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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

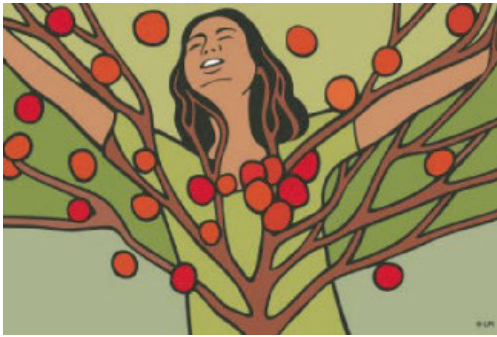
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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: 508-435-3313x27



“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” - Lk 6:43, 45

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Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 9, 2025:
Dt 26:4-10/ Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/
Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 106 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

- SATURDAY, MARCH 1**
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
- MONDAY, MARCH 3**
9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
- TUESDAY, MARCH 4**
9:00 AM Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**
9:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Parishioners of St John's
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- THURSDAY, MARCH 6**
9:00 AM Special Intention
- FRIDAY, MARCH 7**
9:00 AM Kinleigh Connelly
- SATURDAY, MARCH 8**
8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
4:00 PM Special Intention
- SUNDAY, MARCH 9**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Donald and Lorraine Ward
6:30 PM Charles Jandruie

This Week

- SUNDAY, MARCH 2**
8:45 AM Grades 1-6
- MONDAY, MARCH 3**
2:45 PM Grade 6
4:30 PM Grades 1-4
7:00 PM Grade 9
- TUESDAY, MARCH 4**
4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5
6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8
- SUNDAY, MARCH 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

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

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

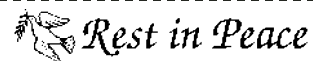
During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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.

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



Ginny Foster
Fr. Mark Noonan

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The way of the cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the cross to die on Calvary. The Church teaches that the souls in Purgatory undergo a process of purification that must include suffering. The holy souls in Purgatory now see more clearly the great pain Jesus suffered in shedding His Precious Blood for their forgiven sins by His death on the cross...(without the shedding of blood, there is no remission, Heb. 9:22). We help the holy souls in Purgatory receive much relief and consolation from the Precious Blood as we follow Jesus on the way of the cross. **After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the way of the cross gives the holy souls the greatest relief and consolation.**

HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND PURGATORY

**Knowing them...praying for them...
helping them get to Heaven!**

During the holy season of Lent, we can pray, fast and offer up sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. The holy souls need our help throughout the season of Lent. The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Diving Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

“Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there.”—Jesus’ words to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2025 CAMPAIGN March 5-April 13

Prayer & Fasting *Community Outreach* Public Vigil
“Lent begins in two weeks as does the 40 Days for Life 2025 Spring Campaign which runs from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Once again, we have an opportunity to show our community, through peaceful vigil and prayer, that the murder of unborn human life is not acceptable in a civil society and that abortion is not healthcare but it is an abomination to our Creator.” You can schedule your vigil times by going to 40daysforlife.com/worcester.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Are you or someone you know seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to The Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Spring dates are **Saturday, March 15 and Saturday, May 10**. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at help@projectracheloston.com or 508-651-3100.

Religious Education Reminders

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!

Jubilee Rosary at the Fatima Shrine

Led by Fr. Sullivan: Saturday, March 8, at 6PM

The Knights of Columbus of Ashland and Hopkinton are sponsoring a Jubilee Rosary at the Fatima Shrine (101 Summer St., Holliston) on the first Saturday of Lent, March 8, at 6PM. Fr. Tom Sullivan (pastor of St. Cecilia’s) will lead us in prayer. This Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, the Archdiocese of Boston has designated the Fatima Shrine as a pilgrimage site. By visiting the shrine, we can win indulgences for ourselves and for the holy souls in purgatory. Come and pray!

Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair

The Daughters of St. Paul from the Pauline Book & Media Center in Dedham will be coming to our parish with a **Book Fair on March 15 & 16**. The Sisters will be at the Church Hall for the Saturday night Mass and the Sunday morning Masses. They will have Catholic Books for the whole family: Spirituality, Inspiration, Prayer books, Bibles, Lives of the Saints and more, plus, many Children’s books for all ages. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to purchase some good books to enrich your faith life during Lent and this Jubilee Year of Hope. For your convenience, the Sisters accept all forms of payment: cash, credit card, check and through the smartphone.

