

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

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

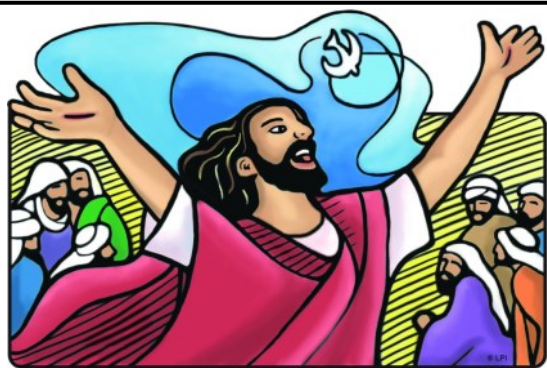
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and

said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, June 4, 2023:
 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/
 2Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 195 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MAY 27	
5:00 PM	Tara Sharma
SUNDAY, MAY 28	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Robert & Carol Leduc
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
MONDAY, MAY 29	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, MAY 30	
9:00 AM	In thanksgiving for the gift of the Most Holy Sacrament
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31	
9:00 AM	For the intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	
9:00 AM	Stephen Cole (living birthday)
FRIDAY, JUNE 2	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Anne Ahearn
SUNDAY, JUNE 4	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Louise Creswell and Nancy Ciceroni
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

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
Seminarians**

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Mission Appeal

St. John's Future

The collaborative that we've planning and praying for has been called off. Surprisingly, the Archdiocese has told us there will not be a collaborative. St. Cecilia's will have it's own pastor, Fr. Ren Tocci and Fr. Cannon will continue at St. John's.

MOST HOLY MARY MOTHER & QUEEN OF PURGATORY

Come join us as we pray the rosary for our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, **THIS Sunday, May 28 and every Sunday at 3PM at St. John's Cemetery.** Let us do what we can to get our brothers and sisters to Heaven to be with their Mother, and our Mother.

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you!

PENTECOST & THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Pentecost is the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles **Acts 2:1-41**. It was through the coming of the Holy Spirit that the Catholic Church began to grow in grace and love. The Holy Spirit continues His work of transforming and perfecting the Holy Souls in Purgatory to love and be loved. The constant and generous love of the Holy Spirit purges and purifies the Holy Souls as they move ever closer to perfect Divine Love, the Most Blessed Trinity.

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.

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

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, June 2, 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, June 3, 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, June 3.**

PENTECOST 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.

Monday Night Zoom Rosary with Deacon Guy

Deacon Guy is offering the Rosary **every Monday night** via Zoom at **7PM**. This consists of people from other parishes and towns. Each week is a different Mystery and volunteers lead each Mystery. It takes approximately 30 minutes. All are welcome to attend anytime. For the Zoom link to join, please consult our Parish web site under Prayers and Devotions. For questions or concerns, please email Deacon Guy at deaconguy@verizon.net. **All are Welcome!**

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's Annual Rummage Sale

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place **June 9, June 10, and June 12-14, 9AM-5PM. (No sale on Sunday)**. We would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, books, toys and games, household items, and small furniture. **We are now accepting donations at the parish center from 9AM-4PM every day (except Sunday)**. Please have all items in good resaleable 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.

Thank you to **The Eagle Leasing Company** of Southborough for their annual donation. Each year their generosity of the use of a container allows the parish to collect more items for our Rummage Sale. **Thank you Michael and Mark Eagle!**

Thank You

To all our volunteers!

The biggest thank you for volunteering your time and energy to St. John's Parish this past year. Your help and talent do not go unnoticed. Our parish is lucky and grateful to have you in whatever area you volunteer. You have made our parish better and have possibly changed the lives of some. We wish you all well.

Congratulations to the class of 2023! May God continue to guide you and be with you as you continue your life journey.



"STELLAR" SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

This Totally Catholic VBS program is a fun and faith-filled way for children to Shine Jesus' Light with theme related Bible lessons, crafts, music, community service, outdoor play, and snacks! Children age 4 to entering 5th grade can register to join us for the fun, **Monday, July 10-Friday, July 14 from 9AM-12 Noon** each day. The cost is \$100/child, \$250 family maximum. Scholarship is available right on the registration/payment link when needed. Registration can be found on St. John's website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under "Youth Programs" or at <https://sites.google.com/site/stjohnsbibleadventure/home>

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Latest Abortion Statistics for Massachusetts 2021

First the good news: Abortion numbers have dropped dramatically in Massachusetts. From a high of 24,245 in 2006, total abortions have dropped to 16,795 in 2021. The abortion rate per 1000 women (ages 15-44 years) dropped from 17.8 in 2006, to 13.1 in 2021. Over the years, abortions to teens, especially teens age 16 years and younger, have dropped by nearly two thirds. Certain statistics have held relatively steady or have increased slowly: the number of chemical abortions, abortions by race, and abortions by gestational age. However, the data shows two categories that are startling. Next week, we will share eye-opening statistics. *MCFL Spring 2023 Vol 44, No. 1*

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CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34;

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

We all have heard the Genesis reading in which God created Adam and breathed the gift of life into him. In today's gospel Jesus appears to his disciples on the night of his resurrection, as they huddled in fear, confusion, doubt, and sadness. Jesus breathed on them and gave them new life, dispelling the chaos with peace. He did this to reinforce them with the Spirit to prepare them for the more dramatic and startling imposition of the Spirit on Pentecost. At the Vigil Mass for Pentecost there is another reading from Genesis about the tower of Babel. It tells of a time when all existing humanity spoke the same language. True to their fallen nature these people decided to glorify themselves instead of God by building a city and a tower to the sky to make a name for themselves. Their fate was that God divided them into different groups which spoke different languages. The groups could not communicate with each other. The tower was never finished, and the groups went their separate ways.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of a powerful driving wind and tongues of fire which settled upon them. The Spirit was poured into them, and they boldly proclaimed Christ, which the many nationalities in Jerusalem at the time could hear in their own language. More importantly, the Spirit brought unity and one unifying language. The language of the Holy Spirit is not just words, dialect, or parlance. It is the language of the fire of divine sacrificial love. That language can be expressed in words, but it is far more effective if, in faith, it is spoken by good works both large and small. In Baptism and especially in Confirmation that same Spirit was poured into us. Through our faith and good works, we are united. We each have different gifts, talents, and assignments, but all from one Spirit.

There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord (Catechism 1813). If we allow the Spirit to cultivate them in us, these gifts bear fruit. There are twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity (Catechism 1832). Pentecost is such a momentous occasion! It is often termed to be the birthday of the Church: The Holy Roman Catholic Universal Church of Christ, which like the Godhead itself, binds us together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with the common language of the fire of divine sacrificial love to renew the face of the earth. Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the faithful!

Memorial Day and Purgatory

On this day we remember our departed loved ones by visits to cemeteries with prayers, love and memories and going to Holy Mass for them. We also remember those who served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives for our freedom. Along with our loved ones and those who served our country, there are countless souls waiting for our prayers and Holy Masses, all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who are part of our extended family, the Communion of Saints. They all need our daily prayers and Holy Masses.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church 958

“Love should not die at death”