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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**

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And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 10, 2024:  
2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/  
Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 109 in the pew missal.

**MASS**  
INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM Msgr. Charles J. Bourque

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 AM Fr. James J. McCarthy  
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

**This Week**

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:45 AM Grades 2-6

#### MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:45 AM Grades 2-6  
11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

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.

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

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

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

### 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 9.**

 *Rest in Peace*

Carol A. Kimball



## 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'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](mailto:maryskniaz@gmail.com).

## St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

### News from the Sidewalk:

### **40 Days for Life Boston Campaign**

We had a great Kick Off led by Fr. Ed Riley from Sacred Heart in Waltham. He made some very powerful remarks, which I hope were heard by our unexpected company, a group of pro-abortion protesters with signs from *Indivisible Mass Coalition*. Their messages were typical...Protect Women's Health, Support Abortion Rights....PLEASE sign up for vigil hours on our Vigil Calendar at [www.40daysforlife.com/boston](http://www.40daysforlife.com/boston). Our calendar is bare! Also consider having Masses said and Adoration for our intentions: an end to abortion and the success of the 40 Days for Life Campaign!

*Rita Russo*, Campaign Director 40 Days for Life Boston  
[www.40daysforlife.com/boston](http://www.40daysforlife.com/boston)

## K of C Food for Families Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council 4822, Ashland-Hopkinton, will be distributing food collection bags for the Food for Families Lenten Food Drive at Masses this weekend. Donated food and supplies will be collected the next two weekends. 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!**



## Religious Education Reminders

**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

## Come Join us at

## Totally Catholic Summer Bible Adventure

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

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

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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>.

## New Homeschooling Models Conversation!

As the number of homeschooling families has increased significantly in recent years, many Catholic parents are seeking new models to establish community and formation for their children. Parents interested in a discussion and sharing ideas on possible future models are invited to a *Town Hall Meeting THIS Monday, March 4, 7-8PM*, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 311 River Street, Waltham. Fr. Ed Riley, Liaison to Homeschooling Families for the Archdiocese of Boston will moderate our discussion. For questions or more information, please email [eriley@rcab.org](mailto:eriley@rcab.org).

## DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

## PRAY FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS

### DIVINE MERCY THOUGHT

*The Lord said to me, 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.*

—Divine Mercy Diary #1397

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Saint Bernadette Soubirous beginning on February 11 and ending July 16, 1858. On the apparition of February 24, Mary asked Bernadette for **penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners**. During the season of Lent, our Blessed Mother invites us all to do both.

## Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our Lady asked "**are you willing to offer yourself to God and bear all the suffering He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?**"

**MARCH 3, 2024**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 8-11;  
1Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2: 13-25**

In today's reading from Exodus, God delivers his commandments. They are not suggestions. They are commands. Jesus, who the church teaches is the sign of the power and wisdom of God, taught that if we are to love him, we must keep his commands. In other words, the true measure of whether we love God or not is whether we obey the Lord's commandments. Psalm 19 assures us that the Lord's commands are perfect, trustworthy, right, clear, enlightening, and "more precious than gold." They lead us to true freedom from slavery to sin, bad habits, harmful memories, old and new resentments, and from evil in general. They are the spiritual GPS to the eternal joy of salvation. They highlight obedience to the Lord; and they remind us that the Lord is always wiser and stronger than we are!

In today's gospel, Jesus expels the money changers and merchants from the temple, his Father's House. They were supposed to be in the courtyard, not in the temple. Also, many of them were greedy enough to cheat pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to worship and offer sacrifice. The scene was dramatic and chaotic, unlike the humble, comforting, healing, and forgiving Jesus. But Jesus was upholding the sacredness of his Father's House, and in fact saving the money changers and merchants from committing further sacrilege. When challenged Jesus revealed himself, and his mission, though he did so in a manner that the challengers misunderstood: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus was referring to the MOST holy temple of God...his own body, a concept that the challengers could not begin to fathom, because they were prisoners of avarice and sacrilege.

It is the Third Sunday of Lent. How are we doing? There are times when many of us (and I include myself) may not have done as much as we should. But when we fall, we can do what Jesus did! In contemplating the Stations of the Cross, we observe Jesus, in his pain and suffering, fall three times. Two times he got up and resumed carrying his cross. And once he accepted help to stand and to carry his cross. So do not be discouraged. Simply get up, and do the will of God by keeping the Lord's commands. Help each other; and accept the help and encouragement of others to bear our personal burdens. Go to confession to stay on track. Receive the Eucharist frequently to consume the Spiritual nourishment we need to stay strong and to persevere.

**Worcester Diocesan  
Catholic Men's Conference**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

DCU Center, Worcester, Mass.

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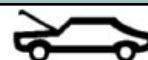
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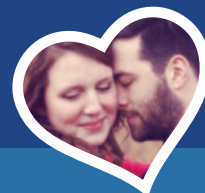
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