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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.

### **PASTOR**

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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



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 13, 2024:  
 Wis 7:7-11/ Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/  
 Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-27

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 248 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 AM Mary Burdick  
 10:00 AM Donna Pomeroy  
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Rosario Reyes

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM In thanksgiving for Fr. Abraham

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM Patrick John Fitzgerald

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM Bruce Burdick

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 AM Kevin Beavers & family (living int.)  
 4:00 PM Erica Richards

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Thomas Brock  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 6:30 PM Celeste Morningstar

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Tuesday and 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, October 12.**

Join Us For Coffee,  
 Donuts and Conversation

### COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

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



### Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited THIS Sunday, October 6, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Coffee and donuts will be served for this joyful occasion. We hope you will join us!

### Welcome Brother John Kim

Please give a warm welcome to Brother John Kim from St. Joseph's Abbey, currently studying at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. We are very glad to have him with us for this coming year.

### Altar Server Training

All young people, in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older, who would like to be altar servers, are invited to attend an instruction **NEXT Sunday, October 13**, after the 10AM Mass, at **11:15AM** in the upper church. The instruction will last about 1 hour.



### 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parishioners are reminded that parents or caregivers need to accompany small children to the restroom to ensure their safety and hygiene. Their reassuring presence provides support and supervision to address any issues that may arise while the child is alone.



## **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.

## **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

In union with "America Needs Fatima", the rosary will be prayed on the Hopkinton Town Common **THIS Saturday, October 12, at 12 Noon** to pray for: reparations; sanctity of life; the safeguarding of marriage and family life; and the healing of our nation. We hope you will join us!

## **THE ROSARY—LADDER TO HEAVEN AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

October is the month of the rosary. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the rosary is one of the most powerful means of helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The reason the rosary is so powerful to obtain relief for the Holy Souls is because of the indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479) attached to these prayers. Can you refuse this heartfelt devotion? Pray the rosary from the heart.

**Dearest Mother and Queen of Purgatory, obtain relief and consolation for your children.**

**"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."**

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy #1738  
**O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.**

## **JOIN ST. JOHN'S CHOIR**

Come sing with the choir for Christmas and all the events leading up to it. No experience or prior knowledge is necessary. We are looking for people who love to sing and are willing to lift their voices to the glory of God. We will be learning some traditional choral anthems and hymns of the church. **Rehearsals will begin the first Sunday in October and take place in the choir loft on Sundays from 9:05AM to 9:45AM.** We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please contact Berni Nadeau at [momandberni@gmail.com](mailto:momandberni@gmail.com).

## **FORMED Subscription**

As of November 12, St. John's will no longer have a parish subscription to FORMED. If you would like to sign up for an individual subscription, visit [Formed.org](http://Formed.org).

## **St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative**

"Students for Life of America (SFLA)'s video campaign 'Almost Aborted' has reached 18.5 million Americans since it was launched in June. SFLA's press specialist and online editor Jordan Estabrook  told  Pregnancy Help News that the campaign was a direct response to the \$200 million pro-choice advertisement campaign. The Almost Abortion campaign featured 'poignant first-hand accounts of individuals who have narrowly avoided the devastation of abortion, and one, sadly, who did not,' Pregnancy Help News reports". Don't miss Vanessa's uplifting story at <https://www.youtube.com/user/studentsforlife>.

## **Religious Education Classes**

Religious Education Classes will begin after Columbus Day. **All grades will begin the week of October 20.**

Sunday classes for grades 1-6 will begin on October 20 from 8:45AM-9:45AM;

Monday classes for grade 6 will begin on October 21 from 2:45PM-3:45PM;

Monday classes for grades 1-4 will begin on October 21 from 4:30PM-5:30PM;

Tuesday classes for Grade 2 will begin on October 22 from 4:30PM-5:30PM;

Grade 2 parent meetings will take place during the first class on opening week;

Grade 10 will begin on Sunday, October 20, with students only from 5:15PM-6:20PM followed by Mass at 6:30PM;

Grade 9 will begin on Monday, October 21, with a parent and student meeting from 7-8PM;

Grades 7 & 8 will begin on Tuesday, October 22, with students only from 6:30PM-7:30PM.

Emails will go out to parents with lots of information for all grades so please check your emails.

