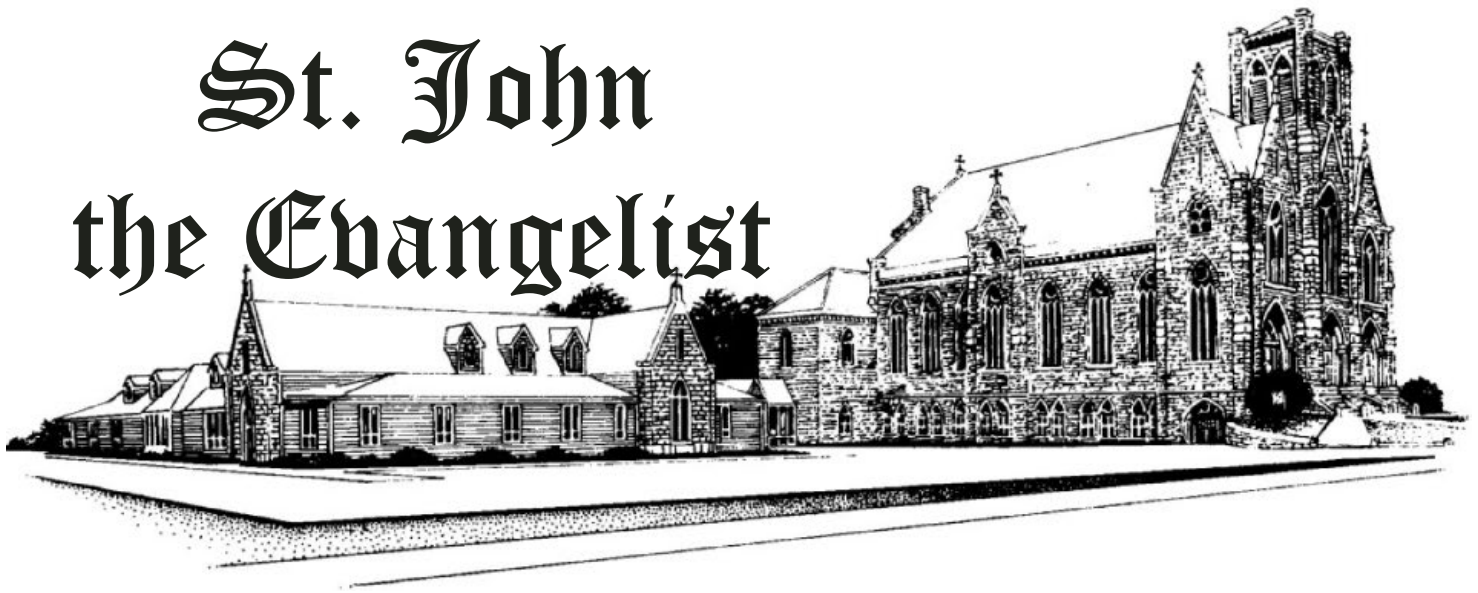


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### **HOLY DAY MASSES:**

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  
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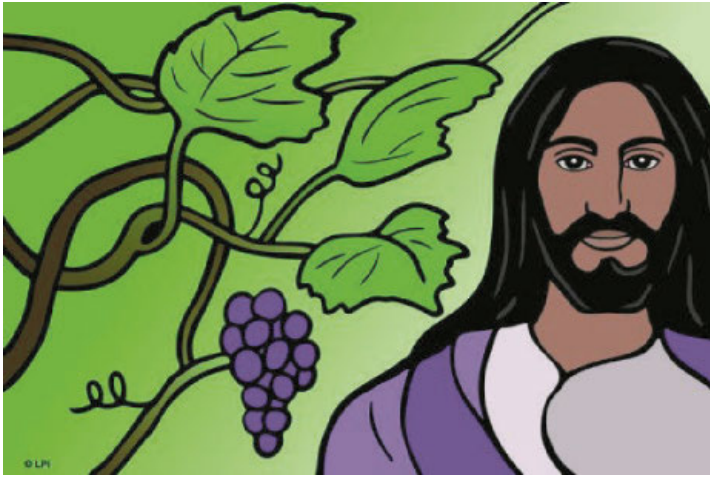
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**“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:4-5**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 5, 2024:  
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/  
 1Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 182 in the pew missal.



<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 27</b>	
4:00 PM	Special Intention
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 28</b>	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John’s
10:00 AM	Hank Alessio
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 29</b>	
9:00 AM	For the conversion of sinners
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 30</b>	
9:00 AM	Special intention
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>	
9:00 AM	Joseph & Agnes Campbell
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 2</b>	
9:00 AM	Cliff Beavers (living intention)
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 3</b>	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 4</b>	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM	Richard So
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 5</b>	
8:00 AM	Frances A. Mitchell
10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John’s
6:30 PM	Celeste Morningstar

**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.**

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY**

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation**

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, May 3, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord’s Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father; for our sins; the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord’s Most Sacred Heart.

