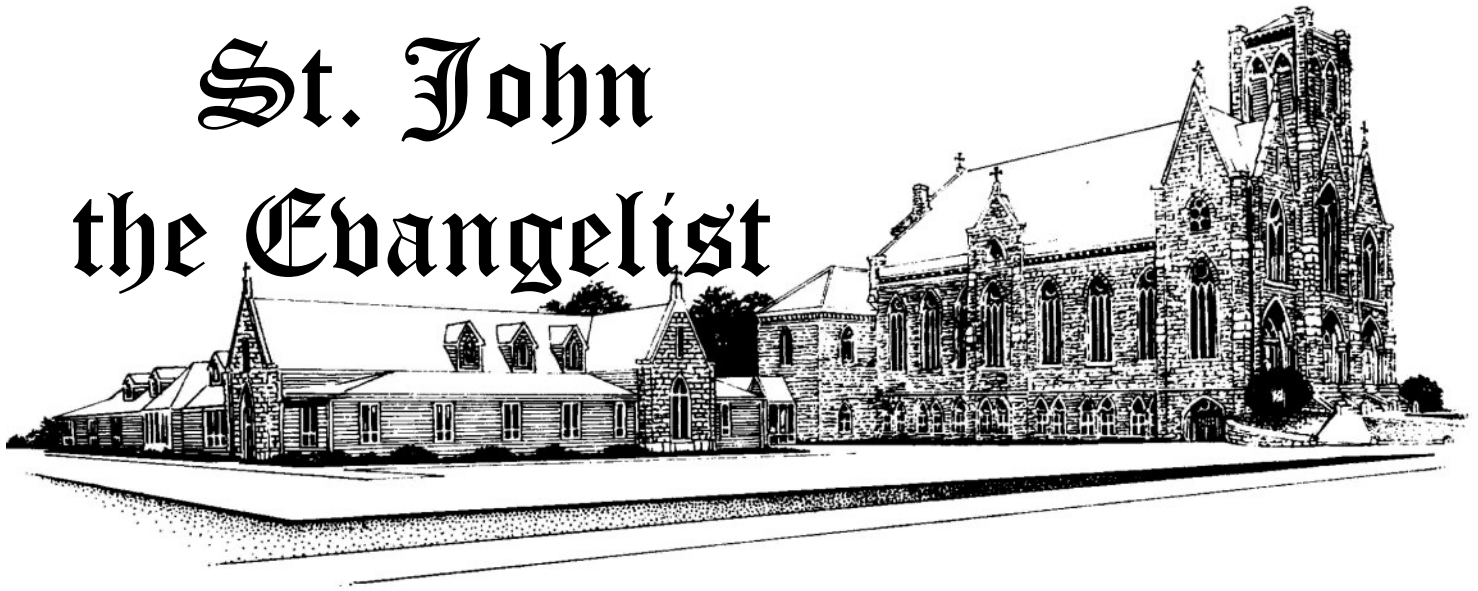


St. John the Evangelist



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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

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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



“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

Readings for NEXT Sunday, August 21, 2022:
Is 66:18-21/ Ps 117:1, 2/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00 PM Donna McGuire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Jane Calvey
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
6:30 PM For the conversion of sinners

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM Camille & Sheba (living)
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM Fr. Raymond Kiley

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM Fr. Raymond Kiley

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Stanley Curley

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Doug Oliver

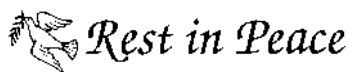
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM Fr. Michael W. MacEwen
5:00 PM Edward Donohue (living)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM William Cornelius McGrath
6:30 PM George Smith

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, August 20.



Lorraine Ward
Jane Piacentini

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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated with a Mass **THIS Monday, August 15** at 7PM.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

August 18 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

ALL FOR ONE—ONE FOR ALL

In the Communion of Saints, we are a family, the church Triumphant (Heaven), the church suffering (Purgatory) and the church Militant (faithful on earth). We are sinners and need the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Heaven, in Purgatory and from one another while we are here on our pilgrimage in this world. We have family, friends, those who we work with, all our brothers and sisters here at St. John's church, all those in the world, and all our brothers and sisters who do not believe in God. **We must always pray for the conversion of sinners.**

*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 the prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.***

—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina (Diary #1397)

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.



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.

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.

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.

