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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**

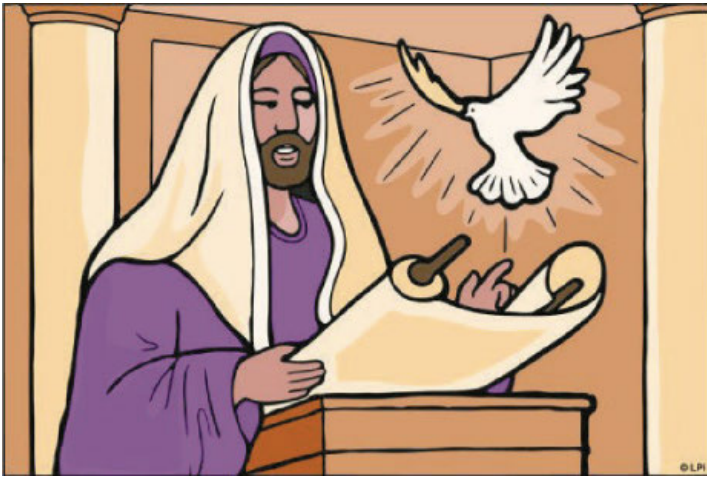
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### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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: 508-435-3313x27



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.- Lk 4:18**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 2, 2025:  
*Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-32*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 92 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

4:00 PM Albert & Jeannette St. Jean

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Reverend Andy Remillard  
 6:30 PM Carol Canestrari

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM Robert St. Jean (living intention)

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 AM Special Intention

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM Phyllis Moroney

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM Antonio Banson

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 4:00 PM Josephine DesChamps

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Special Intention  
 6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

### This Week

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 26—NO CLASSES

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:45 AM Grades 1-6  
 & Grade 2 parent meeting  
 5:15 PM Grade 10

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**THIS Saturday, February 1**

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.



### BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

We will offer a Blessing of Throats **NEXT weekend** after all the Masses for those who would like to participate.

### 2024 Giving Statements

Tax time is here. If you are in the envelope system and would like a donation statement for the year, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313 or send an email to stjohshopkinton@verizon.net. If you give electronically, please log into your account and go to your giving profile to get the statement or contact the office for assistance.

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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: During Mass,** 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.

### First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, February 1 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.*

*Rest in Peace*

Ernest Musa



## 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.

### 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.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners that helped to provide a Merry Christmas for those in need. Ten Hopkinton families received gifts and goodies from Santa's helpers (parishioners) and 31 families received food gift cards. We appreciate your holiday donations and welcome donations during the year as well. Feel free to use the envelopes in the back of the church with the beautiful new donation boxes that have been added there or mail your donations to the parish office. Thank you again for your continued support and please keep us and our neighbors in need in your prayers.

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

**May Every Human Life Be Protected in Law  
And Welcomed in Love—USCCB**

Join us in a **Holy Hour for Life** on **Friday, January 31st**, at 7PM in the lower chapel. Fr. Cannon will preside.

### DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with undergarments and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.



## Religious Education Classes

### REMINDERS:

**Grades 1-6** classes resume week of February 2, 2025

**Grade 2** parent meeting 8:45AM Sunday, February 2

**Grade 10** Sunday, February 2, 5:15PM

**Grade 9** Monday, February 3, 7-8PM

**Grades 7 & 8** Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-7:30PM

### CHESTERTON GALA

Chesterton Academy of the Immaculata, a new joyfully Catholic, classical high school is hosting their inaugural **Chesterton Gala** on **February 1, 2025, at 6PM** at the Boston Marriott Newton. This will be an unforgettable evening in support of Catholic education. It will feature a keynote address by Dr. Peter Kreeft and Prof. John Walker, of EWTN's Chesterton Station, as 'G.K. Chesterton'. The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner, speaking program, and silent auction. Tickets are \$150 per person. Learn more and purchase tickets, ads, and sponsorships at [chester-tonimmaculata.org/gala](http://chester-tonimmaculata.org/gala).

