



Skip Hayward

Thank You Deacon O'Rourke

This 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 after the 10AM Mass in the parish center. Coffee and donuts will be served.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Offertory: 3/6/2022.....	\$6,995
3/13/2022.....	\$5,421
3/20/2022.....	\$5,561
3/27/2022.....	\$5,107
Electronic donations for March	\$9,312
Total collections for March:	\$32,396

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have a first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, at 7PM** in the lower church, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God. We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS 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, May 7.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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**.

Please Remember in Prayer

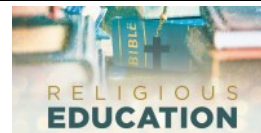
All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Dr. Mark Rollo, Retired Family Physician, Speaks Out on Assisted Suicide: "Studies show that it is the white, wealthy and well insured who favor assisted suicide because it is THEIR choice that will be expanded. However, it is the poor, people of color, and those with disabilities who will subtly or not so subtly be steered toward suicide. What about *their* choice? It is the state's responsibility to promote the general welfare and not just the so called "rights" of a select few. We should not be steering vulnerable people toward suicide as has happened in states which have legalized assisted suicide...The legislature should legally maintain medicine as a healing profession. I urge readers to contact their MA State Senators and Representatives now and tell them that you want your doctor to continue to be a healer and not a killer." MCFL Winter 2021 Vol. 42 No.4

K of C Food for Families Food Drive

Your local Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the members of St. John the Evangelist parish and family who were able to participate in our Lenten food drive. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we collected over 90 bags of food and supplies (Over 1 ton!) AND \$2350 in cash, checks and on-line donations to support the Hopkinton Food Pantry at Project Just Because. Thanks for making this year's Food for Families Food Drive such a success!



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

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



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.**

Rummage Sale Volunteers

We need coverage for drop off beginning on May 9. Please sign up to give an hour or more during the two weeks in May. The sign-up calendar will be outside the Parish Secretary's office. Items we cannot accept will be posted at the drop-off door. Thanks for your time.

MAY 1, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

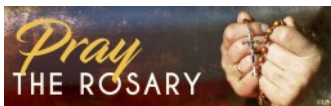
Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13;

Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

Today's gospel describes the third post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples. It was at the Sea of Tiberias where seven disciples gathered: Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, Zebedee's sons (James and John), and two others. Peter decides to go fishing and the others follow, catching nothing all night. As their boat approached, Jesus called out to them from shore, the boat still about a hundred yards away. He asked if they had caught anything. Not recognizing him, they answered no. Jesus instructed them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. They did and the net became full of fish. Then John recognized Jesus and told Peter, "It is the Lord." Diving into the water, Peter swims to shore. When the others arrived, Jesus told the disciples to bring some of the one hundred fifty-three large fish they had caught, and they ate together. One of the footnotes to this gospel indicates that the number of fish (153) may be symbolic of what would be the universal mission of the apostles. According to Jerome, Greek zoologists had catalogued 150 species of fish: the apostles were to bring all races and nations to the Lord.

One of the footnotes characterizes the next section of this gospel as the rehabilitation of Peter. As Simon Peter had denied Jesus three times, when asked "Do you love me...?" three times, Peter answers three times that he does, adding on the third time, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus' command to each of Peter's responses, respectively, are: "Feed my lambs." "Tend My sheep." "Feed My sheep." Peter though distressed by the fact that Jesus asked him three times, nevertheless, was reinforced in the primacy of his role to be the rock upon which the Church would be built. Jesus knew what was in Peter's heart, and Peter knew that Jesus could see into the deepest regions of Peter's soul. This was not just a gentle rebuke. In some ways it may have been a challenge to Peter and to the others to explore the deepest regions of his own soul (where the best and worst of each of us dwells). The Lord tells Peter, "...when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go...Follow me." This is a reference to the kind of death Peter would suffer.

We are called to follow the Lord, and to bring others to the Lord. It will involve sacrifice, some suffering, but ultimately resurrection. We are called to look deeply into our own souls, to see ourselves as the Lord sees us, to give it over to the Lord as Peter did and be rehabilitated to be who the Lord will strengthen us to be to accomplish our own personal mission to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him.



***"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular,
She will save the world."***

—St. Dominic's Prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Scapular, AD 1208.