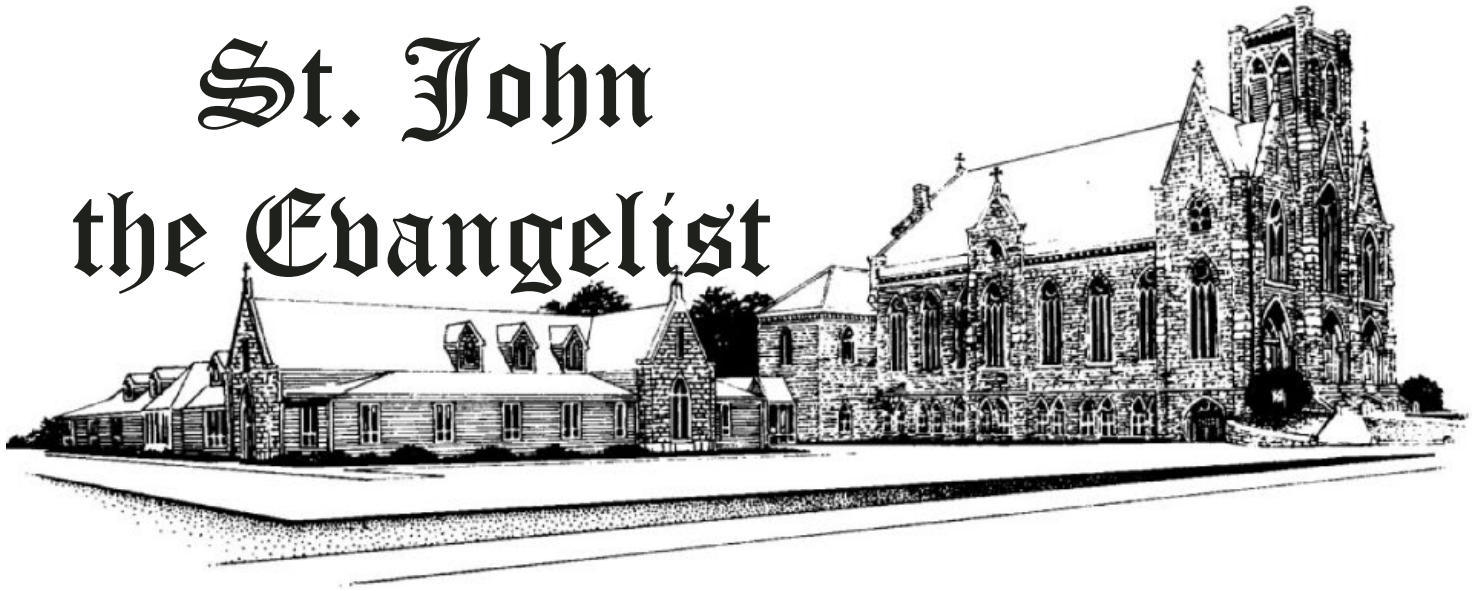


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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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
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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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 him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 3, 2024:
Dt 6:2-6/ Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 255 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00 PM Mark McNamara

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Max and David Aaronson (living int.)

6:30 PM Special intention

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM For an increased devotion to the Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM Tina Banson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 AM Hector Dominguez

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM Deceased parishioners of St. John's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

9:00 AM Grade 1 parent meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1-4

4:45 PM Grade 1 parent meeting

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:15 PM Grade 10 (and 6:30 PM Mass)

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THIS Friday, November 1, is **All Saints Day**. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on November 1st or on the evening of October 31st. At St. John's we will have Masses at **4PM THIS Thursday, October 31** and at **9AM and 7PM on THIS Friday, November 1**.

Congratulations Brother Kim!

Brother John Kim was ordained a Deacon by Bishop McManus at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer on October 24. Please keep Deacon John Kim in your prayers.

Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Monday, November 18, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is holding special classes for adult Catholic faith formation. This catechetical instruction will be offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **Classes will begin Tuesday, November 5 at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

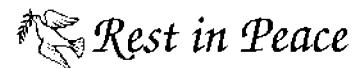
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, November 2 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.

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, November 2**.



Fr. Jack Sullivan
Mary Connelly
Margaret Rose Keim Shamus

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.



Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes have gotten off to a great start. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. A huge thank you to all our Catechists for giving of their time, talent and sharing their faith with our youth.

