

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, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 22, 2022:
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Kimberly Monson (living birthday)
6:30 PM	Special Intention

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:00 AM Camille Benson (living intention)

TUESDAY, MAY 17

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM Aislyn Cole (living birthday)

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Ivan Almeida

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Kimberly Monson (living birthday)
6:30 PM	Special Intention

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, May 21.

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.

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **Thursday, May 26.**

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, May 25 at 4PM
Thursday, May 26 at 9AM & 7PM

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.

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.

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.**

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

May 19 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

Divine Mercy Thought

The Lord said to me, the loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. **The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.**

—Divine Mercy Diary of St. Faustina #1397



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.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Saturday, June 4

"My spirit was broken and, as far as I knew, beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."

—A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee

The *Project Rachel* ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. Please join us for a one-day retreat: come to the *Waters of Healing*. Upcoming retreats are scheduled for **June 4**. Locations are confidential and each retreat is limited to ten participants. For more information, contact *Project Rachel* at help@projectrachelboston.com or 508-651-3100.



SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE!!

Still accepting registrations!! We are already half full, so register now! 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!!



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 were mailed. Please RSVP as soon as possible.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the following students who received Jesus for the first time last weekend:

Madalynne Alexander	Sloane Alexander
Vera Andreola	Evelyn Bradford
Cecilia Connors	Keira Clancy
Dominic Dell'Orco	Charlie Desrochers
Emily Desrochers	Lucas Dominguez
Mateo Dominguez	Tucker Fleming
Nancy Gentile	Ella Grace Getchell
Edmund Gillis	Ava Gronemeyer
Emma Grucela	Bobby Hickman
Chandler Hurley	Adrian Huynh
Jaxson Jeffers	Yohan Joseph
Jackson LaFrance	Emerson Leyshon
Madelyn Marzi	Lilah McCullough
Brody McDermott	Josie Mullen
Kieran O'Brien	Lucas Neves
Frank Penna	Ava Polsinello
Aileen Pyers	Malcolm Ricci
Ishaan Sharma	Amy Shaughnessy
Hazel Smith	Matilda Smith
Matthew Spinale	Michael Staffieri
Andrew Stewart	



St. John's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place **June 10, June 11, and June 13-15, 9AM-7PM. (No sale on Sunday)**. We would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, books, toys and games, household items, and small furniture. **Donations accepted at the parish center from 9AM-4PM every day (except Sunday) until June 8.** Please have all items in good resalable condition. If you have any questions, please call the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203. We appreciate your donations, however, we **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items: baby car seats, baby cribs, beds, box springs, computers, desks, dishwashers, dryers, large exercise equipment, footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, including all sport shoes), freezers, large office furniture, gas grills, lawnmowers, organs or pianos, mattresses, paint or chemicals, ping pong tables, printers, refrigerators, large rugs, seasonal decorations, ski equipment, sports equipment, stoves, televisions, treadmills, wall units, washing machines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, or large china cabinets.

MAY 15, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 14: 21-27; Psalm 145: 8-13;

Revelation 21: 1-5; John 13: 31-35

We the Catholic Church are an Easter people: a people with faith, hope, and love, renewed and redeemed in Christ, in the face of hardships, ridicule, hatred, and intimidation. We are the beginning of the prediction in Revelation, "Behold, I make all things new." The kingdom of God has been open to all who believe and live their lives in Christ. Do not doubt this! In the readings of the past few weeks, we have seen the transformation of Christ's disciples from men cowering in fear, into Apostles who fearlessly proclaim the good news of truth, the love of God, sacrifice, persecution, and other difficulties suffered for the sake of the Word. We too were transformed by our Baptism, and Confirmation. And through the Eucharist we are nourished, and we can become more and more like Christ. The hallmark of who we have become and are becoming is our obedience to Christ's command to "Love one another as I have loved you." I have said it before, but to love as Christ loves is to put the well being of the beloved before our own, through patience, forgiveness, and sacrifice even unto death.

The promise of the new Jerusalem in Revelation is symbolic of Christ's Church. The promise of the new kingdom where there are no more tears, mourning, or suffering is being fulfilled, as those who have gone before us have entered that kingdom that was opened to them by Christ's sacrifice. In Acts Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch from a wonderous and successful missionary trip in which many were converted. They tell their disciples of what God accomplished through them. They encouraged perseverance in the face of necessary hardships.

In our times, we also are called to encourage each other in the face of necessary hardships. Our necessary hardships derive from proclaiming the truth by what we say and how we live. And just in the past few days the intimidation and threats against those who stand for the sanctity of life have risen to dangerous levels. Among other things, we must stand strong against what is no less than the human sacrifice of the unborn offered to the kingdom of Satan. Remember that the ultimate fulfillment of the Kingdom of God will be realized when all else passes away. In the meantime, we each have our own roads to the cross to travel. We need the Lord, and we need each other. Therefore pray, and "Encourage each other daily while it is still today." Hebrews 3: 13.

