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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



“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 18, 2024:
 Prv 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/
 Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 226 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM John M. Buchheit

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Thomas Brock

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM For the Conversion of Sinners
 4:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM Hank Allesio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 AM Jane East and Jeff East
 4:00 PM Clarence and Lucinda MacLaine

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Special Intention
 6:30 PM Michael William Duffy
 (living intention)

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.

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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

HOLY DAY MASSES

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

The Pope Appoints Providence Bishop Richard G. Henning As Archbishop of Boston

The Most Rev. Richard G. Henning will succeed Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who turned 80 on June 29th, as the new Archbishop of Boston and Metropolitan of the Province of Boston, which encompasses seven dioceses in four New England states: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Bishop Henning, 59, was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Center in Long Island and has been the ordinary of Providence, RI, for the last year and a half. We offer our prayers and a heart-felt welcome to Archbishop-elect Richard Henning, who will be formally installed on October 31st, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End.

Eucharist Adoration on Tuesday Mornings

With the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, the first such congress in this country since before WWII, there was a prayerful encouragement that the worship and adoration of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through His real presence in the Holy Eucharist, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, be further encouraged in parishes. In that in mind, St. John's, in addition to Friday mornings, will also have Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday mornings following Mass until about 11:30AM.

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.**

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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

A Kiss of Mercy Apostolate for Healing from Abortion

(To be recited after kissing an image of Jesus)
Jesus, I trust in you. May my kiss and your grace
convert, heal and reconcile to the Father
one soul wounded by abortion. Amen

Recite one Hail Mary

<http://www.kissofmercy.org>



THE ASSUMPTION AND QUEENSHIP OF MARY AND HER CHILDREN— THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

This Thursday, August 15th, we will honor Our Blessed Mother Mary's Assumption into Heaven with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, joining all the Angels and Saints in Heaven and The Holy Souls in Purgatory who "feel" their Mother with an ever greater increasing love. On Thursday, August 22, we will honor the Queenship of our Blessed Mother Mary as Queen of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all of us here in this world. Just as our Mother is queen of our hearts, the Holy Souls in Purgatory "feel" and understand in a more intimate and loving knowledge of Mary's love for them and their love for her. The Holy Souls are consoled with an ever greater joy and love for Mary, their Mother and Queen.

MOST HOLY MARY

MOTHER & QUEEN OF PURGATORY

Come join us as we pray the rosary for our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, **every Sunday at 3PM at St. John's cemetery.** Let us do what we can to get our brothers and sisters to Heaven to be with their mother and our mother.

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

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



St. Cecilia Parish's 2024 Annual Flea Market

St. Cecilia Parish has begun collecting donations for their upcoming Flea Market to be held September 13th, 14th, & 15th. **Drop off days are 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.**

AUGUST 11, 2024

CROSS ROADS

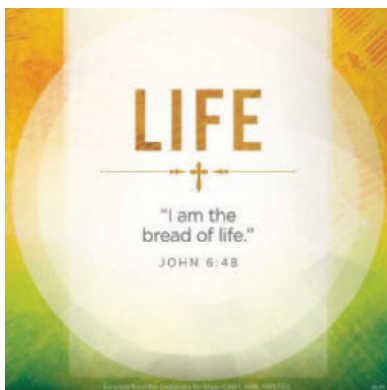
By Deacon Tony

**1 Kings 19: 4-8; Psalm 34: 2-9;
Ephesians 4: 30---5: 2; John 6: 41-51**

Last week we read about the journey of the Israelites through the desert, and their many challenges, hardships, and dangers. Today's first reading is about the journey of Elijah in the desert on his way to Horeb. But his journey was not an ordinary journey. Elijah was running for his life. Elijah had recently ordered the seizure of the prophets of the false god, Baal. Then Elijah slaughtered all of them by way of the sword. When Jezebel heard of this, she vowed to do the same to Elijah. After some time in the desert, Elijah found a place to rest, prayed to the Lord to take his life, and fell asleep. But the Lord provided a hearth cake and water, and the Angel of the LORD woke Elijah and ordered him to eat. The angel came a second time and ordered Elijah to eat and drink more. The Lord had provided Elijah with what he needed to be strong enough to finish his journey, to walk for forty days and forty nights to Mt. Horab, the mountain of the LORD.

Today's psalm speaks to the reality that if one seeks the Lord, he will help you. The Lord hears the cry of the afflicted and saves them from their distress and fear. He gives all of us the opportunity to taste and see how good the Lord is. Saint Paul reminds us in Ephesians, that to truly hear the Lord and His promptings we must imitate Him, who is love itself. We must not grieve the Spirit of the LORD with the malice that is part of our fallen nature. "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with malice." We must replace those traits with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness if we are to imitate our creator to whom we belong.

Likewise, in John's gospel the LORD, in the person of Jesus Christ, speaks of himself as "...the bread that came down from heaven." He told the murmuring crowd of his hometown, "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me...I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Listen to the LORD. Imitate the LORD. Compassionately love and help one another. We all have an arduous journey through what, in these times, is a dark and dangerous desert, often devoid of honor, truth, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. But the LORD hears our cries. When we follow **HIS WAY AND HIS WILL**, nourishes us, relieves us of our anxiety, distress and fears. Take refuge in **HIM** to whom we belong. He **will** guide us to eternity with him in heaven.



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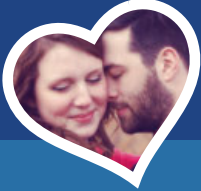
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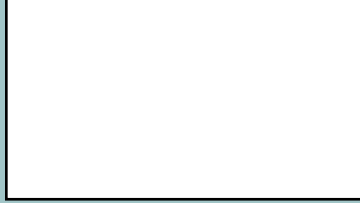
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