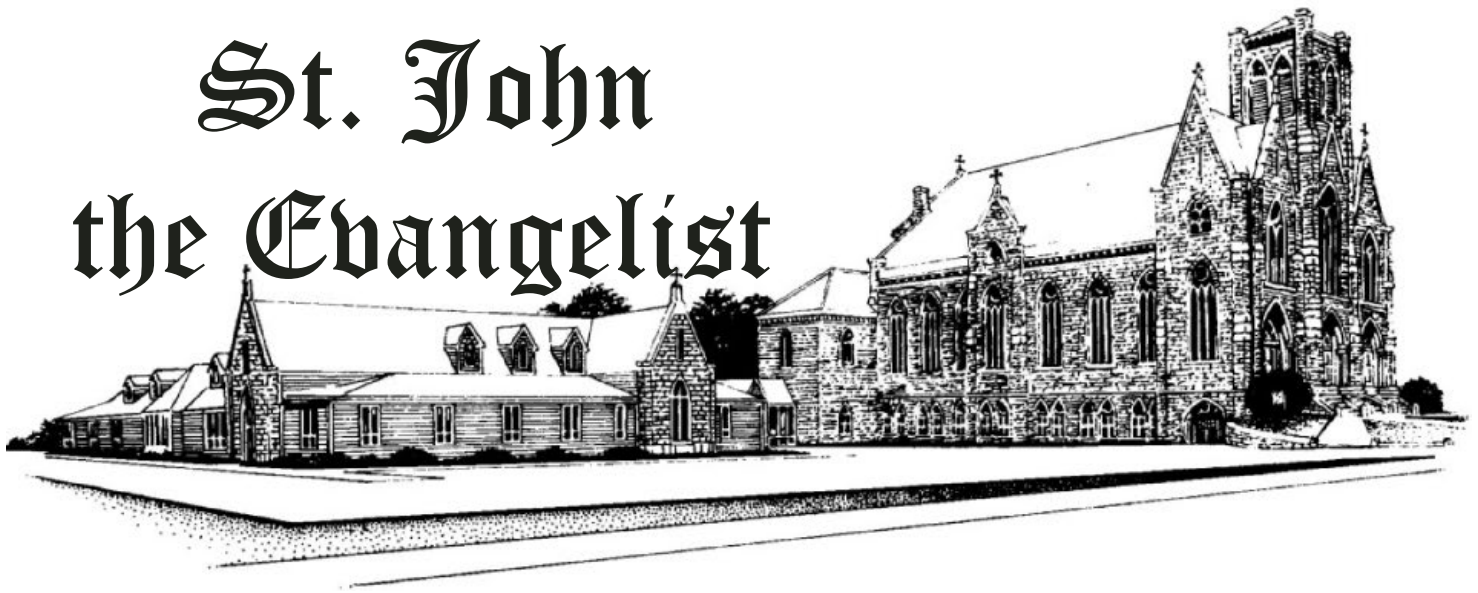


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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

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



**“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” - Mk 7:5b-6**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 8, 2024:  
*Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 237 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM Fr. Ian Dommerson

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM Tina Banson

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM Gilda Bajet

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM John Ahearn

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Jose Luis Lobon

6:30 PM John & Jean Strickland

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, September 7.**

*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](mailto: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 **NEXT** weekend 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.

### 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.**

### Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, September 6, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father; for our sins; the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

### First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, September 7 at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.



