

St. John the Evangelist



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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



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 24, 2024:
Mk 11:1-10/ Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 120 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Maria, Frances, and Leon Hermanowski

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 AM Travis & Joanna Beavers (living)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM Ola Brackenbush

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 17

11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

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 23.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

St. Patrick's Day

At all Masses **THIS** 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 PRAYER SERVICE

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS (lower church)

MONDAY—FRIDAY 9:00 AM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 8:30-9:15 AM

MONDAY March 25 7:00-8:00 PM



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.**

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

FIFTH 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

Never Stop Praying for Mercy on our Nation

"Planned Parenthood is allegedly transferring "proprietary" aborted baby body parts to the University of California San Diego (UCSD) "in exchange for ownership of the university's 'patents' and 'intellectual property'" created through experiments. The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) obtained documents showing the alleged transaction between the abortion organization and the university after filing a public records request." theloop@catholicvote.org March 16,'24. "Meanwhile, after largely misunderstanding a recent ruling by the Alabama state supreme court, many members of Congress are in a rush to impose a new national "right" to in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other such technologies that threaten preborn human lives and turn people into property (like surrogacy, gene editing, and cloning). At least one of the current proposals could also threaten religious hospitals, charities, schools, and other organizations that do not enable or cover these medical procedures..." ProLife@usccb.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. 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. 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 Reminder

Sunday March 17: Grade 2 Mini Retreat at 11AM (group 2)

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The grade 10 confirmation retreat was held on Saturday, March 2nd at St. John's Parish Center. Red Barn Ministries facilitated. The theme was about family, faith and belonging. The retreat was well-received by the students and catechists. The retreat ended with a celebration of evening Mass with the students and their families. A huge thank you to all our catechists that give so much of their time to our youth. This is such a wonderful and important time in these young people's lives. St. John's is truly blessed. Please remember to keep them all in your prayers.

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**.

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

MARCH 17, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-15;

Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-23

In today's first reading Jeremiah proclaims that the LORD would make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, because they broke the old covenant. But this time it would be different. The new covenant would not be written in stone. It would be written on the hearts of the people. It would be part of them. And the LORD would "forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." It would be a covenant rooted in love and forgiveness.

As we see in today's gospel, Christ is the fulfillment of that promise. It would be a covenant sealed by his sacrifice, his blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant. Christ demonstrates two things, obedience to the will of the Father, and humility. He declares that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it just remains a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Christ declares that whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Christ came for this purpose and was determined to fulfill that purpose. Christ's prayer to his Father "Glorify your name" and the Father's response in a thunderous voice, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again" is a demonstration of Christ's reverence for the Father, and his obedience to the Father's will.

Saint Paul tells us that Christ "learned obedience from what he suffered." We are to emulate this by accepting our sufferings, joining them to the sufferings of Christ, and by dying to sin and the temporary allurements and temptations of this world. Then we truly can produce fruit. Like seeds scattered and then covered by the earth grow, pierce the ground, and seek the sun for energy, we can be empowered by the Lord to grow, pierce through the troubles of daily life, look up and seek the Lord, the Light of love, forgiveness, and eternal life; and do so with obedience and humility. One commentator (Eleanore Stump), summed up all of this in one sentence: "God honors those who seek to honor him." It will be Easter in three weeks. In the meantime, and through the rest of our lives, let us look up and seek the Lord, who is the Light of Truth and Eternal Life!

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.