**If you signed up to home-school your own child**, Grades 1 & 3-8, you may pick up your book on any of the following days/times: Sunday, November 3, 9AM-11:30AM; Monday, November 4, 9:30AM-4PM; Tuesday, November 5, 9:30AM-2PM; Wednesday, November 6, 9:30AM-4 PM

We will send a reminder via email to those that signed up to home-school. Tuition can be paid by going to the parish website and clicking on online giving, scroll down to Events, click on Religious Education. Please note: tuition should be paid upon attending class or picking up home school books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

## **Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council #4822 Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money to help intellectually challenged individuals worldwide. The Knights will be outside after all Masses **NEXT WEEKEND, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>h</sup>**, collecting spare change to support this worthy cause. Please consider sparing what you can to support their mission. Thank you in advance for your donations which will help us serve those with intellectual & physical disabilities. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman ([joaltman@verizon.net](mailto:joaltman@verizon.net)) or 508-380-0163) or visit [www.bishopricekoc.org/join](http://www.bishopricekoc.org/join).

## **Looking for a Christmas Gift?**

Fleece jackets with the St. John's emblem will be available to order for the next two weeks only. Full-zip jackets are \$50 and half-zip jackets are \$35. They must be paid for when you place your order (check or cash). Place an order after Mass on the weekends of **October 12 & 13 and October 19 & 20**.

**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

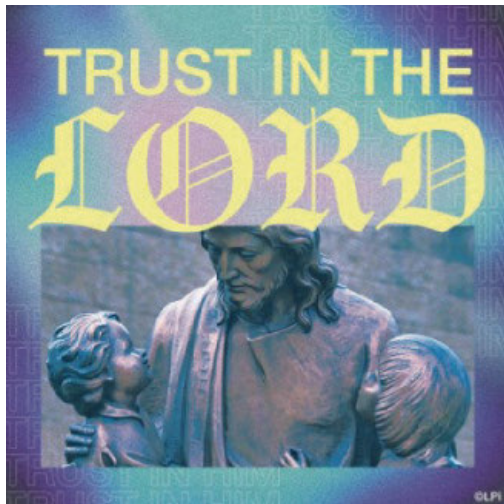
**Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 128: 1-6;**

**Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16**

The Church teaches that “Conjugal love lived in fidelity to God’s original plan is to be one of the principal manifestations of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus.” Genesis tells us: “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.” Also, Genesis tells us that after creating the man, Adam, God saw that it was not right for the man to be alone. God created every manner of other animals which Adam named, but none were fit to be a partner. So, God created the woman, Eve, out of Adam’s rib, so that while different, they were intimately related, and they were compatible, because their differences as individuals complimented one another, that human life might go on through them, and that they might be given a share in the process of creation.

Today’s psalm proclaims that the man who fears the Lord (that is, has an overwhelming awestruck respect for the Lord) would be blessed with a family like a wondrous human garden. But as we know, there was the FALL, which would require a Savior, and the sacrificial love of God among us in the person of Jesus Christ, the suffering servant who, in his divinity and humanity suffered along with humanity for humanity’s redemption. Conjugal love is meant to emulate the sacrificial love demonstrated by the Christ, to put the needs of the beloved before oneself. Through Christ’s sacrifice, humanity was given another chance to carry out God’s original plan, but this time as brothers and sisters of Christ through our baptisms, and as children of the same Father.

In much of today’s chaotic world, the values mentioned above are considered foolish. Individuality rather than sacramental and sacrificial union seems to rule; but it will never conquer God’s original plan. But how do we live as righteous, upright couples and parents, in such an upside-down world? We do so by praying, especially praying together, by doing our best to live as God expects of us to live, and by realizing that even as couples we cannot do it alone. In our relatively flawed human ways, we can only do our best and let God help with the results. Patience with ourselves and with each other is essential. When we fall short, pray! Get back up! Ask, and The Lord will help!!





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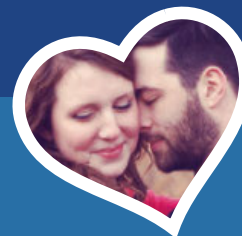
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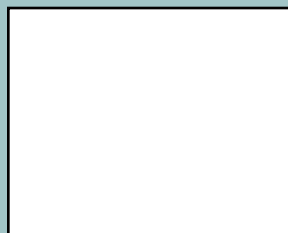


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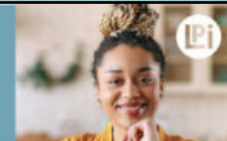
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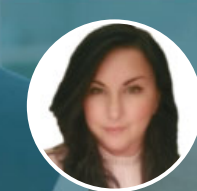
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