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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 Bernadette Nadeau

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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

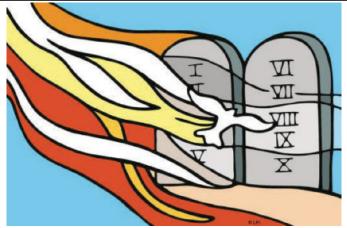
All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help, please call: 508-435-3313x207

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST





"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 5, 2024: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/ 1Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 184 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MAY 4 4:00 PM Richard So SUNDAY, MAY 5 8:00 AM Frances A. Mitchell 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's 6:30 PM Celeste Morningstar **MONDAY, MAY 6** 9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy **TUESDAY, MAY 7** 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick J. McLaughlin WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 9:00 AM Fr. Gregory J. Mercurio 4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's **THURSDAY, MAY 9** 9:00 AM **Rosario Reyes** 7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory FRIDAY, MAY 10 9:00 AM Sally Walsh Campbell SATURDAY, MAY 11 8:00 AM Sr. Anne Campbell 4:00 PM Sheba and Soraya (living intention) SUNDAY, MAY 12 8:00 AM Catherine Sullivan 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's 6:30 PM For the conversion of sinners Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the

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.

Join Us For Coffee,

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

Memorial Mass for Jim Browne

We will be having a special memorial Mass for Jim Browne **THIS Monday, May 6, at 7PM** in the lower chapel.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **THIS Thursday**, **May 9**.

HOLY DAY MASSES Wednesday, May 8 at 4PM

Thursday, May 9 at 9AM & 7PM

MAY PROCESSION

NEXT Sunday, May 12 at 10AM All parishioners and especially our First Communicants are invited to be part of the May Procession NEXT Sunday at the 10AM Mass and help us honor our mother, Mary

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) for more information and Zoom link.

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.**

<u>Please Remember in Prayer</u>

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 11.

💦 Rest in Peace

Jim Browne



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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.

Mothers of St. John's THIS Friday, May 10, 7PM in the lower chapel

Join other mothers in prayer with a focus on praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life within our own families. There will be time for quiet prayer, the rosary, and a read meditation. All mothers and nursing babies are welcome. Light refreshments to follow in the adjoining lower area. Brenda church Please contact Ebv at email ebybrenda1@gmail.com for reminders and cancellation notices. Meetings are monthly on the second Friday of the month.



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

"The IVF industry enables the abortion industry by feeding the cultural entitlement to God-like powers over life and death." "...only about 10 percent of lab-created embryos are born alive. Indeed, IVF procedures treat embryos-tiny humans -as commodities to serve the needs of adults who may not even be related to them. Many embryos don't survive the freezing or thawing process, or the transfer via a needle into the mother's or surrogate's uterus...However, the IVF industry normalizes the shopping of sperm and eggs on the basis of a host's attractiveness, IQ, academic achievement, and race. Then the embryos are genetically "screened," a euphemism for deeming certain embryos the wrong sex or genetically "inferior," after which they are simply destroyed after their short life. Millions of tiny embryonic humans meet this fate every year ... " The Federalist.com

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Spring cleaning? Decluttering? Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. **Donations will be accepted beginning May 20. Please do not drop off donations before May 20**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baccalaureate Mass & Dinner

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Mass on **Sunday**, **May 19 at 6:30 PM** followed by a light meal in the Parish Center. Invitations were sent out to all seniors via parent's email with an RSVP date. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. **RSVP by May 16** to dlysikstin@verizon.net.

First Communion & May Procession First Communion: Saturday, May 4 at 11AM First Communion Rehearsals: Wednesday, May 1, 4:30-5:30PM Please meet in the Parish Center

May Procession

All First Communicants are invited to be part of the May Procession and help us honor our mother, Mary, on **Sunday, May 12, at 10AM.** Please come dressed in your First Communion clothing.



CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday Bishop Reed confirmed 51 of our High School youth and 1 adult. We congratulate the following recently confirmed and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey:

Dylan Andreola Shelby Beaudet Alyssa Budden Anna Burke Alexandra Clarke Alison Desmond Thomas Donahue James Dupont Nicolas Ferreyra William (Liam) Grady Jack Heaton Christos Higgins John (Jack) Knutson Luke Martin Ashley McCann Thomas McCarthy Shannon McKeon Sophie Meehan Blake Murphy Thomas (Barry) O'Brien Alex Piccioli Abran Rayan Alexandra Riesenberger Lilliana (Lilly) Schwartz Keira Souza Mayson Valutkevich

Lila Balster Ryan Behrens Meaghan Burdulis Taylor Clancy William Demello Jack Desrochers Sofia Dunne Kaelyn Faber Katelyn Gaughan Evan Gronemeyer Bruce (William) Hedstrom Lucey Jean Darian Leo Noah Martin Mariana McCarthy Colin McGowan Zachory McNally Logan Minka John Murray Mairin O'Connor Ellie Power John (Jack) Resnick Levi Schuster Ronan Siglin Joshua Tomasino-Steuer Scott Crantz

MAY 5, 2024

<u>CROSS ROADS</u> By Deacon Tony Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98: 1-4; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

As Saint Peter demonstrated in today's reading from Acts, the love of God is to be preached to the ends of the earth, to all people and all nations. The love of God has no partiality. And the love of God has been revealed to us by His presence among us, in the flesh and in the person of Jesus Christ. All people and nations that fear Him, revere Him, respect Him, believe in Him, are in awe of Him, love Him, and act uprightly are acceptable to Him through the person of Jesus Christ. Everyone who truly loves is begotten by God and knows God. But whoever is without love does not know Him. He sent His only begotten Son to reveal the extent and nature of that love, so that we might love through the Son.

Love is the key. We are not talking about romantic feelings. We are talking about a love that puts the love of God before ourselves, and the love and needs of other people before ourselves. Love of God is expressed first by obeving His commandments. Jesus stressed that we must remain in Him and He in us by keeping those commandments. Jesus commanded that we love one another as He has loved us. To do that we must make a profound decision to make God our priority by acting according to His will and His ways, and by practicing sacrificial love. Christ gave His all. He sacrificed everything, including His own life to make our salvation possible, even for those who killed Him. To be able to do this we must have open hearts and receptivity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit who lives within us when we are in a state of grace. Let us give ourselves completely to the Lord. Let us pray, "Jesus I trust in you, and into your hands I commend my spirit, all that I am, and all that you want me to be."

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





