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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

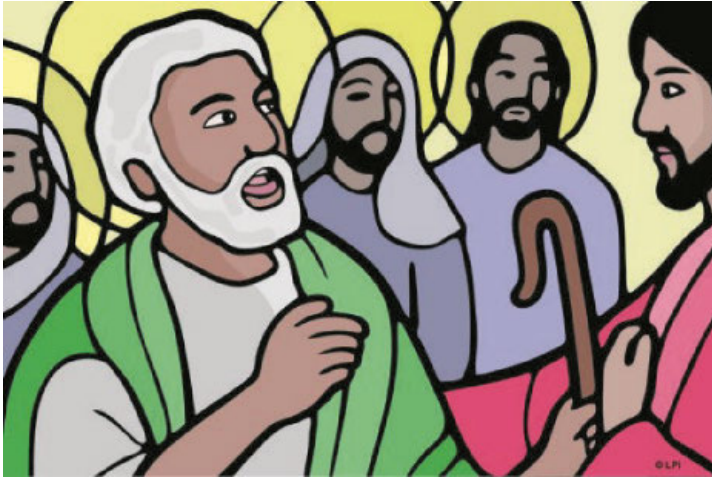
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Readings for NEXT Sunday, September 1, 2024:
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 234 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Craig Cox

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 AM Stephen Cole (living intention)
4:00 PM Helen Deiana

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Edward F. O'Leary, Jr.
6:30 PM Erica Richards

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

If your family (or parish ministry) would like to host a coffee hour on a Sunday after the 10AM Mass, please email Tim Keary at parishhallstjn@gmail.com or call 508-435-3313 x210.

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** a representative for over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles will be here at St. John's. Please stop by and look over the beautiful hand carved religious items, such as Nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, first supper, and many other beautiful religious statues, and help support this self help project to keep the children and the Christians living 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 31.



I. Michael Cronin & Emily Nugent



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

Elizabeth Gillette Speaks for Women in Crisis Pregnancies

"...And as a woman I felt responsible for his [her boyfriend's] feelings; I felt responsible for *his* future, and I felt in that moment that my baby, my child, if I chose life, would ruin *his* life, it would ruin *his* future because he so vehemently did not want me to carry that baby. And so I yielded to his needs rather than standing up for my own child, and that was the greatest mistake of my life because I didn't have the courage to say "yes" to God, to say "yes" to a baby, and I said "yes" to death instead." 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

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.



St. Cecilia Parish's 2024

Annual Flea Market

St. Cecilia Parish Family Center

54 Esty Street, Ashland

Friday, September 13, 9AM-4PM

Saturday, September 14, 9AM-4PM

Sunday, September 15, 9AM-3PM

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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.

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

REGISTER NOW

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on **Saturday, October 5**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, **Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks**. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

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CROSS ROADS

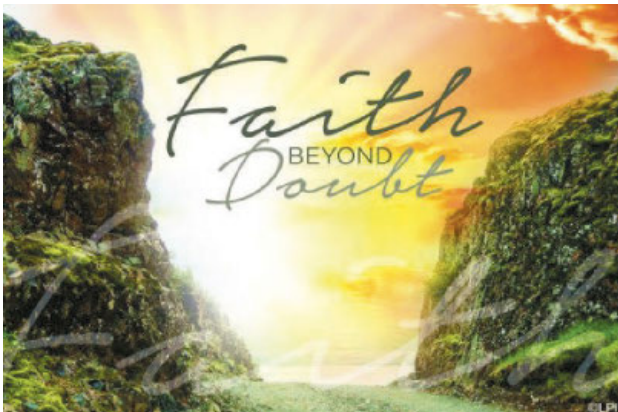
By Deacon Tony

**Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18; Psalm 34: 2-3, 16-21;
Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69**

I think that at some point in our lives we each have a personal moment of truth, a moment where circumstances and sometimes a person or persons challenge us to make a choice, perhaps a choice that can be life changing for good or for ill: to love or not to love, to give or to be selfish, to pay attention or to ignore, to believe or not to believe, choices which can affect our lives on this earth and in eternity. I think that such moments are what today's readings are about. In the first reading, Joshua challenges the tribes of Israel to decide **Now** as to whether they will keep their covenant with the LORD and serve Him, or serve the false gods of the Amorites, into whose land the Israelites had entered. The people decided to serve the LORD who delivered them from their slavery in Egypt, and who guided and protected them in their long and arduous journey.

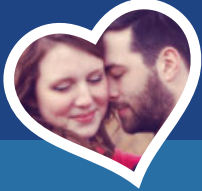
In today's gospel, Jesus continues his discourse on the Eucharistic Mystery, a challenge to many of the disciples who could not comprehend it, for nobody can come to Christ unless granted by the Father; that is, unless they receive and accept the gift of faith. Jesus boldly declared that whoever does not eat HIS flesh and drink HIS blood cannot have life within them. Jesus (Jeshua in Hebrew) **IS** the new Joshua and the new covenant to be sealed by HIS Sacrifice of Himself for all. It would depend on faith and many disciples left Him. When Jesus asked the Twelve whether they too would leave, it was their moment of truth. Peter spoke for them all: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to **believe** and are convinced that **You are** The Holy One of God."

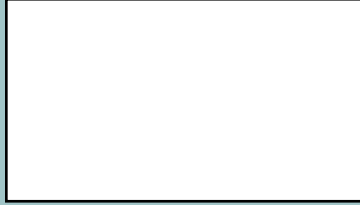
We too are challenged in our faith to persevere amid the sick and corrupt ideologies of this world and to some degree in our own country. The Lord did not destroy the Red Sea, but he did carve a path through it for the Israelites. We have challenges in this country, in the world and even in our families. The path carved out for us through our troubled waters is **faith and the Church**. Our families are a microcosm of the Church in a world trying to destroy the traditional family and the Church. Saint Paul suggests that families are called to love, respect, protect, cherish, heed one another, as Christ does for His Church! Challenges and difficulties abound. We must nourish our souls with the Bread and Blood of Eternal Life to persevere and to live in FAITH. The LORD hears us and is with us always!



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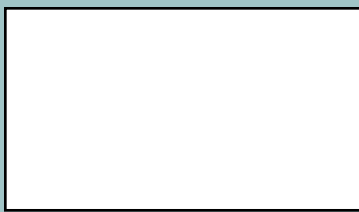
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