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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



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Readings for NEXT Sunday, April 21, 2024:  
Acts 4:8-12/ Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/  
Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 178 in the pew missal.



<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 13</b>	
4:00 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 14</b>	
8:00 AM	Patrick John Fitzgerald
10:00 AM	John F. R. Kenealy
6:30 PM	Parishioners of St. John's
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 15</b>	
7:00 AM	Fr. Patrick T. McLaughlin
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 16</b>	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17</b>	
9:00 AM	Fr. Gregory J. Mercurio
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 18</b>	
9:00 AM	Aurora Ansher (living intention)
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 19</b>	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 20</b>	
8:00 AM	Paul & Marie Campbell
4:00 PM	Mark & Pinky Abiog (living intention)
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 21</b>	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM	Charles Jandrue

**MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 15  
MASS WILL BE AT 7AM**

*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.*

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

### 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.

### EVENING CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday mornings, confessions will also be heard **Tuesday, April 23, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net)) for more information and Zoom link.

### Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

**April 18 at 7PM**

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service. Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction. "During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"  
--St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**NEXT Saturday, April 20.**

 *Rest in Peace*

Ginny Brault  
Dorothy Cole  
Patricia Sullivan



**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**

**Five big lies about the Supreme Court mail-order abortion drug case:**

(This case focuses on the FDA's removal of key guardrails on these dangerous drugs, including its decision to allow them to be sent through the mail without an in-person doctor visit or follow-up care.)

1. Lie: **The outcome of this case could ban abortion drugs nationwide.**
  2. Lie: **"Second-guessing" the FDA does irreparable harm to its reputation.**
  3. Lie: **Mail-order abortion drugs are safer than Tylenol.**
  4. Lie: **This case is based on "junk science."**
  5. Lie: **Women and doctors aren't being harmed, so the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine has no standing.**
- Susan B. Anthony Pro-life America**  
[sbaprolife.org](http://sbaprolife.org) 3/25/24

**TRUE: (An estimated 63% of 1,026,690 abortions were chemical in 2023)**



**SPRING CLEANING?**

**DECLUTTERING? DOWNSIZING?**

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Annual Rummage Sale happening in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. Drop off will start in May. More info to come!

**RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS**

Please sign up to receive donations using the sign-up chart located outside the parish secretary's office. Drop off will begin on Monday, May 20. Thank you!

**THE NEED FOR PURGATORY**

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God?"

—Pope Benedict XVI



Religious Education has come to an end for this 2023-2024 school year. A huge thank you to all our Catechists who gave of their time to witness their faith to our young people. May God reward them with many blessings.

**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Kennedy will be confirming 51 students and 3 adults here at St. John's on **Sunday, April 28 at 1PM**. Please continue to keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful celebration.

**Rehearsal for Confirmation is:**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 7-8:15PM**  
Meet in the Parish Center

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

First Communion rehearsal...**Wednesday, May 1, 4:30PM**  
First Communion.....**Saturday, May 4, 11AM**

**SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass & Dinner**

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 PM** followed by a light meal in the Parish Center. Invitations will be sent soon to RSVP.

**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](http://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**.



**APRIL 14, 2024**

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**CROSS ROADS**

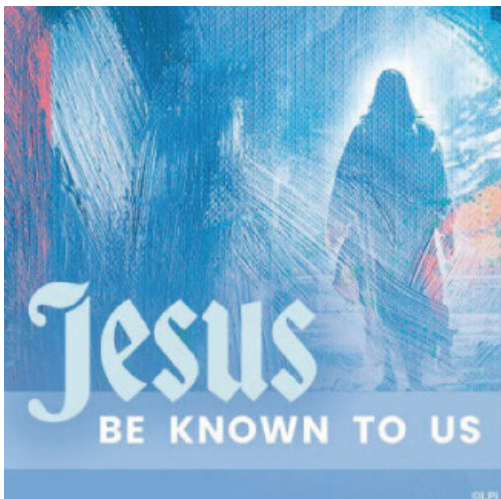
**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4: 2,4, 7-9;  
1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48**

The two disciples that encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and who recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread, ran back to Jerusalem to inform the eleven of their experience. As the two disciples were speaking to them, Jesus was suddenly in their midst, again with the greeting of "Peace be with you." But they all were startled and terrified. Once again, Jesus showed them his wounds, demonstrating that it was He among them in the flesh. But they all were "incredulous for joy and were amazed." To accentuate his point, Jesus asked for something to eat. He accepted a piece of baked fish and ate it. Then he opened their minds to what he had been telling them in the past, the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus made it clear that he was the fulfillment of what had been written about the Messiah: "that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

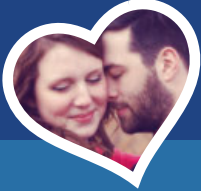
It was Peter who we see in today's reading from Acts, who began to answer that call, preaching the good news of salvation and the need for repentance. Yet, we will see in the Sunday readings of the Easter season that the apostles still had much to learn and to understand; and that it would not be until Pentecost that they would really begin to grasp the enormity of the message and their mission. They had faith, but what they were witnessing was, and to some people to this day, incomprehensible.

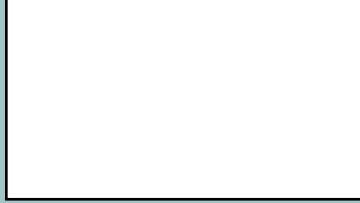
In our age there are many with faith who keep the Lord's commandments and come to know Him. But there are others who lack faith, do not keep the Lord's commandments, and do not know Him. These days it is difficult to live and nurture faith in a world of selfishness, immorality, amorality, violence, and persecution: persecution against our Jewish brethren, against Christians, particularly persecution against Catholics who profess and hold dear the sanctity of life and the apostolic traditions of passing on the word of God through the ages. Laws can help. But faith that changes hearts is the key! Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." It is our call to be examples of the power of faith!



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