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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



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 25, 2024:
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
(116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 105 in the pew missal.

MAGNIFICAT

For those that would like their own pew missals to follow along with the readings, you may purchase a monthly subscription at www.magnificat.org.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Fr. Thomas F. Oates

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 AM Msgr. Charles J. Bourque

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 AM E. Aubrey Doyle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM Kathleen Gilligan

10:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18—NO CLASSES THIS WEEK
—FEBRUARY VACATION**

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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. John's is holding special classes for adult Catholic faith formation. This catechetical instruction will be offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **The Next Class will be on Tuesday, February 20 at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 7PM
Lenten Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert LaCombe.

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.

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.

CENACLE

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Marian Devotions
Monday, February 19

(Parish Center main hall) 9AM Rosaries & Confession
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Lower chapel with Fr. Andre Feain) Note: Mass separate from 9AM daily Mass
Reflection on the "Blue Book" Reading
Potluck lunch to follow
Come learn about the beautiful devotion to Jesus through Mary

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 24.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

How to Support Life this Lent

Prayer: Say the Rosary for women in crisis pregnancies and for the legal protection of the unborn. Pray for those who advocate for life and for a change of heart of those who support abortion. Consider spiritually 'adopting' a pregnant woman and her unborn child.

Almsgiving: Donate to pregnancy resource centers such as Problem Pregnancy in Worcester and Birthright in Framingham. Donate infant clothing and disposable diapers in the crib in St. John's vestibule.

Penance: Give up a pleasure in reparation for abortion. Let your MA representative and senator know by email or voicemail that you oppose abortion and euthanasia. Stand Vigil outside Planned Parenthood with 40 Days for Life.

Fiducia Supplicans

Fiducia Supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings is a Declaration issued on December 18, 2023, by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF), formerly known as the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). Although the declaration reaffirms the Church's teaching on marriage, the implementation of this instruction would undermine the institution of marriage as always taught to and believed by the faithful. It also would give tacit approval of sinful relationships. Most unfortunately, there is not even a call to repentance and conversion to live in accord with divine law. Over twenty episcopal conferences throughout the world have said they will not implement this declaration. Recently, ninety scholars and priests have written to the bishops asking them not to implement this declaration in their diocese and to ask the Pope to rescind this document. What the declaration says is that a couple in an irregular situation can approach a priest and ask for a blessing. They use the logic of an individual blessing, which has always been done, and apply it to couples. They state the blessing pertains only to the persons but not to their relationship. The common understanding of when a couple asks for a blessing is that it applies to their relationship as a couple. Otherwise, they would approach the priest as individuals. Furthermore, "irregular situation" is a euphemism for "gravely sinful". Thus, the document is instructing priests to bless couples in adulterous relationships, couples who are fornicating and couples violating the natural law, which also an offense against God. As the CDF stated in 2021: "God cannot bless sin." The supreme law of the Church is the salvation of souls, which is undermined by this declaration. This document affirms sinful behavior and does nothing to warn or lead people away from grave sin and it has the effect of leading others to sin. We need to pray for our Holy Father that he will rescind this confusing and heretical declaration, and clearly reaffirm the Church's moral teaching.



Religious Education Reminders

The Religious Education Office will be closed this week for February vacation 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.



Sing With the Choir for Easter!

Come sing for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. No experience necessary! The adult choir meets at 9:05AM to warm up for the 10AM Mass. The children's choir meets immediately after the 10AM Mass. Contact Berni Nadeau at momandberni@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Knights of Columbus HoopsMania Fundraiser and Membership Drive

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) is sponsoring a March Madness HoopsMania and selling sweepstakes tickets. Each ticket is priced at \$20, and holders will receive \$20 worth of music downloads, along with the chance to win cash prizes. There are 75 prizes available, with odds of 1 in 19 to win. The top prize is \$1000 for the highest point total, followed by \$500 for second place and more. It is guaranteed that at least one ticket sold by the KofC will be a winner. No knowledge of basketball is required, as the tickets are randomly generated with equal odds. All funds raised will support KofC activities in our parish. **We will be selling tickets after Mass on February 24 and 25** at the back of the church. Additionally, we are recruiting Catholic males aged 18 and older who are interested in becoming Knights. If you have any questions, please contact any Knight, or reach out to Mike McNamara at mike.mcnamara12@gmail.com or 774-292-9180 for HoopsMania tickets.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 9: 8-15; Psalm 25: 4-9;
1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15**

It is the first Sunday of Lent. As the Holy Spirit drove Christ into the desert to pray, fast, and to be tested for forty days, so have we now been prompted by the Holy Spirit to enter our Lenten desert to pray and be tested. Christ went to prepare for his public ministry and to stay on the path to doing his Father's will for the salvation of all. Genesis speaks of God, after the flood, promising Noah that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the water of a flood, and that there never will be another flood to destroy the earth.

God purified the earth with the waters of the great flood. It is a precursor of the new covenant by which God purifies us in the waters of Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and by Christ's life, death, and resurrection for the salvation of all. God is good! He teaches us His path. He shows us sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble His way. But how do we know when we are on the right path? We know when we do as Christ did. We pray and let go of the distractions of this world, and to gain the perseverance and strength to do His will. And like Christ we will be tested and tempted to hold on to the alluring distractions of the world: attachments to the past, successes, failures, disappointments. To paraphrase the Trappist Monk, Thomas Merton, we can spend our whole life climbing the ladder of success (so called), only to find when we get to the top that our ladder is leaning against the wrong wall.

During Lent we try to do extra things to help others, and perhaps give up things that we like. But another way of putting it is that we need to totally give ourselves and our distractions over to God. He is in control, and we need to let go and let God. Why? Because Christ commanded that if anybody wants to be his disciple, one must take up his cross daily and follow Him. In the words of Sister Mary Joseph Calore, SSCJ: "In order to take up your cross daily, you will need to let go of something." Let us have a holy and fruitful Lent. Let us let go, let God, and be true disciples of Christ.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"You Shall Know the Lord"

Men of all ages (including teens and college students) are invited to this important conference scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. Tickets are only \$50 for adults and \$30 for students until March 4th. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark and Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers ("The Dynamic Deacon") and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include lunch and the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50 plus relevant vendors, all within the same area of the spacious and ultra professional surroundings of the **DCU Center**. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the conference website at www.catholicmenworc.org or call 978-537-3016. Tickets will NOT be available at the door this year, as advance planning is needed for the luncheon.



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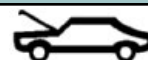
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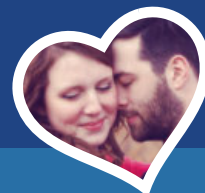
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