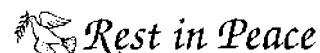
**First Saturday Devotion**

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, May 4 at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

**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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, May 4**



Ellen Jean Wright  
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### K of C "A Nite at the Races"

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council will host a "virtual" horse racing audience participation event, where actual races are shown and bet on to recreate the atmosphere of being at the race track, **THIS Saturday, May 4th, at St. John's Parish Hall from 6-10PM**. Admission is **\$20 for adults only** and the evening will include a buffet dinner, snacks, beverages (beer, wine, soda, water), 10 grand prize gift drawings, and 8 horse races to try your luck on. We will also award a grand prize for the "best" Kentucky derby hat. All admission tickets will be eligible for a door prize. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go online to <https://bishopricekoc.org/events>. If you have any questions, contact Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or at [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net).

### K of C Food for Families Food Drive

Your local Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the members of the St John the Evangelist parish and family who were able to participate in our Lenten food drive. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we collected over 1,000 pounds of food and supplies (Over ½ a ton!) AND \$2,225 in cash, checks and on-line donations to support the Hopkinton Food Pantry at Project Just Because. Thank you so much for your continued participation and for making this year's Food for Families Food Drive such a success!

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

#### Planned Parenthood Releases Annual Report

According to their annual report, Planned Parenthood (PP) conducted 392,715 abortions between 2023-2024, placing abortion in the top four leading causes of death in the USA. This number was a record high for PP and represented 40% of abortions performed in this country. During the same period, Planned Parenthood received \$700 million in taxpayer funds, composing one third of their net assets of 2.5 billion dollars. Around 60% of women who have had an abortion report they "would rather have kept their babies if they just had more emotional or financial support." [www.studentmag.org/sources](http://www.studentmag.org/sources), [www.theepochtimes.com/us/planned-parenthood-abortion](http://www.theepochtimes.com/us/planned-parenthood-abortion)

### DIVINE MERCY AND THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS

God doesn't want any of His wayward children to be lost, but truly rejoices when they repent of their sins, turn back to Him, and are saved. Luke, Chapter 15

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Him...what man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?...**I tell you, in just the same way, there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.** Luke 15:1-7

What woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?...Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost. In just the same way, **I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.** Luke 15:8-10

#### **HELPING JESUS FIND "THE" ONE WHO IS LOST**

Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36



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 Reed will be confirming 51 students and 1 adult 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.

### 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**.

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**APRIL 28, 2024**

**CROSS ROADS**

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 22: 26-28, 30-32;  
1 John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8**

On the road to Damascus Saul, the persecutor of Christians, saw Jesus. He became physically blind, but his **spiritual** blindness was cured because he experienced Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Shortly thereafter, Saul's physical blindness was cured in the name of Christ. Saul was transformed by all of this. Saul the persecutor was gone, and Saul (later to be known as Paul) was transformed and shaped into who would be called the Apostle to the Gentiles. A man of great zeal to begin with, Saul rechanneled that zeal to boldly proclaim the gospel and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. When he came to Jerusalem, the other disciples were skeptical and fearful of Saul because of Saul's reputation. But Barnabas vouched for Saul, and Saul became a bold, dedicated, and fruitful branch of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. With the consolation of the Holy Spirit, the Church was in peace and growing in numbers.

As Paul was chosen, so have we been chosen to proclaim the gospel by how we love and care for each other, and by obeying the Commandments so that we can live in Christ and He live in us. Thus, we too are chosen to be fruitful branches on the vine of the Mystical body of Christ, and be at peace in the face of obstacles, persecution, identity politics, and man's inhumanity to man. Trials and tribulations still occur in our lives, but the consolation of the Holy Spirit helps us through those obstacles, as we are pruned and shaped and strengthened to be even more fruitful. And we certainly want to be fruitful. Fruitless branches diminish the energy of the vine and can deprive the fruitful branches of the energy they need to bear fruit. But, when we all lovingly work together as children of God, by the grace of God we can help each other to be fruitful, even amid the trials and tribulations of this world. Then we all can **look up to what is heavenly, and discard what is not!**



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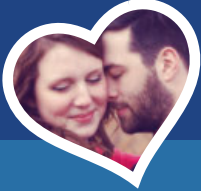
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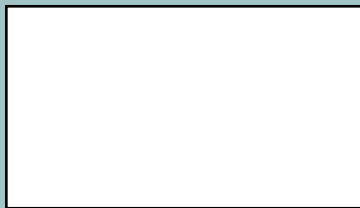
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