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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 4:00 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



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.
- Mk 1:38-39

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 11, 2024:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/

1Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 97 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:00 PM Florencio Reyes, Jr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM For our confirmation candidates

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM Fr. Mario J. Orrigo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 AM Fr. Mario J. Orrigo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Anne Sefton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 AM Fr. Thomas F. Oates
4:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM Barbara Wood
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:45 AM Grades 2-6
8:45 AM Grade 2 parent meeting
5:15 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2:45 PM Grade 6
4:30 PM Grades 1-5
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:45 AM Grades 2-6

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation
COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

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



BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

We will offer a Blessing of Throats **THIS** weekend after all the Masses for those who would like to participate.



Scout Sunday

This **Sunday, February 4**, is Scout Sunday. We welcome our Scouts and are pleased to have them with us at Mass especially this Sunday.



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM MASS & ASHES

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.

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.

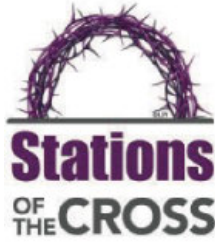
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is recited at 11:45AM followed by *Benediction*.
Please feel free to drop in for a visit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, February 10.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.

Monday Zoom Rosary

Monday evenings at 7PM. This 30 minutes once a week provides a quiet and reflective time. You also pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. Try it out. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Guy (deaconguy@verizon.net) for more information and Zoom link.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Marist Poll Provides New Statistics on Americans' Abortion Views

Although 58% of Americans describe themselves as "pro-choice," only 33% of respondents to a new Marist Poll released Jan.17, 2024 said they believed abortion should be allowed without any limits. In fact, the poll data shows that 58% of Americans support keeping abortion legal only through the first trimester at most. The poll found broad support (83%) for pregnancy resource centers. Majorities also opposed spending tax dollars on abortion at home (53%) or overseas (67%). The poll found that 66% of Americans said healthcare workers who have conscientious objections to abortion should not be legally required to perform them. Forty percent of respondents identified as "pro-life."

The Pilot, January 26, 2024

ST. CECILIA PARISH MISSION WITH CATHOLIC TV'S FR. DAN O'CONNELL

St. Cecilia's Parish invites you to join them for their Parish Lenten Mission on **February 19, 20 & 21, at 7PM**. The Lenten Mission Retreat title is "Companions in Christ: The Missioned Disciple." The retreat will look at the importance of listening, learning, and living with Christ. All are welcome to attend.



Religious Education Reminders:

Grade 2 Parent Meeting: Sunday, February 4 at 8:45AM while students are in class;

Grade 2 Parent Meeting: Monday February 5 at 4:30PM while students are in class;

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, March 2 at 11AM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Jake Dayley and Jameson Marino who received Jesus for the first time last weekend:

FIRST RECONCILIATION

48 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](https://www.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

WALK WITH ME

My Jesus, my friend, walk with me today. Hand in hand, guide me to learn and to know what is good. Arm in arm, help me to grow in my faith and in love for others. Side by side, stay by me to protect me and show me Your ways. Heart to heart, help me to pray...and to be all that You want me to be. Thank you, Jesus, for the special love You have for me. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do

Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host –

by the Power of God –

cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.--Pope Leo XIII

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us.

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P. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
R. Pray for us.

P. Good Saint Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

P. St. John the Evangelist,
R. Pray for us.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

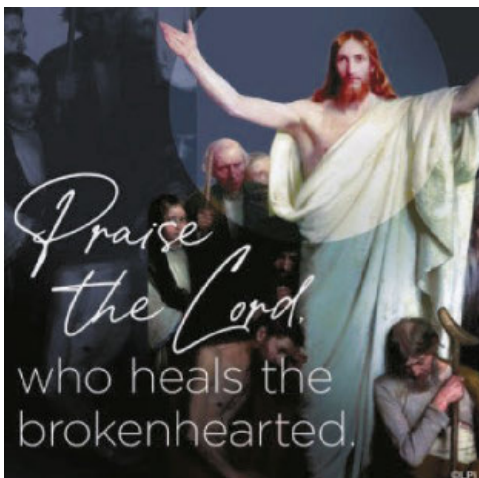
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147: 1-6;

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Pain and suffering are part of life in this world going back to our fallen nature. Whether it is physical, emotional, or loss, nobody escapes this reality. Some of our suffering is self-inflicted when we ignore our call to follow Jesus. Some of it comes unexpectedly, even to the innocent. Job was a righteous man, and a well-off man. He suffered physically, emotionally, losing family and property, everything he had in this world. Yet even though he lamented, he did not turn away from God. Later, he would be rewarded with healing, and getting everything back and much more. All of us have experienced some level of pain and suffering, and while it is happening, we can feel hopeless, distracted, confused; but still be given the grace to place our trust in God, even though we lament or grieve.

In the craziness of our current world, it is easy to forget that this place is not our destiny. And sometimes we forget that God came to live with us in the person of Jesus Christ, fully divine, and fully human, so that he could demonstrate that he can feel the same joys, sorrows, and have the same emotions over pain and loss and grief that we do. He did this to share our pain, to show us how to deal with it, and to trust in him as he trusted in the Father. In the flesh He came to us to heal the broken hearted, to heal the sick, to raise the lowly, to give us the opportunity to join our suffering to his. Saint Paul made himself a slave to preaching the Gospel, and in so doing he was freed from the artificial signs and symbols of success in this world, to look up to the real rewards of life in the next.

In today's gospel Jesus cured Saint Peter's Mother-in-law; and then tended to those outside who needed healing. When done with that he went to a remote place to pray. Jesus prayed to stay on mission, to not only heal but to preach the good news. He kept this up through his ministry, all the way to the Agony in the Garden, and even to the Cross. We are to do the same. He came to call us to follow him, not for him to follow us. Lent begins in ten days. Prepare as Jesus did. Pray for the grace to stay on course, the Lord's course. Let us start now. Let us each pray: "Lord, I trust in you and your mercy. You are with me in my good times and in my bad times. Even in my suffering, into your hands, I commend my spirit."





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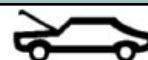
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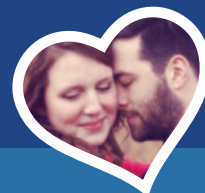
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