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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



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 17, 2024:
Dn 12:1-3/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 262 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM All veterans, living and deceased

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Pam Duffy (living birthday)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 AM Thomas Brock

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM Helen & Larry Amsden

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 AM Melissa Jubane

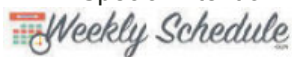
4:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Matthew O'Leary

6:30 PM Special Intention



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11—NO CLASSES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

5:15 PM Grade 10 (and 6:30 PM 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 16.

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

Altar Server Training

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

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.

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!

A Note From Deacon John Kim

With the prayers of many who know me and by the grace of God, I was ordained a deacon on October 24th at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, with Bishop Robert Joseph McManus of the Diocese of Worcester presiding.

The youthful passion I held in my twenties, when I first aspired to become a priest, has been purified and refined by God's grace over a long and winding journey. Now, after 30 years, I am blessed to serve at the Lord's altar in this new role as a deacon.

Were it not for the prayers of the sisters, priests, my family, and countless others who have supported me through many trials, I might not be here today. As I lay prostrate in surrender to God during the Litany at my ordination, I deeply felt the grace and providence of the Virgin Mary and Jesus guiding my life. Reflecting on such grace and the many who have prayed for me, I am resolved to live as a more humble monk.

From the earliest days of the Church, the diaconate has been a role of service, and I now feel a profound gratitude and joy in being able to serve at St. John the Evangelist parish as a deacon. St. John, my patron saint, holds a special place in my heart. Known as the humble disciple of Jesus and the apostle of love, his Gospel and Epistles overflow with devotion to our Lord, Jesus Christ. In following his example, I hope to become a deacon who not only partakes in the grace of the Lord's altar and the administration of His sacraments but also serves the community of St. John the Evangelist Parish with humility and love.

I sincerely extend my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers.

In Christ,

Br. John Kim, OCSO

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

“Every child is a gift from God and every pregnant woman needs to be told how loved she is.”

Many years ago, I was told a story by Judie Brown of American Life League about the day her daughter told her she was pregnant. Judie told us the first words out of every parent’s mouth should be, “I love you.” I learned this lesson when my daughter was still a baby herself and never really imagined I would have to put this into practice with her. Nineteen years later that is exactly what I had to do, and I thank God for those wise words Judie taught me so many years ago. When my daughter told me she was pregnant I was filled with joy knowing that I was now a grandfather. The following week I drove her to our local pregnancy resource center, where I was recognized immediately for my pro-life work. We were loved, welcomed and never once judged in the least. The day after Christmas I met my daughter at the doctor’s office where we found out she was having a little girl. That little girl is now five years old. While I have spent 35 years calling for an end to child killing, I know I must also call for us to show love and mercy to all and teach the world how to embrace the gift of life and reject the lies that lead so many to abortion.

Bryan Kemper is Street Activism Coordinator for Priests for Life and the founder of its youth outreach, Stand True. He is the author of Pro-life is the New Punk Rock. This article is a Pregnancy Help News original.



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.

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

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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.

REMINDER: 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.

PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE

The Thought of Heaven and the Joys of Purgatory

What are the joys of the holy souls in Purgatory?

1. The certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace.
2. The holy souls can never again sin and distance themselves from God but can only draw closer to Divine Love.
3. The holy souls know they are in conformity to God’s will and being made perfectly holy (Mt. 5:48) **to love and be loved.**
4. The holy souls will be God’s guests of tomorrow. (2Peter 1:3-4).

“There is no joy save that in Paradise to be compared to the joy of the souls in Purgatory.”

—Saint Catherine of Genoa

“Saved! **What joy there is in the word.** And this is indeed the song of Purgatory. Saved! The soul has passed through the troubled waters of life, has been buffeted by the winds and waves of passion and temptation, and now it knows the great calm of being safely in port.”

—Archbishop Jean-Arthur Challet

Love should not die at death

GRACES BEYOND BELIEF

At every Holy Mass, we enter into the timeless reality of the perfect and acceptable sacrifice of Christ to the Father for our sake. And from that sacrifice, immeasurable graces flow for all people and especially for those for whom the Mass is being offered. This is particularly the case for the faithful departed who may be undergoing purification in Purgatory to **prepare them for the joy of Heaven**. We can offer the Holy Souls no better comfort and solace than to attend a Mass for them, or have Masses said for them.

—Holy Souls Crusade

Global Mission Apostolate

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we were able to send off a check to Fr. Henault in the amount of \$10,000 for his work at the St. Damien Clinic for Hansen’s Disease in Gonaives, Haiti. A sincere THANK YOU to all who helped make this possible. The civil unrest and gang violence in Haiti is ongoing so please keep Fr. Henault and all the Haitian people in your prayers.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**1 Kings 17: 10-16; Psalm 146: 7-10;
Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44**

Today's readings emphasize the importance of having firm faith and trust in the LORD OUR GOD; because we are not in charge of the events that can challenge our confidence and even our lives. Such things can cause anxiety and fear, but they need not. Two widowed women: the widow in Zarephath (in the first reading) and the widow donating a couple of pennies into the treasury (in today's Gospel, who Jesus took note of), were generous, even in their own poverty and need. They demonstrated an attitude of sacrificial love, doing good works for others to glorify God, with undaunted faith and trust in Him.

The first woman was asked to bring food and water to Elijah, even though she had very little oil and flour left, and was about to make what she thought would be the last meal for herself and her son. Elijah told her not to be afraid because the Lord promised that her jar of flour and her jar of oil would not run dry. She trusted in the Lord, tended to Elijah, and she was able to feed herself and her son for a year. The widow in today's gospel similarly had little to give, but what she gave was all she had to live on. However worried or anxious each might have been, their trust and faith in the Lord overcame those feelings.

By contrast, in today's gospel Jesus warned against the scribes. Whatever the scribes donated was from their excess. They cherished their distinctive flowing robes, their places of honor, their power, position, and perceived "legacy" (a word that is used all too often these days). Whatever good they did was for show, to be noticed, to be honored and revered by other men. Yet God Himself became poor for us in the person of Jesus Christ. We are not in control of unexpected events. The Lord is just and provides us with what we need. The Lord gives us courage, consoles and raises us when we are burdened. We need only to do our best to do good works and be generous for the right reasons, with humility, for the glory of God. One need not be anxious about the results or the aftermath. When we give ourselves and our good works over to the Lord (who **IS** the one in charge) in faith and trust, we need not be anxious, worried, or afraid. Lesson: "Let go and let God." As for legacy (the esteem of other humans), it is futile. The only true legacy is what the Lord sees in us when we pass, because it is the only legacy that counts and lasts forever!

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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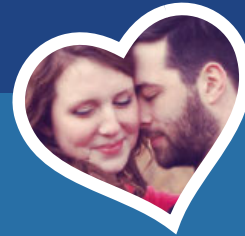
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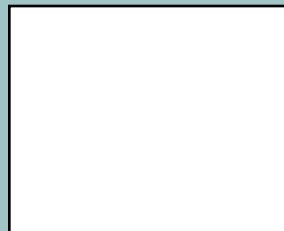


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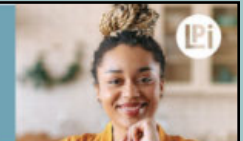
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