St. John's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM in the lower church area.** All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

St. Cecilia's Flea Market

St. Cecilia's in Ashland is currently accepting donations for their upcoming Flea Market to be held on September 17th & 18th. Items may be dropped off on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9AM-Noon** through the month of August at **St. Cecilia's Family Center.** They are accepting **small household items only** such as vases, baskets, décor, knickknacks, seasonal décor, picture frames, books, vinyl records, lamps, toys, games & puzzles, sports equipment, tools/hardware, gardening tools, planters, pet supplies, camping gear, handbags/backpacks, luggage, dinnerware/glassware, bakeware, cookware, kitchen gadgets, china, small kitchen appliances, small furniture: chairs (dining/kitchen), end tables/coffee tables, side tables, small desks, outdoor furniture items. **They are NOT able to accept:** NO upholstered furniture: upholstered chairs/couches loveseats, recliners, NO large furniture hutch/china cabinets, wall units/entertainment unit, bed headboard/frames; NO Baby items: strollers, cribs, activity chairs, car seats, stuffed animals, pack and plays, No stereos, televisions, VHS, computers, printers, clothing/shoes. If you have any questions on what you can donate, please contact Corinne Hickey at cmhickey2@hotmail.com. ****Please do not drop items off outside the church or family center on days they not collecting.****

Religious Education Registration

Registration is ongoing for new students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the first time, you must fill out a one-time registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's. The registration form can be found on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab. For more information please contact Debbie Lysik at (508) 435-3313x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net. For those already in our program, you will receive information at the end of the summer about signing up for class day & time.

Youth Choir Begins

Come to a reception for the youth choir **THIS Sunday, August 14, after the 10AM Mass** in the choir loft! Find out about meeting times, rehearsals, repertoire, and performances. Children in grades 3 through 8 are welcome to join.

St. John's Parish Invites You...

Are you concerned about the current culture and its influence on the youth in education today? Have you sometimes felt that the lessons your children are learning in school do not follow our Christian values? Have you ever wondered if there were other parents or parishioners that shared your concerns? St. John the Evangelist Parish invites you to join others who share your concerns. This new group will meet in order to support, share information and offer encouragement in raising their children in the faith in today's culture. Please join us **Wednesday, August 24, in the lower church hall.** For more information please email hopkintonparents@protonmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Last Minute Abortion Bill Passed by MA State Legislature

At the beginning of August, Governor Baker signed into law a bill that turns Massachusetts into a national hub for both abortion and so-called "gender-affirming care" by:

- *Providing legal protections for late-term abortions performed for virtually any reason;*
- *Creating a scheme that allows abortion and sex-change providers to perform these dangerous procedures in states where they are illegal;*
- *Creating a standing order for pharmacists to distribute chemical abortions without consulting a doctor;*
- *Protecting abortion and sex-change providers from legal actions from other states;*
- *Gagging MA law enforcement officials from working with out-of-state officials;*
- *Mandating health insurance providers cover abortions and sex-change treatments without deductibles, copays, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirements;*
- *Mandating public universities and colleges to provide chemical abortions and provide a mechanism for state funding to support chemical abortions;*
- *Mandating political activist groups such as NARAL, Planned Parenthood, and sex change support groups to participate in writing regulations. See www.mafamily.org.*

AUGUST 14, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40: 2-4, 18;
Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53**

Jeremiah was persecuted and left in a cistern to die because powerful people were offended and felt threatened by his prophesying and preaching the truth. But the Lord saved him by order of the King at the behest of a court official. Christ also would be persecuted to the point of torture and death because powerful people were offended and felt threatened because he preached and lived the truth. Christ also was saved by the Lord when resurrected from the dead. Both Jeremiah and Jesus conformed themselves to the will of the One who sent them. As Saint Paul proclaims today Christ "...endured the cross...and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Christ endured the opposition of sinners for our sake, so that we would not lose heart, because he knew that his disciples, including us, would face similar opposition. In today's gospel Christ says, "I have come to set the earth on fire...there is a baptism with which I must be baptized." And he said that there would be division among the people, in households, between fathers and sons, between mothers and daughters, and so on. The fire is that of sacrificial love, and the baptism he would face would be his passion, death, and resurrection. Later in chapter 21 of Luke's gospel, Christ would predict that his disciples would be handed over, perhaps even by people who were close to them; and some would be put to death.

Was Christ willing this to happen? No! He was just preaching the truth. Christ himself was living out the prediction of Simeon at the Presentation: "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that would be contradicted [opposed]." Christ knew what the worst of human nature could and would do. That is true today. In the world and in our own country there is a culture of death, destruction, cancelation, immorality, assaults on the traditional family, and ridicule toward anyone, especially against Catholic Christians, who stand up for the truth. People are attacked, women's health centers that help women who are in crisis have been fire-bombed. Unity comes only when people join to conform themselves to, and act according to God's will. We are called to help each other and lovingly correct each other where necessary. Then, by the grace of God, the fire of sacrificial love will prevail.

We each have our roads to our own crosses. Take heart and persevere. The Lord is with us!! We are not alone!!! As Saint Augustine said, "The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself." We let it loose by prayer, by what we say and do, by how we live, and by persevering. "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:17).



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