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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

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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



So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." John 6:34-35

Readings for NEXT Sunday, August 11, 2024:
 1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a) /
 Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 224 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00 PM Arthur DesChamps

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Patrick Townsend (for healing)
 6:30 PM Natalie West

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM Florencio Reyes, Jr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM Joe and Lucy McLaine

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 AM William and Mary Jane Rogers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Neary Family
 4:00 PM Mark and Pinky Abiog (living intentions)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM John Dudley
 6:30 PM Special Intention



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated **Thursday, August 15**.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, August 14 at 4PM
 Thursday, August 15 at 9AM and 7PM

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.

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.

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.

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

For information on Eucharistic miracles, check out this website: www.miracolieucaaristici.org created by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

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 THIS Saturday, August 10.



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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Joseph Backholm host of the podcast "Outstanding" is joined by pro-life Catholic speaker and author Elizabeth Gillette in "The Truth Behind Chemical Abortion." Victim of the traumatizing effects of a chemical abortion in her single, mid-twenties, Gillette, now mother of four living children, shares personal insights concerning the grave spiritual and psychological impact of abortion and the evils of its chemical form. In this compassionate and inspiring podcast we learn the inside story of how truth and mercy work through the sacraments of the Church and its members to heal a willing soul. Watch for transcriptions from this podcast in our future bulletin submissions. <https://washingtonstand.com/podcast/ep115-the-truth-behind-chemical-abortion-with-elizabeth-gillette> July 16, 2024

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service A Holy Hour for Life

Join the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council 4822, on August 9th at 7pm in St. John's lower chapel for the Silver Rose Prayer Service. This Supreme Council program honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, expresses the brotherhood of the K of C, and reaffirms the sanctity of human life. Begun in 1960, Mexico, eight silver roses now run through North America, and one will be received by the Bishop Rice Council 4822 for this service. The Prayer Service consists of four parts: Rosary, Liturgy of the Word, Act of Consecration, and Final Blessing. Exposition and Benediction. Fr. Cannon presiding.



St. Cecilia Parish's 2024 Annual Flea Market

St. Cecilia Parish will begin collecting donations in August for the upcoming Flea Market to be held September 13th, 14th, & 15th. **Drop off will begin Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays, August 5th through August 28th—9AM-12PM at the St. Cecilia's Family Center, 54 Esty Street, Ashland or by appointment—Call Joyce Crocetti at 508-353-0273.** They will be accepting donations of **small household items, no clothing.** Please see St. Cecilia's website for a complete list of items they are accepting and unable to accept: stceciliaparish.org. **Please do not drop items off outside the church or family center on days they are not collecting.**



Religious Education

Registration for New Students

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 or if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313 x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

For those already in our program, you will receive information at the end of the summer about signing up for class day & time.

Chesterton Academy of the Immaculata

A new joyful, co-ed, classical, affordable, high school rooted in the Catholic tradition is coming soon to MetroWest Boston in Fall of 2025. Interested families can get more information by visiting the website chestertonimmaculata.org. Also on the website is a 5-minute interest survey and an email newsletter sign-up. Physical location is still being determined. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Info@chestertonma.org.

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. It's easy and free. Enter St. John's access code: BNZFH7

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MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) or the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date

AUGUST 4, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78: 3-4, 23-25,54;
Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35**

Today is the second in a series of five Sundays which highlight chapter 6 of John's gospel, regarding The Bread of Life, and the Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist. It is ironic that, as I write this on Sunday, July 28th, I remember that it was only a couple of days ago that the Last Supper and the Eucharist were sacrilegiously mocked as part of the opening ceremonies of the Paris Olympics, even more-reason today to emphasize our belief in the Eucharistic mystery, The Bread of Life, and to praise those who were recently part of the very successful and glorious Eucharistic Congress.

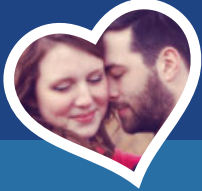
In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites encountered many obstacles, dangers, and hardships throughout what would end up being forty years of wandering through the desert to the promised land. One of those hardships was hunger. They cried out against Moses and Aaron because of hunger. The LORD heard their cries and provided them with quail and with manna from heaven. As today's psalm teaches, The LORD provides! But when the Israelites crossed the Jordan into the promised land, there would be no manna. But God would provide once again, this time with something better: Nourishment which would last forever, The Bread of Life, in the person of Jesus Christ who would sacrifice himself for our salvation and provide humanity with His own body and blood in the Eucharist, the nourishment we need to persevere on our journey to the promised land of eternal joy with THE LORD in Heaven.

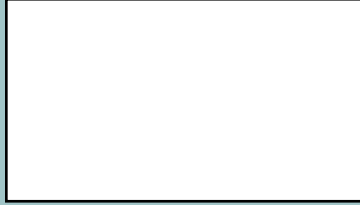
Today, Saint Paul reminds us that we each must shed our old self and put on the new self of righteousness, holiness, and truth. Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, body and blood, soul and divinity, nourishes and transforms each of us to be more like him, our new self. As it was with the Israelites, we too are wandering in the desert of our dangerous times, and there are obstacles, stumbling blocks, and suffering. Believe in Christ, the one who was sent, the one who is in intimate communion with each of us through his real presence in the Eucharist, and who wishes us to be of one mind and heart in communion with each other, together as one. Be transformed into your new self. Carry your cross and help others to carry theirs.



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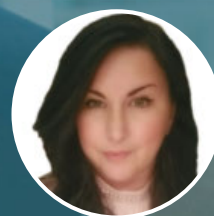
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