

St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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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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508-435-3313x208
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 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 parish center

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

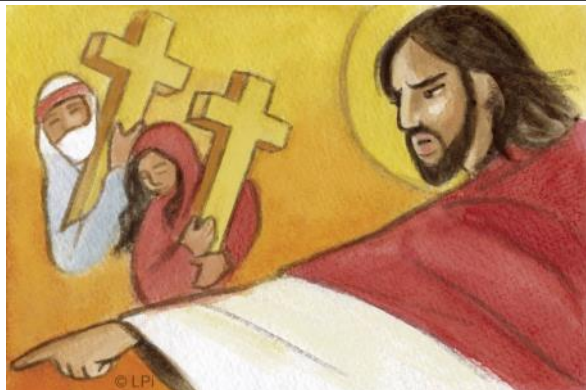
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:33-34

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 19, 2021:
 Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16—4:3/
 Mk 9:30-37



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 PM Mary & John Moisuk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Frances Fitzgerald
 6:30 PM Armand & Doris Germain

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM Bill & Jeannette Krans
 (living, 58th wedding anniversary)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM Michaila Parent (living intention)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Desiree Parent & Anthony Hassan
 (living intention)
 5:00 PM Dr. David Brownstein
 (living intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Mandy Heavey
 6:30 PM Alessandrina D'Errico

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 Conversion of Sinners

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.

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

NEW DEACON AT ST. JOHN'S

THIS weekend we welcome a new deacon to St. John's. Deacon James O'Rourke from the diocese of Albany will be joining us. Please give Deacon O'Rourke a warm welcome to St. John's this weekend.

Updated COVID Protocols from the Archdiocese of Boston

The Archdiocese of Boston has updated their protocols with regard to COVID safety measures. These measures take effect on the weekend of Labor Day (September 4 and 5).

Regarding Safety Precautions at Masses:

All parishes are mandated to have clearly marked areas of the Church for people who want to wear masks and be sitting only near people who are wearing masks.

Here at St. John's, pews on the north side of the church will be marked with blue tape for parishioners who want to wear masks. Please do not sit in this area without wearing a mask. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests September 16 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

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 lower church NEXT Saturday, September 18.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

Can You Carry a Tune in a Bucket?

Auditions will be held on October 10 at 9:05 AM...or rather, the first day of choir will be **October 10 at 9:05 AM**. Anyone who can carry a tune in a bucket is welcome. Contact Berni Nadeau (momandberni@gmail.com) for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.



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.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK

Would you like to see more Christ-centered, family television, radio and online services? If so, EWTN Global Catholic Network can be an answer to your prayers! EWTN's vast array of programming includes Daily Mass, devotionals, global Catholic news, powerful documentaries, music specials, exclusive teaching series, live call-in talk shows, young adult & children's programming, Church and Papal events. To learn more visit www.ewtn.com online.

Healing Mass

St. Joseph Parish, 151 Village St., Medway, will celebrate an evening of prayer for healing on **September 22, at 7PM**. Father Francisco (Paco) Anzoategui will celebrate Mass and offer healing prayer. Father Linus Mendis, Administrator of St. Joseph's will hear confessions during the service. Elevator available from the parking lot through the lower church.



Religious Education Registration

Registration is ongoing for new students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the first time, you must fill out a one-time registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's. The registration form can be found on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab. For more information please contact Debbie Lysik at (508) 435-3313 x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

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.

The best Catholic content. All in one place.

It's EASY and FREE to Register!

1. Go to formed.org/register
2. Enter Access Code: **BNZFH7**
3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



Called to the Gospel of Life

Stand up for life! The 40 Days for Life campaign begins **September 22nd** and runs through Oct. 31st. Spend an hour once or weekly in prayer with others across the street from Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street in Worcester. For more information contact Denise St. Jean denisestjean7@gmail.com or Chris Clancy csclancy@earthlink.net. 19,198 lives saved from abortion, 112 abortion facilities closed, 1,000,000 participants since 2007. Join us in prayer!

AERIAL PHOTOS OF ST. JOHN'S

Tim Keary, a fellow parishioner of ours, volunteered his drone service to take aerial photos of our church. Check out our website to view the photos: www.stjohnhopkinton.com. Many thanks to Tim and his company for capturing such stunning views of St. John's!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18;
Mark 8:27-35**

Today's reading from Isaiah is the third of his four "servant of the Lord" oracles. Isaiah is so determined to serve the Lord that he willingly submits himself to insults and beatings. Suffering servant that he was, he did not refuse the vocation that was given to him: "I have set my face like flint." He placed all his faith and trust in the Lord. Isaiah lived his faith. In today's Psalm, the psalmist praises the Lord for rescuing him from mortal danger: "For he has freed my soul from death...I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living." The psalmist portrays death or evil as a trapper or hunter who ensnares prey. Sounds familiar, as in the prayer to Saint Michael "...Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil." The reading from the Letter of James reminds us that real faith is expressed and demonstrated by what we do. Faith is lifeless if it is not lived in love, sacrifice, service, and generosity.

In today's gospel, Jesus fulfills Isaiah's image of the suffering servant of the Lord. When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" most of their answers reflect the popular notion that Jesus was a prophet and miracle worker. When Jesus asks the disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" it is Peter who says that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed, the Messiah). Jesus then tells his disciples that he would be rejected, suffer, die, and rise after three days. Peter was horrified. How could that happen to the Messiah? Peter was thinking as human beings think, not as God thinks. Perhaps Peter was ensnared in the popular notion that the Messiah would be a powerful temporal leader. Jesus then revealed to the disciples, and to us, the true meaning of faith and discipleship: to deny ourselves, take up our individual crosses, and follow his example of doing the will of the Father with selflessness, faith, trust, service, generosity, and compassion.

Jesus was determined to do the Father's will and to complete his mission of salvation. We are called to imitate Jesus. We sometimes fail. But by the grace of God, we can persevere. Saint Padre Pio said, "God will not allow you to be lost if you persist in your determination not to lose HIM." Let us carry our crosses that we might walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

