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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

### **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



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.  
- Jn 3:19-20

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 17, 2024:  
Jer 31:31-34/ Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 114 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00 PM The Knospins Family (living)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM Michael and Anna-Marie Duffy  
(living intention)

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

#### MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM Fr. James J. McCarthy

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM Fr. Edward C. McDonagh

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 AM Thomas Brock

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM John Kenealy

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM Tim & Catherine Sullivan

10:00 AM Lil Kelly

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:45 AM Grades 2-6

11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

#### MONDAY, MARCH 11

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1-5

7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**NEXT Saturday, March 16.**

### NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

### St. Patrick's Day

At all Masses **NEXT** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after Mass.

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

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

### LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for a Lenten Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert LaCombe on **Tuesday, March 19, at 7PM** in the upper church.

### 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.**

### 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.

### The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on Our Lord's journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced His path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa. This holy devotion was practiced as early as the days of the Emperor Constantine.

*No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance.*

— St. Leo the Great

**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.

## FOURTH 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 Abortion Pill is Coming to Town

On Friday, March 1st, 2024, CVS and Walgreens announced they will begin selling the abortion pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, in Massachusetts. Though pills will require a prescription, and the chains said they will not be available via mail order, it is well known that chemical abortion poses greater risks for women than surgical procedures. According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, up to one in five women will experience complications. In 2022, 9,276 unborn children died in chemical abortions across Massachusetts; more than half of all abortions in the state. The United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments later this month on mifepristone safety provisions removed by the FDA in 2016 and 2021.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life  
[action@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:action@masscitizensforlife.org)

### K of C Food for Families Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council 4822, Ashland-Hopkinton, is collecting food and supplies for the Food for Families Lenten Food Drive this weekend and next weekend. The Hopkinton Food Pantry is in need of healthy cereal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pastas; beans; nuts; canned soups, stews, tomatoes, and vegetables; canned tuna, chicken and meats; mac and cheese; non-perishable milk and juice; toilet paper; diapers; tissues; cleaning supplies; storage bags and trash bags. If you prefer to make a cash or online donation, you can write a check payable to **Project Just Because** (with K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive written in the memo section). You can either drop the check (in an envelope marked *K of C Food for Families Food Drive*) in the collection basket at St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive. You may also purchase an Amazon-eGift -card and have it emailed to: [pjboffice@comcast.net](mailto:pjboffice@comcast.net). Please add "K of C FFF Drive" in the message box. Gifts can also be made through donor-advised charitable funds by selecting Project Just Because in Hopkinton (Tax ID 06-1728553) and specifying in the use or note area that it is *for the K of C Council 4822 Food for Families Food Drive*. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!**

### WINTER CLEANING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Annual Rummage Sale happening in June. More details to come. If you would like to volunteer at this year's Rummage Sale, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 and leave your name and contact info. Thank you!



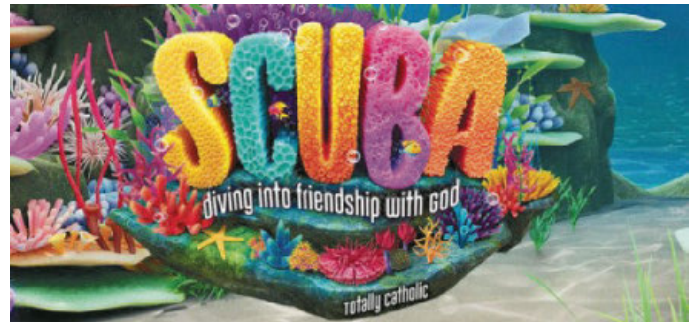
### Religious Education Reminders

**Sunday March 10:** Grades 1-6 at 8:45 AM;  
Grade 2 Mini Retreat 11AM-1PM  
(group 1)

**Monday, March 11:** Grade 6 at 2:45 PM;  
Grades 1-5 at 4:30 PM;  
Grade 9 at 7PM

**Tuesday, March 12:** Grades 7 & 8 at 6:30 PM

**Sunday March 17:** Grade 2 Mini Retreat 11AM-1PM  
(group 2)



### Come Join us at

### Totally Catholic Summer Bible Adventure

**Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19, 2024**

9AM-12Noon, St. John's Parish Center

\$100 for the whole week

A week-long morning program for children age 4 to entering 5th grade in 2024-2025 school year. Faith-filled Bible stories, music, crafts, games, scripture, and snacks to expand our understanding of and love for God and have fun with others in a faith-filled environment! If you have any questions, email [stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com). Scholarships are available.

<https://sites.google.com/site/stjohnsbibleadventure/home>.

### Did you Know?

St. John's has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on site! It is located in the **lower Sacristy** in the main church on the east wall in a white box. Should a cardiac event occur, the unit will walk you through the steps for use. Do you know where the closest exit is in the event of a fire? Did you know a fire pull box is located in the narthex north-side (left when leaving) and the lower Sacristy next to the AED? Additionally, we have multiple pull boxes and extinguishers in the Parish Center. Take a moment to look around.

Thank you, The staff of St. Johns

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**MARCH 10, 2024**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:**

**1-6; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21**

As today's reading from Chronicles describes, there was a time in Judah when it's inhabitants, leaders and priests were not faithful to God and his ways. Instead, they adopted the practices of the nations. They "added infidelity to infidelity," They practiced all kinds of abominations, and desecrated the Lord's Temple. In his compassion the Lord sent the prophets as messengers to warn them, and to change their hearts. But they did not listen. They ridiculed the prophets and went about basking themselves in darkness and corruption. In so doing, they condemned themselves. Instead of opening their hearts to the Lord's compassion and light, they opened themselves to invasion, destruction, death, and seventy years of captivity in Babylon. When Persia came to rule, King Cyrus was prompted by the Lord to let the people return to Judah. And Cyrus was prompted to build a temple for the Lord. I don't know about you but some of this sounds like the world we live in today, even in our country: immorality, abortion, human trafficking, the abuse of children, abomination after abomination.

It is Laetare Sunday (Laetare meaning rejoice). After reading the above, one might wonder, "what is there to rejoice about?" We can rejoice because we still have three weeks of Lent to do the things that will open our hearts to the Lord's promptings. We can rejoice that God gave his Only begotten Son, not to condemn us, but to save us while we were still prisoners to our own sinfulness. But we are required to open our hearts to receive and follow the promptings of the Lord, to let go of darkness and to accept the light. Otherwise, we end up condemning ourselves. Rejoice because of these words contained in Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord...who pardons all your sins...who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with mercy and compassion...As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us." In these remaining three weeks, look up, open your hearts to the promptings of the Lord. If your heart is already opened, open it wider. Pray, listen, and accept the Light!

**Cardinal Burke's Novena**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Cardinal Raymond Burke, a noted American prelate, is calling upon all Catholics to join him in a significant novena seeking Our Lady's intercession during this time of turmoil in our country, our world and in the Church. Our Lady has not forgotten her children: her care for us is as strong today as it was 500 years ago. She is still our Mother. Please strongly consider joining Cardinal Burke in this 9-month novena, culminating December 12th, The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please sign up at [novena.cardinalburke.com](http://novena.cardinalburke.com).

**Worcester Diocesan**

**Catholic Men's Conference**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

DCU Center, Worcester, Mass.

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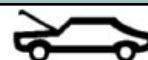
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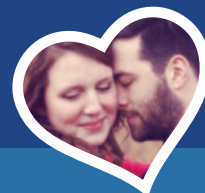
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