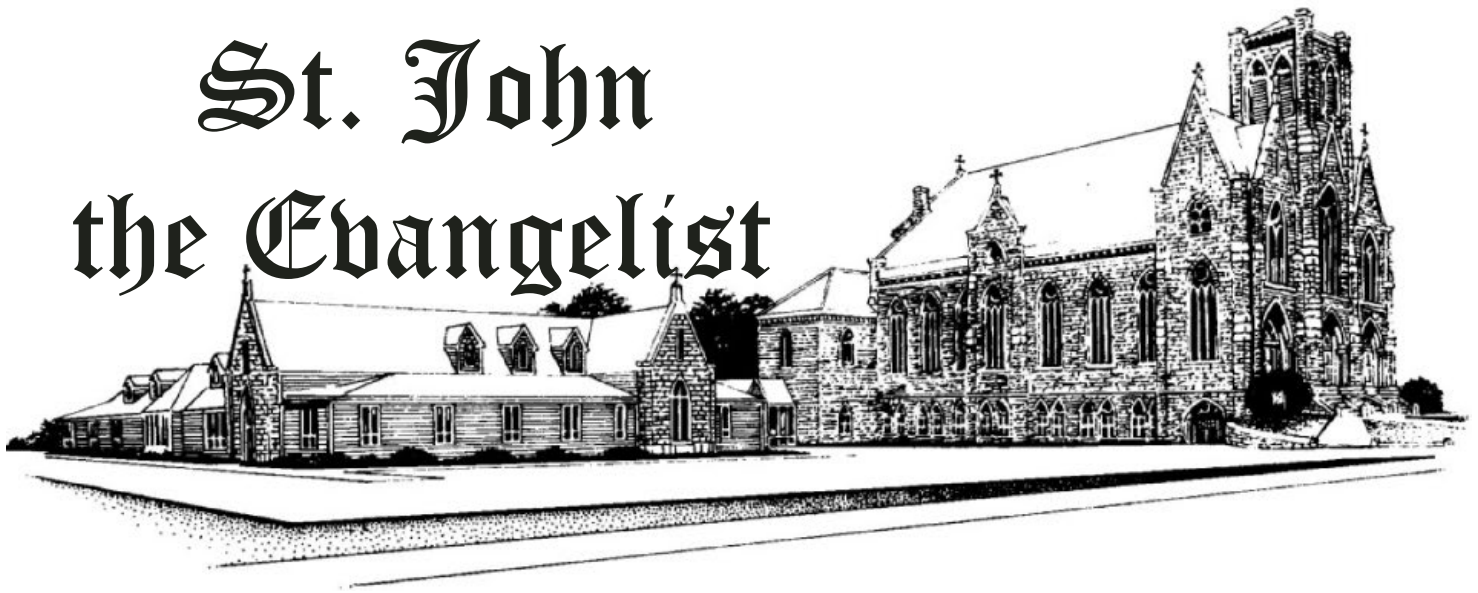


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Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

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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
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.
- Mk 9:2-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 3, 2024:
Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
1Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 107 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM Msgr. Charles J. Bourque

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM Fr. James J. McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Our confirmation candidates

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Katherine and Elissa Ruccia

This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25—NO CLASSES

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

10:00 AM Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:45 AM Grades 2-6

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 hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council #4822.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard on **THIS 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.

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.

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**.

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.

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, March 2.

Rest in Peace

Hank Alessio
Carol Hurley

SECOND 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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

The Fifth Commandment: Thou Shalt Not Kill

This Lent pray for the conversion of hearts to protect life! "I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you..."

Deuteronomy 30:15-20: Reading for Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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 heretical declaration, and clearly reaffirm the Church's moral teaching.

—Fr. Cannon

WINTER CLEANING? Save your unwanted items for St. John's Annual Rummage Sale happening in June. More details to come.



Religious Education Reminders

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/9sTaHb8omVMCUBr9>. 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 THIS weekend at coffee hour.** Additionally, we will also be providing information on how to become a Knight for Catholic males aged 18 or older. 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.

Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024

DCU Center, Worcester, Mass.

Contact Bill Krans at 774-200-0994 to carpool.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

CROSS ROADS

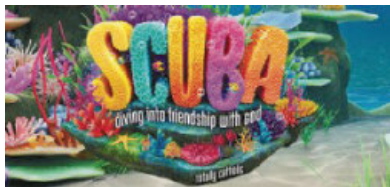
By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116: 10, 15-19;
Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10**

In Genesis, Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, as directed by God. But, because of Abraham's obedience, and trust in the Lord, as Abraham was about to slay Isaac, God stopped Abraham, and spared Isaac. This was a precursor of the Father handing over His beloved only begotten Son to carry the weight of the sins of all humanity for the salvation of all. God's infinite love for all of humanity would be poured out through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul would say of this that as God gave up his Son for us, he also {in his infinite mercy, gives us everything we need to persevere and be saved.} "If God is for us, who can be against us?...And if God acquits us, who can condemn us?"

In today's gospel, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain where they witnessed the transfiguration, and a glorified Jesus conversing with Elijah and Moses. The three disciples were terrified when a dark cloud covered them, and a voice was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." That message is applicable to all of us. Suddenly, they again were alone with Jesus, and as they left the area Jesus directed them not to tell anyone about what happened, "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." The three disciples did not understand.

It would not be until Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, that they would understand this revelation that the Messiah would not be an avenging warrior, but rather a suffering Messiah for the salvation of all. They were not perfect. Neither are we. Similarly, it sometimes takes us awhile to understand that to be a true disciple, we too must give ourselves up: time, energy, and resources with a trust like that of Abraham, to emulate Christ, to help each other, to accept our own trials and misfortunes, to persevere; and to accept the fact that the love of God is the only thing upon which we can truly rely!



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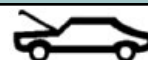
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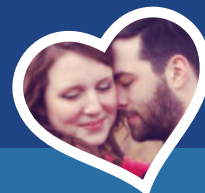
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