II. 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.

## 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.

## 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. 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](mailto:maryskniaz@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing

Are you or someone you know seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Fountains of Healing* one-day retreat (9AM-5PM). Fall dates are **Saturday, September 28 and Saturday, November 16**. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). **Pregnancy Help Free and Confidential Line: 617-782-5151** <http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org>

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## St. John's Rel. Ed. Online Sign-Ups For All Registered (Grades 1-10)

Our online Religious Education class sign-ups will take place on **Sunday, September 15, at 1PM and continue through Wednesday, September 18**. Families will receive a link in your email the week before. So please watch your emails. For grades 1-6, there will be some choices of day and time. For grades 7-10, there will not be a choice of day, but signing up will allow us to know who will participate this year so books, subscriptions and supplies can be ordered. Remember, this sign up is for those that have participated in the Rel .Ed. program last year, so if your child did not participate last year, and you plan on having them attend, please let us know so we can make them active in the system **Also, if your child will be attending our program for the very first time, you need to fill out a registration form that you can get from our website ([stjohnhopkinton.com](http://stjohnhopkinton.com)) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab All this needs to take place before the sign ups.**

**Religious Education classes will begin after Columbus Day. Grades 7 & 8 will begin on Tuesday Oct. 15. All other grades will begin the week of Oct. 20. Home schooling is an option for grades 1, 3-8 (which you will be able to sign up for during online sign ups). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x208 or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).**

## TEACHERS NEEDED

Parents, please! Please consider making a commitment to share your faith with our young people during this school year.

Grade 2 needs 1 teacher for Sun. 8:45-9:45 AM;

Grade 3 needs 1 teacher for Sun. 8:45-9:45 AM or Mon. 4:30-5:30PM;

Grade 5 needs 1 teacher for Sun. 8:45-9:45 AM or Mon. 4:30-5:30PM;

Grade 6 needs 1 teacher for Mon. (after school) 2:30-3:30;

Questions? Call the Rel. Ed. Office at 508-435-3313 x208 or email Debbie at [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

We pray all students will have a happy, healthy and blessed 2024-2025 school year.

## 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](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. **Seating is limited, register today!**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15: 2-5;  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

How do we know what is good and pleasing to the LORD? The LORD gave us the answer to that question when he gave us his commands through Moses. Those commands are the spiritual GPS leading us on our journey to eternal life with him. They are clear and precise commands, not mere suggestions. They are not subject to individual interpretation. As the LORD said to Moses “you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully...” When we conform ourselves to those commands, to the LORD’S will and his ways, we are protected from casuistry and sophistry, that is, the false reasoning and fallacies of what is largely an amoral world. Consequently, we are called to obey by taking the LORD’s commands to heart and living those commands, to be righteous, blameless, just, truthful, and kind toward each other.

The law of Moses, handed down from the LORD is the word of God. And the Word of God was made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. In fact, Christ **IS** the law of Moses! Today’s gospel emphasizes this in Christ’s debate with the Pharisees and scribes who put man-made traditions and precepts before the LORD’s: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me.” When we do not take the LORD’s commands to heart and in how we live, evil begins in the depth of our hearts, and in our concupiscence, our thoughts turn to things like unchastity, adultery, greed, malice and on and on; perhaps the most grievous being the killing of the unborn, the most innocent of human life.

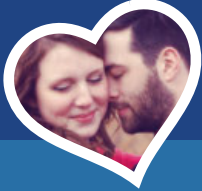
Who are today’s Pharisees and scribes? Most conspicuous to me are those who value government and human desires over morality, those who claim to be devout Catholics but do not respect life and who conspicuously and unrepentantly reject what the Church teaches regarding faith and morals. Individuals and entire societies need a change of heart. That cannot happen unless we take the LORD’s commands to heart, turn to the LORD in prayer, and humbly ask that He send the Holy Spirit to help us to conform to the LORD’S will and the LORD’S ways, the only path to holiness, joy, peace, and eternal life with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

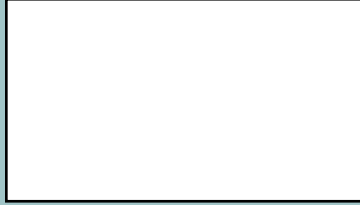
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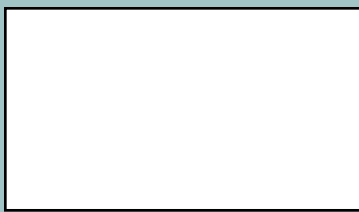
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