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.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Food cards will be given out for meals. Food card donations in increments of \$50 are greatly appreciated. Last year we helped over 30 families with the help of your generous donations. You can leave or mail the gift cards to the parish office. Gift cards for gas, Walmart and Target, and cash donations are also appreciated. If you are interested in playing Santa to a Hopkinton family please reach out to Colleen at 508-497-9144. As always, thank you for your past, ongoing and future support.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"In a national study over 60% of women who had abortions report high level of external pressure to abort from one or more sources, and those same women report higher levels of subsequent mental health and quality of life issues, according to a new Lozier Institute peer-reviewed study published in the *Cureus* medical journal.

David Reardon, Ph.D. lead author of the study published in Feb. 2023, points out: "Abortion clinics cannot claim to be pro-woman while at the same time allowing the majority of their clients to be pressured into unwanted abortions...In a country torn by political debate over abortion, surely these findings underscore one point on which we should all be able to agree. **No woman should ever feel pressured into accepting an unwanted abortion.** Clearly, abortion clinics need to provide better pre-abortion screening and counseling..." The full study is accessible via the peer-reviewed library at Lozierinstitute.org.

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

What is Purgatory?

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

--Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030, 1031

How do we know Purgatory exists?

The existence of Purgatory follows two facts; our imperfection on earth and our perfection in Heaven. Rev. 21:27, Mt 5:8

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then one would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God?"

--Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Who are the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

Most of us who die in the grace of God as His friends, but still imperfect and require a "purification" before entering Heaven. These Holy Souls want to go to Purgatory for that purification. They are called holy because they are not yet perfect, they are on the way to Heaven.

Why do the Holy Souls need our Help?

The Church teaches that the Holy Souls in Purgatory cannot help or pray for themselves. Only the prayers, sacrifices and sufferings of the living can bring relief and consolation in attaining their eternal reward.

What can we do to help the Holy Souls?

The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self-denials, and suffering. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works or mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

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

--Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

Love should not die at death

NEVER TOO LATE

For God is all present: for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive 'too late' since God by His very nature knows no before and after. **Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.**—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author

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OCTOBER 27, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 126: 1-6;
Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52**

Today's first reading from Jeremiah, and today's psalm proclaim the restoration of Israel, the release of the remnants of its people from captivity, and their return to their land. That restoration would be fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ who freed the remnant of Israel and all humanity from captivity to sin. **HE** is our guide, and our consolation. In his letter to the Hebrews, Saint Paul proclaims Jesus to be our High Priest, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Christ remains so to this day in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Eucharist. He remains our guide through the Holy Gospels, and in the Sacrament of Penance. When we turn to Him, and when we call Him, He always hears us and blesses us with what we want and need, even though we may not always fully grasp what we need and want at our deepest levels.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho and were being followed by a sizable crowd. Bartimaeus, a blind man was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus passing by, he repeatedly shouted, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and told followers to call Bartimaeus to him. Some in the crowd would bring Bartimaeus to Jesus saying, "**Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.**" Bartimaeus went to Jesus. And Jesus asked a question, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Master, I want to see." One commentator suggests that Bartimaeus wanted to see more than his surroundings: he wanted to see reality and truth. Bartimaeus had never seen Jesus; and how did he know to call Jesus "**Son of David?**" Christ's reply was, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus immediately could see, not only his surroundings, but the face of the Anointed One of God. Bartimaeus' way would be to follow Jesus. The ORDO states that this miracle "witnesses to the inauguration of the kingdom."

What is **our** answer to Christ's question? Sometimes we can be blinded by the worries and distractions of this world; and even by our own willfulness to seek consolation elsewhere. The answer is imbedded in a quote from Saint Augustine of Hippo: "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in HIM." Let us ask to **SEE** and **FOLLOW** the way to **HIM**. And let us all **help each other to see and to follow!**

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used coats through the end of December. There will be a container in the vestibule of the church where you can place your coats. These coats will be dry cleaned and repaired if necessary and given to individuals in need of a warm coat this winter. You are encouraged to drop off your donated coats early so the Knights can get these coats to individuals who are in most need of a coat as early in the winter as possible. Thank you for your support of this important cause. Should you have any questions please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or joealtman@verizon.net.



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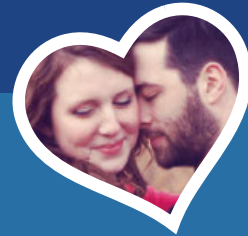
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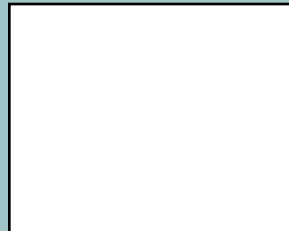


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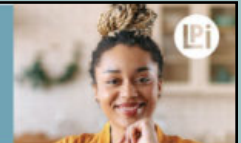
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