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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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“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” - Lk 6:38

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 2, 2025:  
 Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
 1Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 103 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:00 PM Mary Souza

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.  
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM Ernest Musa

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM For an increase in devotion to  
 The Holy Eucharist

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM John Ferry

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM For caregivers

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 4:00 PM For our Confirmation candidates

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM Barbara Brennan  
 10:00 AM Charles J. O'Hara, Jr.  
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

*This Week*

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23—NO CLASSES

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

11:15 AM Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

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

#### EVENING CONFESSIONS

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



#### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### *A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer*

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM	MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM	MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM	ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM	MASS & ASHES

#### 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.

#### First Saturday Devotion

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

#### 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.

*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.

## MAGNIFICAT

For those that would like their own pew missals to follow along with the readings, you may purchase a monthly subscription at [www.magnificat.org](http://www.magnificat.org).

## 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.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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## St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative **Survivor of Abortion Addresses March for Life Rally, January 24, 2025**

On behalf of the Abortion Survivor's Network, Josiah Presley, age 29, addressed tens of thousands at the March for Life Rally, Jan. 24th, 2025. Ethnically South Korean, Josiah is the survivor of a failed abortion at two months. Several months after the attempt to abort, his birth mother, realizing that her unborn baby was alive, carried him to term. Adopted from South Korea by an American family, Josiah, with one arm deformed by his failed abortion, was raised in the United States. This is how Josiah began his speech. "This journey has been a long journey. This journey has been a difficult journey, but this is the journey that God has placed on my life. And today I march to be a voice for those who are voiceless, like I was all those years ago. **I march because when I was unseen and devalued, my God had a different plan, and today we march to declare what our creator has already declared: that all human life is valuable because it is created in the image of God.**" For more information about Josiah, search for "Josiah Presley March for Life Speaker 2025" online.



## Religious Education Reminders

**Saturday, March 1:** Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat, 11:15AM-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

## St. John's Family Night Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Join us for a Family Night on **Friday, March 14 at 6PM in the Parish Hall.** Featuring: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle (30-min. animated story of St. Patrick), St. Patrick's shamrock foam project, and Irish music. Enjoy refreshments and watch our air-popper pop your popcorn! All are welcome!

## The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

For information on Eucharistic miracles, check out this website: [www.miracolieucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org) created by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

## 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 [parishhallstjn@gmail.com](mailto:parishhallstjn@gmail.com) or call 508-435-3313 x25.

## Baptismal Blanket Ministry

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.

## 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](http://www.catholicmenworc.com).

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**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;**

**Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38**

In today's reading from Samuel, King Saul along with three thousand men, was hunting his son, David. At night, David and Abishai were able to sneak into Saul's encampment where Saul and his army were sleeping. They found Saul with his spear close at hand. It was as if Saul had been delivered to David by the LORD. Abishai volunteered to kill King Saul. David said, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished." Further into the reading, David declares, "Only the LORD can strike him; either when the time comes for him to die, or when he goes out and perishes in battle." At a distant hilltop David shouted that he had Saul's spear and asked Saul to send an attendant to retrieve it, saying, "I would not harm the Lord's anointed."

The LORD's patience, kindness, and compassion are boundless, and available to those who are in awe of his power and mercy. He puts our transgressions far behind us. Saint Paul reminds us that Adam, the first man, was earthly. But Christ is the heavenly man. We bear the image of the earthly Adam because we are earthly; but through our Baptism, and by the grace of God, we also bear the image of Christ, the Heavenly Man.

Christ is God among us who we are to reflect. In today's gospel, he commands us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who mistreat us, to lend without expecting a return, to give to everyone. He commands us not to judge, that we might not be judged. In the end, we will be treated by the same measure we have treated others. I invite you to find the above-mentioned reading from Samuel in your bible, and to read all through it. In the touching dialogue between David and Saul, Saul admits that he was wrong, and invited David, to come home. It demonstrates that by the grace of God, love, forgiveness, mercy, and praying for those who mistreat us can be very disarming to both the forgiver and the aggressor. Recall, Christ forgave from the cross, and he taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."





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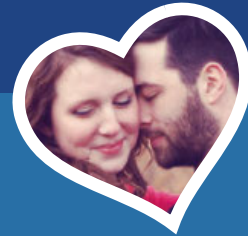
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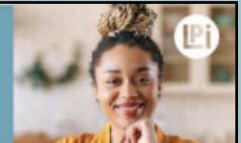
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