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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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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

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Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" - Mk 11:9-10

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 31, 2024:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/
Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin
on page 124 in the pew missal.

MASS+
INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00 PM John F. Morrissey

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM In Thanksgiving for St. Gabriel

MONDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM Fr. Edward C. McDonagh

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM Raymond Charleston

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—NO CLASSES, PALM SUNDAY

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 30.

Rest in Peace

Barbara Wirzburger

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.



DAILY MASS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9AM

CONFESSION

MONDAY, March 25 7-8PM

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7PM
NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE) 9:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

NO 9AM MASS

THE LORD'S PASSION 3PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY*

NO 8AM MASS

CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:30AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY*

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM

*Please note there will be **NO 4PM Mass on Holy Saturday** and **NO 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 7, 2024)

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: General Notes

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us by the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 10PM.

Good Friday

The holy water fonts are emptied. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths. This is the only day in the entire calendar year when Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the Catholic World.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil takes place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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.

The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in Paschale Solemnitatis, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries, up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death, and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

HOLY WEEK—THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

"I have come to call sinners, not the self-righteous." Mark 2:17
When Jesus was on the cross, He spoke 7 times. The 5th word Jesus spoke "I THIRST" John 19:38
Jesus thirsts for all people, from Adam to the last person to be born.

GIVE ME SOULS

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #723)

HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #1397)

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, **Sunday, April 7, 2024**, in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.

2:00 PM Confessions will be heard.

2:30 PM Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.

3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.

3:30 PM Benediction and Final Blessing.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, THIS Friday, March 29.



Religious Education Reminders

Monday, April 1: Grade 9, 7-8PM

Tuesday, April 2: Grades 7&8, 6:30-7:30PM

Sunday, April 7: Grades 1-6, 8:45AM; Grade 10, 5:15PM

Monday, April 8: Grade 6, 2:45-3:45PM; Grades 1-5, 4:30-5:30PM; Grade 9, 7-8PM

Tuesday, April 9: Grade 7 & 8, 6:30-7:30PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation rehearsal.....Wednesday, April 24, 7PM

Confirmation.....Sunday, April 28, 1PM

First Communion rehearsal.....Wednesday, May 1, 4:30PM

First Communion.....Saturday, May 4, 11AM

The St. John the Evangelist George R. Carlino Scholarships

In order to promote and foster the faith of our young people in the one true Church founded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Roman Catholic Church, two \$1,000 scholarships will be available to two graduating seniors from St. John's Parish, who have been accepted to a college, university or trade school.

--The applicant must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, i.e., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and have fulfilled their Easter Duty.

--Write an essay of not more than 200 words on the following topic: Cardinal Raymond Burke's nine-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. What is the novena about? What are the reasons Cardinal Burke has put forward for this novena? Are the reasons compelling? Why Our Lady of Guadalupe? Is this novena worth praying?

These scholarships are made available through the late Mr. George R. Carlino, who was a very prayerful and devout parishioner of St. John's. Mr. Carlino was concerned with the spiritual welfare of the parish's young people, in an age that can be so challenging to the principles of our Catholic faith.

Please see our website: www.stjohnhopkinton.com for the application form to accompany the essay. Applications should be sent c/o Debbie Lysik, St. John the Evangelist Religious Education, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, and are due by **April 30, 2024**.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative Life is Worth Choosing

"Megan, who was born with Pompe disease, has defied the odds and has lived a full and successful twenty-seven years in a wheelchair and breathing through a ventilator. Despite her disability, her mom and dad fought for every opportunity to *give her life*. Reflecting on her years, Megan said, 'I wish that President Biden would highlight uplifting stories like ours at the State of the Union and encourage Americans to have hope in the face of these difficult situations, and to respect and appreciate the awesome beauty, value, and dignity of each human life.' As Megan shared, 'Not every child is perfectly functional or healthy. Yet every child's life will shine light and joy on those who are willing to accept the responsibility of loving them.'"

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America
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MARCH 24, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1—15:47**

It is Palm Sunday, otherwise known as Pasion Sunday. Once again, we come face to face with the love of God who sent his only begotten Son to bring forgiveness and salvation to humanity. Christ enters Jerusalem riding on a colt; and he was greeted by a throng of people, who were blessing and praising him: "Hosanna in the highest and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." This scene is symbolic of, and a proclamation of the kingship of Christ. But Jesus knew how it would end. He was all too familiar with the weak and fickle nature of humanity. But Jesus loved these people, even as he knew that they would turn on him and demand his crucifixion. Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, the Word of God Made Flesh, would remain humbly and steadfastly committed to his mission of salvation. He would submit himself lovingly to death on a cross.

His sacrifice would be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy regarding the suffering servant: he would not turn back, not shield himself from the torture, and he would endure the spitting, the mockery, and the pain. Jesus trusted the love of his Father: "The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." (Isaiah). He would endure Judas' betrayal, abandonment by his disciples, and Peter's denials. He humbly and obediently emptied himself for our sake. Jesus, the timeless Word of God, carried the weight of all the sins of humanity, past, present and future. All were in his mind and his Sacred Heart as he suffered and died.

In a sense, because he was mindful of all of us, we were there with him. He was aware of our sinfulness. And when we sin or ignore his promptings, his will, and his ways, we too abandon and deny him. But though he was aware of all this, as with his apostles, Christ also saw our potential. As we begin Holy Week, let us strive to be more aware of Christ, as he is of us. Let us trust the love of God, and give our weaknesses, suffering, and love to him who IS love. Let us spend time prayerfully looking at and gratefully contemplating the marred, Most Holy, and Loving Face of Christ Crucified. He WILL comfort us, and in his timeless life and kingship, we will please and comfort him as we join our trials and suffering with his.

Boy Scout Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 4 of Hopkinton will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday April 6th from 7:30-11:30AM** in St. John's parish center. The scouts will serve original, chocolate chip, and gluten/dairy/nut free pancakes! Breakfast includes sausage, juice, coffee, and more. While you're there, take time to bid on the amazing silent auction items donated by our generous sponsors! General admission is \$6 (advanced purchase from local scouts), \$8 (at the door), senior citizens \$4 (\$5 at the door), and veterans eat free. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will fund high adventure trips for Troop 4 scouts including hiking in our State and National Parks, camping and other outdoor adventures. Your support helps to provide Hopkinton youth with a quality scouting experience that develops future leaders and strengthens our community.



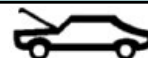
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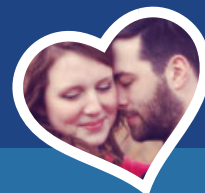
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