

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 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and 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 church

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

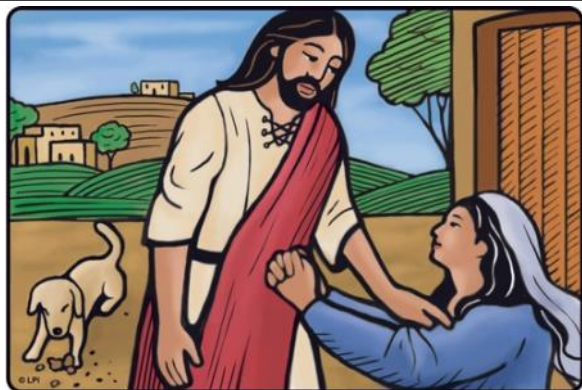
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:26b-28

Readings for NEXT Sunday, August 23, 2020:
Is 22:19-23/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/ Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM For the spiritual welfare of the clergy

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Jeff East

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM Eileen O'Brien

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Communions.....September 19 & September 26

Confirmations.....September 29 & October 13

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 parish center NEXT Saturday, August 22.

Welcome Back to Mass at St. John's

You will notice some changes as we reopen for Masses. We have performed a thorough cleaning and will continue to disinfect between Masses. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church. We encourage you to bring your own if possible as well as disinfecting wipes if you would like to wipe down your area. Pews have been marked off for social distancing. There are also markings for the flow of traffic within the church for communion. Face masks are required except for medical exemptions. All the pew missals have been removed. Signing up in advance to attend Mass is appreciated, but is not required. You can sign up at www.stjohnhopkinton.com or leave a message for the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203 (Monday through Friday). Also, if you would like to receive emails from us and links to the weekly bulletin and the recorded Mass, please fill out the form on our website. We have all been through some trying times that are far from over, so please have patience with us. Your personal safety is a top priority. Looking For More Information? Check out our website for the most current information about St. John's as well as many spiritual resources that you can access from home.

Special Monday Evening for Confessions

There will a special evening for confessions **THIS Monday, August 17, from 7-8PM** in the parish hall. The regular parish times for confessions on Saturday mornings can be difficult for some, so we hope this opportunity may be more convenient. The hall is especially set up to be covid safe.

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.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

August 20 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

"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, She will save the world."

—St. Dominic's Prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Scapular, AD 1208.

**Consecration of St. John's
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

August 15/16th

There has been a lot happening to us in the last couple of months, with the advent of Covid 19 and sustained civil unrest. The spiritual effects have been even worse: the Mass and sacrament life were suspended for a time by the Archdiocese and by the government. In fact, two thirds of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese and our parish still do not feel safe to resume a sacramental life: the ordinary means for the soul to be in a state of grace, without which we cannot be saved.

I know that many of us have a devotion to our Lady's Immaculate Heart and many of us try to heed Our Lady's message of Fatima. The time seems right for the parish of St. John's to call upon the special blessings and graces that our Lady offers to the faithful who devote themselves to her Immaculate Heart and her son's most Sacred Heart. The parish was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Reed, on the occasion of the blessing and consecration of our new altar, now it is Our Lady's turn. On the weekend of **August 15th and 16th**, the parish of St. John's will be formally dedicated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart and Fatima

In 1916, the angel who came to prepare the three shepherd children for the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin said to them, "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications."

In another apparition, the angel repeated the message: "Pray, pray a lot. The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy upon you."

And the Mother of God herself, in the second apparition on June 13th, told Lucia:

"Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. To those who accept it, I promise salvation and those souls will be loved by God as flowers I have placed to embellish His Throne."

Upon learning that she was going to be alone on earth after the death of her cousins, Lucia was distressed. The Blessed Virgin consoled her, saying:

"I will never leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

These two statements—that Jesus wants to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world, and that her Immaculate Heart is the refuge of suffering souls and the path that leads to heaven—summarize Fatima.



