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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

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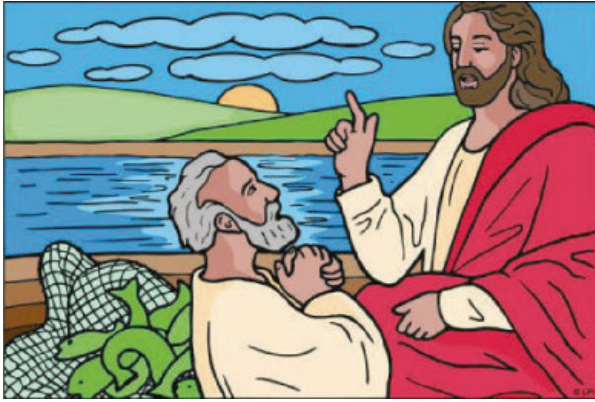
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

- Lk 5:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 16, 2025:

Jer 17:5-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/

1Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 98 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00 PM Mike Anzivino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Keith Regan

10:00 AM Hannah Vincent

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 AM Albert & Jeannette St. Jean

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 AM Antonio Pastor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM Carol Hurley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM The Beavers Family (living)

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Edmund & Carole Winslow

10:00 AM Henry P. Alessio

6:30 PM Special Intention

This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1-4

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16—NO CLASSES

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.

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you know St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection? Many parish families enjoy the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. Simply go to our website, www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the right side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x24. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

EVENING CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard on **Monday, February 24, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

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.

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

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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

**Bill Introduced to Defund Planned Parenthood,
January 23, 2025**

“Sen. Rand Paul’s bill to prohibit federal funding of Planned Parenthood represents a significant effort to enact President Trump’s stated agenda of reducing the role of the federal government on the issue of abortion. As long as taxpayers underwrite the nation’s largest abortion vendor, abortion is federal, said Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life.” For more information about the bill, go to <https://www.paul.senate.gov/dr-rand-paul-honors-2025-march-for-life-reintroduces-defund-planned-parenthood-act/>

Planned Parenthood received \$700 million through federal funding last year—a \$29 million increase. Last year Planned Parenthood ended the preborn lives of 392,715 babies—18,560 more babies than the year before. In recent years, Planned Parenthood has spent \$50 million to elect pro-abortion politicians. To sign a petition to defund Planned Parenthood go to: <https://act.studentsforlifeaction.com/petition-defund-planned-parenthood-banner/?src=hf&msgid=250122ogc4>

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.

MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) or the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date

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 Reminders

The Religious Education Office will be closed the week of February 16th.

Classes will resume:

Saturday, March 1: Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat, 11:30AM-5PM, St. John’s Parish Center

Sunday March 2: Grades 1-6 at 8:45 AM;
No Grade 10 class due to retreat on March 1

Monday, March 3: Grade 6 at 2:45 PM; Grades 1-4 at 4:30 PM; Grade 9 at 7PM

Tuesday, March 4: Grades 2 & 5 at 4:30 PM; Grades 7 & 8 at 6:30 PM

BAPTISMAL BLANKET MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed

St. John’s baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John’s. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20.

HOLY MARY-REFUGE OF SINNERS

-MOTHER KNOWS BEST- OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Saint Bernadette Soubirous beginning on February 11 and ending July 16, 1858. On the apparition of February 24, Mary asked Bernadette for **penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners.**

DIVINE MERCY AND THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS

God doesn’t want any of His wayward children to be lost, but truly rejoices when they repent of their sins, turn back to Him, and are saved. (Luke, Chapter 15)

I have come to call sinners, not the self-righteous.
Mark 2:17

HELP ME TO SAVE SOULS

The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is **always heard and answered.** Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1397

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138:1-5,7-8;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke: 5:1-11

In today's readings we hear words of humility, self-doubt, and finally commitment from three of the most famous, productive, and noteworthy of biblical characters: Isaiah, Saint Paul, and Simon Peter. In the first reading, Isaiah experiences a vision of Heaven, including "the Lord seated on high" and angels (Seraphim) stationed above and crying out "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." It was a frightening experience for Isaiah, who thought he was doomed because he thought of himself as "...a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips," an unworthy man who had seen the Lord. But one of the seraphim flew to Isaiah and purified him with an ember from the altar, thus removing Isaiah's wickedness, and purging Isaiah's sin. Then the Lord said, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered the call, saying "Hear I am... send me!

In 1 Corinthians, Saint Paul proclaims that he is the least of the apostles because he had persecuted the Church. Yet he acknowledges that by the grace of God he had been productive in preaching the gospel of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Luke's gospel Jesus preached from Simon Peter's boat. When he was finished, Jesus told Simon Peter to go out to deeper water for a catch. At first Simon Peter objected because he and his partners had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Nevertheless, Simon Peter obeyed Jesus, went out to deeper water, cast the nets and suddenly was inundated with more fish than he and his crew could handle, and he had to call for help from the boat of his partners. Back on shore, Simon Peter fell to his knees before Jesus saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus told Simon Peter "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Simon Peter along with James and John, answering the call, immediately left everything to follow Jesus.

Humanity, though made in the image and likeness of God, in our brokenness, can be a complicated lot. Sometimes we think too much of ourselves, and sometimes we can think too little of ourselves in our self-doubt. Sometimes we forget we can do nothing worthwhile without the grace of God. We can forget that the Lord sees our potential and knows us better than we know ourselves. It is the Lord who grants us strength from within. We all are unworthy, yet all are called to help continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Do not be afraid! Look up, praise the Lord, and say "here I am, send me." As St. Augustine wrote, "There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future."





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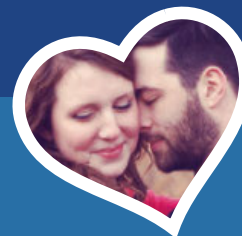
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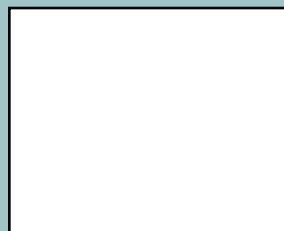


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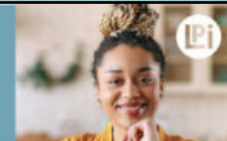
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