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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**

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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,  
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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." - Jn 6:53-55

Readings for NEXT Sunday, August 25, 2024:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32/ Jn 6:60-69

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 232 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Mark & Pinky Abiog (living intention)

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Faith Murray

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 AM George R. Carlino

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Michael Maher

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

6:30 PM Jim Browne

*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 THIS weekend  
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End.

### Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Monday, September 9, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

### Olive Wood Religious Items

After the Masses on the weekend of **September 7 & 8** there will be an opportunity to purchase religious items carved from olive wood in the Holy Land. The proceeds from the sale of these items will help support Christian families in the Holy Land.

### 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.**

### 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, August 24.**



## 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.

## 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.

## St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

From: "The Truth about Chemical Abortion with Elizabeth Gillette"

"There were so many occasions where I was saying things like, "I'm not sure. Can I come back?" "Can I make another appointment? I need to think." And every single one of those comments was met with coercion. It was, "You know this is the best thing for you!" "You're gonna walk out of here and feel so much relief!" "You're not ready for a baby!" "This is what's right for you!" "We know because you came to us!" And I was in that facility [Planned Parenthood] for over 45 minutes, crying, asking if I could go home, asking my boyfriend to take me home, and I was ultimately ushered into the doctor's private office, and she was starting to get angry, and she was hostile, saying she had patients behind me, and I need to hurry up and take this pill. And I did. I took the pill in order to leave and went home to finish the procedure alone in my bathroom." Transcribed from "Ep.115 The Truth Behind Chemical Abortion with Elizabeth Gillette" <https://washingtonstand.com/podcast/ep115-the-truth-behind-chemical-abortion-with-elizabeth-gillette> July 16, 2024

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

Last Thursday, August 15, we honored 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.

"Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way of life."

—Pope Saint John Paul II

This Thursday, August 22, we will honor the Queenship of our Blessed Mother Mary with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 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.

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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net)) for more information and Zoom link.



### 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](http://stceciliaparish.org). **Please do not drop items off outside the church or family center on days they are not collecting.**

### BAPTISMAL BLANKET MINISTRY

St. John's baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John's. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203.

**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Proverbs 9: 1-6; Psalm 34: 2-7;  
Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58**

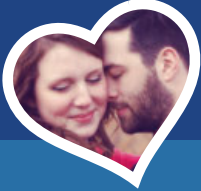
What is it that we seek? To paraphrase Saint Augustine, we are all restless until we rest in God. We all were created to enjoy the good things of this world properly, appropriately, and thankfully. But such things never seem to be enough. What never fails is communion with God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). The gift or grace of wisdom helps us to achieve that with the help of the Holy Spirit. Today's first reading portrays Wisdom as a force that sets out a banquet of food and drink for the soul. And Wisdom is available to all who seek truth, understanding, discernment, insight, good judgment, a rightly formed conscience, and all that is truly good. And Wisdom is available to all who forsake all foolishness, and all the vain and futile and fleeting pursuits of the ever-changing and dangerous world in which we live. In doing so we can be filled with the Holy Spirit and learn what is truly important, that is to learn and understand what the will of the Lord is for each of us. To do this we need to look to the LORD, the creator and provider of all that is good to be radiant with true joy. And to be freed from the fears and anxieties that hold us back.

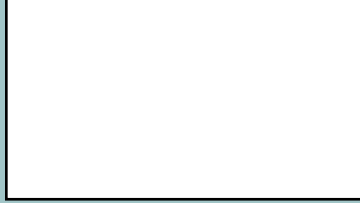
Saint Paul tells us that we must be wise in how we live. We should take every opportunity to imitate the Lord, to comfort and encourage others in their holy pursuits as they do their best to use the gifts that God gave them for the good of all. WE must read scripture to forsake whatever ignorance there is in and among us. Thank the Lord for everything. It is not easy. We nourish ourselves with bread and celebrate at times, in moderation, with wine. To paraphrase Saint Augustine, the gains of wheat needed to be crushed, watered, and be subjected to fire to become loaves; and the grapes needed to be crushed to produce the wine. I do not believe in coincidence, so I declare to you that it is no coincidence that Christ chose bread and wine to be the host of his entire being (body and blood, soul and divinity) as He would be crushed for our sake and the sake of all humanity! This is His way to remain with us physically in this world, and to nourish us with the Bread of Eternal Life. In doing this, as Christ is in the Father, and the Father is in Him, in the Eucharist we are nourished, and we are in Christ and He in us. Thus, we are in Communion with Him as He is with the Father. What a gift! Cherish it and live it!!



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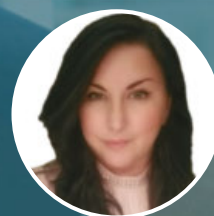
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