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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



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with

understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

Readings for NEXT Sunday, November 10, 2024:
1Kgs 17:10-16/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:41-44

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 260 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM Deceased members of the Ruccia Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM Jeffrey Cole (living intention)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM Maria Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM Dominic, Mary & Donna Sicuso
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
6:30 PM Lila Miles



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10—NO CLASSES

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

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.

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 THIS Tuesday, November 5 at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

Grand Annual Collection

Our 2024 Grand Annual Collection is underway. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, and would like to contribute, there are envelopes at the back of the church or you can put your contribution marked "Grand Annual" in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of St. John's! It is very, very much appreciated!

Congratulations Deacon John 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.

Altar Server Training

All young people, in 4th grade and older, who would like to be altar servers, are invited to attend an instruction on **Sunday, November 17, after the 10AM Mass, at 11:15AM** in the upper church. The instruction will last about 1 hour.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

A Guide for Voters: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: The U.S.

Bishops' Reflection on Catholic Teaching and Political Life." uscbb.org 2023

"The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." *Introduction*

"Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed." *Chapters 27-28*

"...after careful deliberation, [the voter] may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods." Chapter 36



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.

WALK WITH ME

My Jesus, my friend, walk with me today. Hand in hand, guide me to learn and to know what is good. Arm in arm, help me to grow in my faith and in love for others. Side by side, stay by me to protect me and show me Your ways. Heart to heart, help me to pray...and to be all that You want me to be. Thank you, Jesus, for the special love You have for me. Amen.



Advent Wreath Making Workshop

December 1, 2024

Come anytime between **1PM-3PM**
St. John's Parish Hall

Create Your Own Fresh Advent Wreath

All materials provided,
including assorted fresh greens and candles.
Please bring your own clippers if you have them.
\$30 per wreath, payable by cash or check, at the door.
Refreshments will be served.

To reserve your wreath
please **RSVP by Monday, November 25th** to Jackie Condon
(Jacquelyn.Condon@Bain.com or 617-794-3161)

**We order wreaths based on number reserved, so please reserve yours today!*

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

NOVEMBER: Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is traditionally given over to prayers and fasting for the holy souls. The most powerful form of prayer for the souls in purgatory is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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 the final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.”—Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030-1031

What is All Souls Day?

All Souls Day is a special day of prayer, fasting and sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who have gone before us “marked with the sign of faith.”

What does the church teach about Purgatory?

1. There is a Purgatory
2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace; and are sure of their eternal salvation.
3. They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. **Rev. 21:27; MT. 5:8**
4. The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Lord said to me “**Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there.**” O My Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.

—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina #1738

What is Jesus’ “Treasure of Mercy”? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this Treasury!

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

“Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church’s teaching on Purgatory.”

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death

Love Lasts Forever

“Praying for one’s departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget them; they do not stop needing my love.”

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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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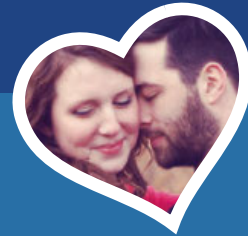
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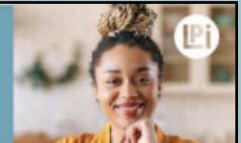
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