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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



“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” - Lk 2:29-32a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 9, 2025:
*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/
 1Cor 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 96 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM Deborah Wall (living birthday)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM Arthur DesChamps, Jr. (living)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 AM William M. Heavey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Mike Anzavino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Keith Regan

10:00 AM Hannah Vincent

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:45 AM Grades 1-6
& Grade 2 parent meeting

5:15 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1-4 (Gr. 2 parent meeting)

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5 (Gr. 2 parent meeting)

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

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 **THIS weekend** after all the Masses for those who would like to participate.

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.

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, February 7, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."—St. Mother Teresa

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

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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x20 or stjohshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

Monday Zoom Rosary

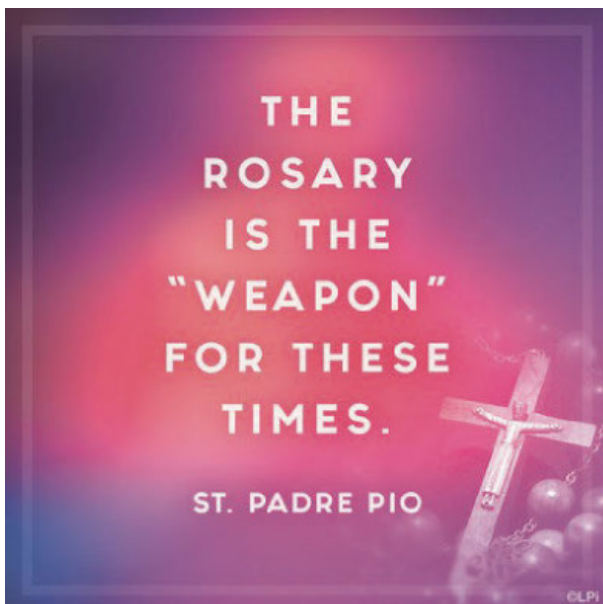
Monday evenings at 7PM. This 30 minutes once a week provides a quiet and reflective time. You also pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. Try it out. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Guy (deaconguy@verizon.net) for more information and Zoom link.

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.**

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out 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

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's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM** in the lower church area. All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 5, DCU Center, Worcester

Men of all ages are invited to hear inspiring talks from Fr. Donald Callaway, Retired US Navy SEAL Sam Blair, Dr. Edward Sri, and more. All day adoration. Priests available for confessions, and over 50 relevant vendors. Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus. Tickets and further information are available at www.catholicmenworc.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Problem Pregnancy most needed items for mothers:

Size 4 diapers, Size 3 diapers, white onesies size 0-3; hats size 0-3, socks 0-3, sleepers size 0-3. Baskets for donated items are in the vestibule of the church and on a table outside the secretary's office. Thank you!

Did you Know?

St. John's has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on site! It is located in the **lower Sacristy** in the main church on the east wall in a white box. Should a cardiac event occur, the unit will walk you through the steps for use. Do you know where the closest exit is in the event of a fire? Did you know a fire pull box is located in the narthex north-side (left when leaving) and the lower Sacristy next to the AED? Additionally, we have multiple pull boxes and extinguishers in the Parish Center. Take a moment to look around.

Thank you, The staff of St. Johns

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Presentation of the Lord

Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

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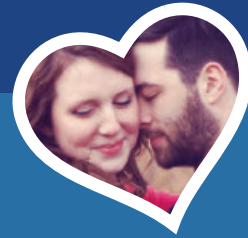
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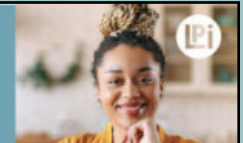
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