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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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Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 7, 2024:
*Acts 4:32-35/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
 1Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31*

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



MONDAY, APRIL 1	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, APRIL 2	
9:00 AM	Ernie & Rita Fecteau
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3	
9:00 AM	Dale Beavers (living intention)
THURSDAY, APRIL 4	
9:00 AM	Brian Johnston (living intention)
FRIDAY, APRIL 5	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY, APRIL 6	
8:00 AM	Donna Pomeroy
4:00 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, APRIL 7	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM	For our confirmation candidates



SUNDAY, MARCH 31—NO CLASSES	
MONDAY, APRIL 1	
7:00 PM	Grade 9
TUESDAY, APRIL 2	
6:30 PM	Grades 7 & 8
SUNDAY, APRIL 7	
8:45 AM	Grades 2-6
5:15 PM	Grade 10

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.



Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.

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.

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**.

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, April 5, 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, April 6 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, April 6.**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER TO DIVINE MERCY

Mercy Beyond Belief

Eight days of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of God’s mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

NEXT Sunday, April 7, 2024

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—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

HE HAS RISEN!

INDEED HE HAS RISEN!

The Holy Souls in Purgatory know and feel this with an ever clearer love and knowledge of Jesus’s great act of selfless love by His death and resurrection, for their forgiven sins. With great joy the Holy Souls are purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God’s fire of Divine Love. **Heb 12:29**

The greatest number of souls are released from Purgatory on Christmas Day (especially Midnight Mass). The next greatest number of souls in Purgatory are released on Easter.



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 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

“Today we find ourselves in the midst of a dramatic conflict between the “culture of death” and the “culture of life.” But the glory of the Cross is not overcome by this darkness; rather, it shines forth ever more radiantly and brightly, and is revealed as the center, meaning and goal of all history and of every human life....By his death, Jesus sheds light on the meaning of the life and death of every human being.” St. John Paul II “The Gospel of Life”

MARCH 31, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20: 1-9**

The good news is that that the tomb was empty, as witnessed by Mary of Magdala, then by Peter and the disciple that Jesus loved. Peter and the other disciples were commissioned by Christ to preach and testify to the good news that Jesus was indeed the Christ, the Anointed One of God, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and in doing so, defeated death, and reconciled all of us to the Father. As the disciples were commissioned to testify to the truth of the good news, so are we commissioned to do the same by what we say, what we do, and by how well we emulate Christ in the way we live. In doing so, we testify to the truth that Christ is the cornerstone of the Church, the new Jerusalem.

How well we do this depends on our relationship to God and where we go to seek the truth. In other words, we must seek what is above to find the light, the truth, fortitude, and perseverance, because we cannot find it by looking for it in the things of this world. Christ defeated death; but there is a dangerous and insidious culture of death in this country and around the world, which we are commissioned, by the grace of God, to defeat. The renewal of our Baptismal vows should be a wakeup call to spread the good news, and to defeat the culture of death.

Today we begin the fifty days of the Easter season, from now to Pentecost Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. After that we should remember that every Sunday, we are celebrating our being reconciled to the Father by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In remembering that truth, let us not forget that we are commissioned to spread the good news, to seek what is above, to emulate Christ in everything that we do and say, and to stand up against the insidious evils that are attacking the Church, infecting the hearts and minds of people, and infiltrating all manner of institutions that are supposed to be standing strong for what is right and good.

Happy Easter
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Boy Scout Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 4 of Hopkinton will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast on **THIS 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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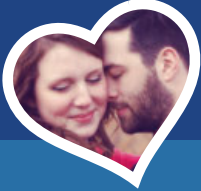
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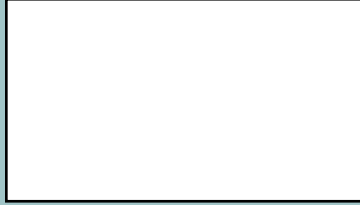
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