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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



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 18, 2024:

Gn 9:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/

1Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 99 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM Barbara Wood
10:00 AM Kathleen Edinger (living intention)
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM Thomas Brock

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Parishioners of St. John's
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Lourdes Banson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

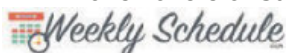
9:00 AM Fr. Mario J. Orrigo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Emily & Kevin Beavers (living intention)
10:00 AM Arthur Gendron
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:45 AM Grades 2-6

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18—NO CLASSES

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 **THIS** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

THIS 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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, February 15

7PM, lower chapel

For many holy priests, and in reparation
for the sins of the clergy
Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer,
petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction

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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard on **Monday, February 26 and Monday, March 11, 7PM-8PM** in the lower chapel.

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.

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 17.



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.

LOURDES WATER

Fr. Philip Parent, S.M., who was here to preach on behalf of the Marist Missions last year, was very grateful for your welcome and your generosity. Some asked him how to get Lourdes water from the Lourdes center in Boston. To request Lourdes water, you can write to: Lourdes Center, 698 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215, and you can request the number of 1.25 oz bottles you wish. A donation of \$3 per bottle helps to cover the cost of getting the water from France, bottling and shipping it, and other staff and office expenses. The water will be sent regardless of whether a donation is made or not. You can also order and pay via PayPal on the website: www.lourdescenter.org. If you have any questions, call 617-262-2271.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The way of the cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the cross to die on Calvary. The Church teaches that the souls in Purgatory undergo a process of purification that must include suffering. The holy souls in Purgatory now see more clearly the great pain Jesus suffered in shedding His Precious Blood for their forgiven sins by His death on the cross...(without the shedding of blood, there is no remission, Heb. 9:22). We help the holy souls in Purgatory receive much relief and consolation from the Precious Blood as we follow Jesus on the way of the cross. **After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the way of the cross gives the holy souls the greatest relief and consolation.**

HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND PURGATORY

**Knowing them...praying for them...
helping them get to Heaven!**

During the holy season of Lent, we can pray, fast and offer up sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. The holy souls need our help throughout the season of Lent. The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Diving Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.



Religious Education Reminders

The Religious Education Office will be closed the week of February 18 and will reopen on February 26.

Classes will resume:

Saturday, March 2: Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat 11AM-5PM, St. John's Parish Center

Sunday March 3: Grades 1-6 at 8:45 AM; **No Grade 10 class due to retreat on March 2**

Monday, March 4: Grade 6 at 2:45 PM; Grades 1-5 at 4:30 PM; Grade 9 at 7PM

Tuesday, March 5: Grades 7 & 8 at 6:30 PM

St. John's Youth Ministry is Back!!

We are collecting high school student and parent contact information for upcoming events. Please fill out the form by scanning the QR code below or at this link: <https://forms.gle/9sTaHb8omVMCUrBr9>. Any questions, please email George Gaughan at: stjohnshopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com.



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'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. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Pray for the Success of the

40 Days for Life Sidewalk Prayer Campaign

This campaign starts February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and ends Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday). For more information and to sign up for vigil hours in Worcester across from Planned Parenthood, visit the 40 Day for Life Worcester website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester>. For events and to sign up for vigil hours in Boston, visit: www.40daysforlife.com/boston. Over 20 years Forty Days for Life has saved worldwide, by the grace of God, 24,224 (known) babies from abortion; 256 (known) workers from the abortion industry, and it has closed 148 abortion facilities.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

CROSS ROADS

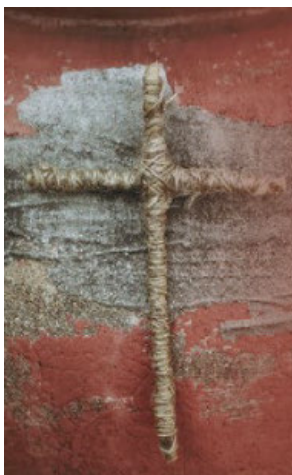
By Deacon Tony

**Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 11;
1 Corinthians 10: 32--11:1; Mark 1: 40-45**

Today the loving and compassionate healing power of God is on full display in the person of Jesus Christ. In those days, there were very harsh and strict rules that Lepers had to follow under Jewish legislation. Those rules were not meant to be punitive, but rather to preserve public health. Nevertheless, they were extremely strict: among other things, those who suffered with leprosy had to declare themselves unclean and live apart from everyone else. In desperation and in good faith and hope, the leper in today's gospel broke some of those rules when he approached Jesus proclaiming that if he wished, Jesus could make him clean. Yet Jesus did not seem upset about the breach. Instead, Jesus was moved with pity, and cured the man.

The older I get, and the more I observe and hear, it is apparent to me that we all have something which from time to time can eat away at us: illness, injury, a broken relationship, disappointments, the allurements of this dark world. Sometimes such things can be scary. And sometimes we seek relief and help in all the wrong places. The only one who can help us is Jesus. We are here on this planet for one reason, to get to know, love, and open ourselves to relationship with God by imitating and persevering in the compassionate healing of Christ. Indeed, we are called to do so. As I have said in the past, sometimes our smallest acts of kindness, concern, and relationship, by the grace of God can heal or begin a healing process.

As we approach Lent, let us imitate Christ in this effort, and let us imitate the hope and faith of the leper who dared to approach and be open to Christ. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "I plead to you--never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." Recently, Sister Mary Joseph Calore, SSCJ, posted these empowering and encouraging words, "Don't forget that maybe you are the lighthouse in someone else's storm."



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



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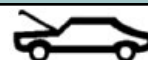
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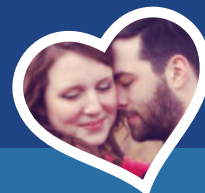
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