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.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation dates have been set for **Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30PM and 7PM** and **Tuesday, October 13, at 6PM.**

First Holy Communion

First Communion dates have been set for **Saturday, September 19 at 11AM** and **Saturday, September 26 at 11AM.** These dates are for those students that were supposed to have received this past spring. To sign up for a date, go to St. John's web page at: stjohnhopkinton.com. If you have any questions, please email Mary Pawela at mpawelastjn@gmail.com.

Religious Education for Fall 2020

At this time we do not know what our religious education program will look like in the Fall, but we are currently working on options and we will keep all our families posted as we move forward. We want to continue safe practices while also being able to engage our children and families.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning to register a child for Religious Education for the very first time, please email dlysiktjn@verizon.net for more information. We are currently in the process of planning for the next school year. **We do not know at this time what type of program we will be offering. But,** for our planning purposes it is important for us to know of any new registrations.

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I offer you, my holy Mother Mary,
All my thoughts, all my actions,
All my prayers and acts of charity,
All my faith and good works,
All my sacrifices that I make today.

Grant me the grace to do everything in my life
With a pure intention and a desire to please God.

I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart,
And I pray, through the merits of your intercession,

That I may adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
And through His divine mercy,

Obtain the grace of conversion and the remission of my sins.
O Mary, my Blessed Mother, watch over me and protect me
From all sin and from all evil this day. Amen.

HELPING JESUS FIND

"THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

We do not know the number of souls that is ours to save through our prayers and sacrifices; therefore, let us always pray for sinners.

—Divine Mercy of Saint Faustina #1783

AUGUST 16, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8;

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

The Lord's call to faith is universal. All peoples are invited to worship the Lord. Isaiah tells us that "foreigners" can join themselves to the Lord by loving and serving him, by keeping his covenant and the Sabbath; and they will be brought to the Lord's holy mountain. In Psalm 67 we hear the prayer, "May the nations be glad and exult...May the peoples praise you, O God." In Romans, Saint Paul, apostle to the gentiles, holds up hope that the people of his own Jewish heritage will accept the new covenant and receive mercy as the gentiles were doing.

In today's gospel Jesus is confronted by a Canaanite woman, pleading for Jesus to free her daughter from a demon. The first sign that she is on the right track is in her initial salutation when she refers to Jesus as "Lord" (a term used to refer to God), and as "Son of David" (a term most often reserved as a reference to the Messiah). These references were bold acts of faith. Her persistence also was bold yet respectful. Astoundingly, such faith came from a Canaanite, an ethnicity which had no use for the Jews, and likewise, the Jews had no use for them. She passed the test. In two sentences Jesus proclaims that God's gifts and his call are to both Jews and gentiles: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

We must pray for mercy and the strength to persevere in faith, because we all falter: Lord Jesus, Son of God, and Savior of the WORLD, have mercy on us, and give us what we need to persevere in our faith. We must pray for unity among Christians: Lord Jesus, we pray that we all may be one in the Holy Catholic (universal) Church. We must pray, as Saint Paul did, for our Jewish brothers and sisters with whom we share a common spiritual heritage: Lord Jesus, grant that our Jewish brothers and sisters believe in you and the new covenant, as we still believe and keep the law of the old covenant while we embrace and live by the new covenant. Finally, we must pray for our country: Lord, have mercy on our country; and help us to return to being "one nation UNDER GOD with liberty and justice for all."



Pray the 54-Day Rosary Novena for Peace

Please join with parishioners and others across the country in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena for God's peace and blessing surrounding the upcoming election (from August 15th thru October 7th.) Pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and the Glorious mysteries and repeat. Optionally, on Thursdays, you can also pray the Luminous mysteries for a personal intention. For the first 27 days, from August 15th through September 10th, pray in petition asking the Lord for the intention of PEACE and BLESSINGS for our nation surrounding the November election. For the final 27 days from September 11th thru October 7th, pray in thanksgiving, thanking the Lord and our Lady in faith, believing the favor has already been granted. Please share this with others.