24-Hour Adoration Event

Remembering the Passion of Our Lord. **5PM Saturday, March 8 through 5PM Sunday, March 9 in the lower chapel**. For more information, please see our website: www.stjohnhopkinton.com.

CURSILLO

Consider taking a weekend away with the Lord. Experience a CURSILLO Weekend! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, held over a 3-day weekend. It is designed to help and teach you how to become Christ to the world. Upcoming Weekends for 2025: **Women’s Weekends: March 13-16 and October 9-12. Men’s Weekends: May 15-18 and November 20-23**. For more information, please contact Bill & Jeannette Krans at: bjkrans@hotmail.com.

MARCH 2, 2025

CROSS ROADS

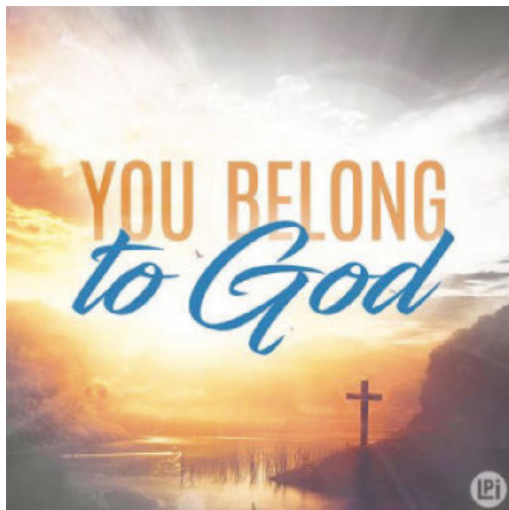
By Deacon Tony

**Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16;
1Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45**

What we say, how we say it, and what we do, tell us and others what we are and who we are. Our speech and actions also tell us and others something about our sincerity and authenticity. We must learn to know ourselves as the Lord knows us. Even when we do good things, those actions may not bear good fruit, until we humbly admit our own faults. As Christ the Lord taught, we must remove the plank from our own eyes before we can help anybody to remove the speck from their eye. This is especially true in times of tribulation when our sincerity, authenticity and faith are tested.

We are chosen to reflect the Word and actions of our Teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ. To do that we must be planted in the rich soil of HIS grace, HIS word, HIS teachings, and HIS actions, particularly in times of tribulation. We do that through prayer and study of the scriptures, by coming to terms with our own faults, and by learning to know ourselves as He knows us. When we do these things, and we heed the promptings of the Lord, we begin to be careful with what we say and what we do, and to reflect His love, mercy, justice, and wisdom; and we become more open to the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Long suffering, Goodness, Benevolence, Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Contenance (self-control and restraint over our desires and impulses), and Chastity.

In so doing we also reflect Christ's victory over death through His life, death and resurrection. We can put on the armor of His victory and be eligible for the immortality He won for us. Then we can labor for the Lord according to His will and His ways, which is never in vain. Pray that the Lord sends the Holy Spirit to each of us, that the Holy Spirit purifies each of us, that we may receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit and help others to do the same. As we begin Lent this week, let us enter Christ's sacrifice with our own sacrifices and labors in what we say and what we do. Pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the perseverance to conform ourselves to the Lord's will and the Lord's ways, as we walk on our own roads to our own individual crosses.





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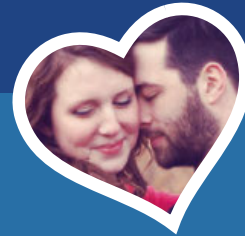
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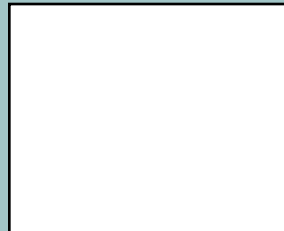


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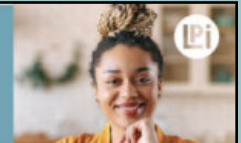
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