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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

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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



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."

- Mt 5:7-8

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 5, 2023
Is 58:7-10/ Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/ 1Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 91 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

5:00 PM Albert & Jeannette St. Jean

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Robert & Carol Leduc

6:30 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Phyllis Moroney

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Alexander and Elizabeth Lobo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Anthony Laconte

6:30 PM For our confirmation candidates

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 —NO CLASSES

MONDAY JANUARY 30—NO CLASSES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31—NO CLASSES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1—NO CLASSES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:45 AM Grades 2-5

5:15 PM Grade 10

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, February 4



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.

HOME BLESSINGS

Deacon Guy is offering to perform a **Home Blessing** of individual residents. This blessing is done with prayers and holy water. Given the home is where the heart of the family is, those members can also be present. For more information or to schedule a time for Deacon Guy to come to your home, contact him at deaconguy@verizon.net.

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.

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.**

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

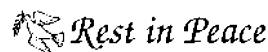
We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, February 3 at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father; for our sins; the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. 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, February 4, 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.

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.



Mary Eunice Inman



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.

Zoom Rosary with Deacon Guy

Our new permanent Deacon will be offering the Rosary every Monday night via Zoom at 7PM. For more information and the Zoom link to join, please consult our Parish web site under *Prayers and Devotions* or email Deacon Guy at deaconguy@verizon.net. **All are Welcome!**

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Jonathan Roumie, star of "The Chosen", addressed thousands on January 20th at The March for Life: "History has been made. Life has triumphed in an extraordinary way," Roumie said. "The light of world, who is Jesus Christ, the author of life, his light has burned so very brightly within each and every one of you, irrespective of your specific beliefs, compelling you forward for one reason or another to stand together today to fight for the worthiest and noblest cause possible — which is to allow the unborn the right to enter into the world, and defeat those earthly forces who seek to destroy the very evidence of them."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253393/live-updates-the-march-for-life-2023>

HOW DO WE KNOW PURGATORY EXISTS?

The existence of Purgatory follows two facts; our imperfection on earth and our perfection in Heaven.

Rev. 21:26, Mt. 5:8

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory then one would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God?"

—Pope Benedict XVI

Why do the Holy Souls need our help?

The Church teaches that the holy souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves. Only the prayers, sacrifices and sufferings of the living can bring relief and consolation in attaining their eternal reward.

"Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

Love should not die at death

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Learn about the first millennial to be beatified! Betania II Spiritual Retreat & Conference Center presents a talk on Blessed Carlo Acutis and veneration of his 1st class relic on **Thursday, February 9, 6PM**, 154 Summer Street, Medway. This evening will also include the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit he created as well as adoration, prayer and hymns. For more information contact Nataliya Poto at 508-633-4894 or nataliyapoto@gmail.com.



Religious Education Reminders:

Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat: Sunday, March 11, 1PM

FIRST RECONCILIATION

46 children received first reconciliation this month after weeks of preparation with their catechists and their parents. Congratulations to all!

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well. It's easy and free. Enter St. John's access code: BNZFH7

Knights of Columbus

Free-Throw Championship Competition

The annual Knights of Columbus free-throw championship competition will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023** at the Hopkinton High School after the Hopkinton/Ashland varsity boys' basketball game. The game starts at 7PM and registration will begin after the start of the game. All boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate and are welcome regardless of disabilities. The Knights of Columbus free-throw competition is an annual event sponsored by the Ashland/Hopkinton Council (Bishop Rice council #4822). The event is open to boys and girls aged 9-14 in the local communities. Trophies will be presented to first and second place winners and a medal is awarded to the third-place winner in each age category. The event brings the youth of the community together and a friendly competition. Since 1972 The Knights of Columbus have sponsored a basketball free-throw competition for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is an Organization of Roman Catholic men whose charter is to support both their parishes and communities. Based upon the founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus provides numerous services to their local communities. The Bishop Rice Council #4822 conducts numerous charity events in support of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Hopkinton and Saint Cecilia's in Ashland. For more information please contact: Joe Altman (508-380-0163, joealtman@verizon.net).

Knights of Columbus

Bottles & Cans Collection

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822, will be collecting bottles and cans **THIS Saturday, February 4, from 9AM-1PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822, supports both St. John's and St. Cecilia's parishes. The collections from these drives will help fund the council's Helping Hands program, Special Peoples Field Day, and the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Milford. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at bmitchellstjn@verizon.net.

JANUARY 29, 2023

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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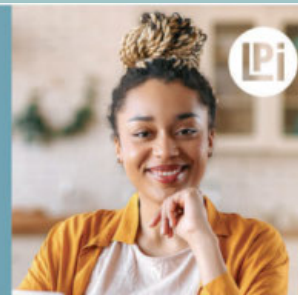
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