### Saint Bridget School

Saint Bridget School would like to invite your family to join us on **Sunday, January 26, from 10:30AM-12:30PM for our Open House**. We welcome all new students from Pre-school (2.9 years old) to Grade 8. We encourage your family to join us, tour our school, meet our teachers, and become acquainted with some of our SBS families. We hope to see you then!

### CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

Saul of Tarsus was an enemy of the Catholic Church. His hatred was so great that he was trying to destroy the church, entering house after house and dragging out men and women and handing them over for imprisonment. Saul was on his way to Damascus to find any man or woman who belonged to the Church, that he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains. **God had other plans.** On his journey, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to ground and heard a voice saying "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me" He said "Who are you sir?" The reply came "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do". God had chosen Saul (later his name will be changed to Paul) as his instrument to carry His name to all the Gentiles and to the People of Israel. The conversion of sinners **can** and **will** happen to our family, friends, those we work with and all people of the world. **Always pray for the conversion of sinners.** On Saturday, January 25, we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. Pray to Saint Paul for the conversion of your children back to the faith and the Church, the conversion of your friends, those you work with, and all our brothers and sisters in the world.

**Saint Paul, pray for the conversion of sinners**

**Mother Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us**

**JANUARY 26, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8-10, 15;  
1Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Today's readings give us insight into the value of God's laws and precepts, and into who God is in the person of Jesus Christ. In the first reading, Ezra reads a scroll of Holy Scripture of the laws of the Lord from daybreak to midday to the assembly of the people. He interpreted it for the people so that they would better understand; and the people listened intently. Both Ezra and Nehemiah proclaimed that day as holy to the Lord (the Sabbath). Some of the people cried as they listened. The context of this event was that the people had been released by Cyrus the Great from fifty years of their Babylonian captivity. Their return was both joyous and sad as they returned to Jerusalem, a city in ruins, and where the temple of Solomon had been destroyed. Some cried when Holy Scripture was read. They were encouraged to look up to glorify and rejoice in the LORD for their strength.

Today's psalm reminds us that God's laws and precepts are perfect, trustworthy. They impart wisdom. They are clear and enlightening. They are true and they inspire awe, reverence and respect for the power and authority of the LORD. In today's gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth where he grew up and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He chose a scroll of Isaiah. Jesus was full of the Spirit, and he read and spoke with authority. The passage spoke of being anointed and sent to bring good tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, the oppressed going free and a year acceptable to the Lord. That passage is a reference to the Messiah. Then Jesus proclaimed that the passage had been fulfilled in their hearing. To those present that could only mean one thing: that Jesus was proclaiming that he is the Messiah. It was not well received by people. To them it was considered blasphemy. They had no faith. That day, their spiritual blindness persisted. And they would not be set free from their captivity to their own sinfulness and clinging to their own false ways and expectations.

In our own times there are many obstacles to seeing the way, the truth and the life in the person of Jesus Christ. The new Jerusalem is the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ of which each of us is an essential part, with our own unique gifts, talents, and roles bestowed on each of us by the Lord to carry on His work. Nevertheless, the obstacles, and opposition to the truth and to Faith in this dangerous and secular world can be daunting. As did the children of Israel upon their return from captivity, look up to glorify and rejoice in the LORD. He will give us what we need to be strong for him and for each other.

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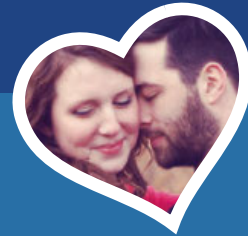
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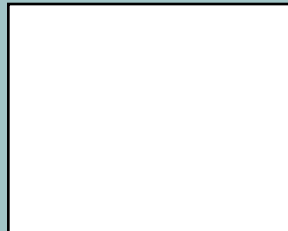


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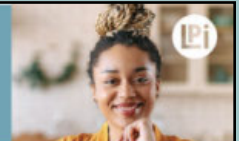
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