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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**

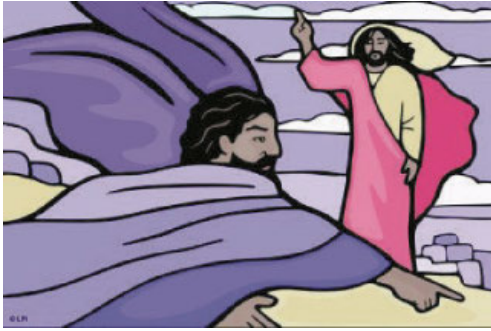
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## **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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 devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 16, 2025:  
*Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/*  
*Phil 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 112 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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 Jandrue

#### MONDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM Josephine DesChamps

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM Cardinal Kung

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 AM Leonard Chomic

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Special Intention  
 4:00 PM Ken Zino Sr. and Alyssa Zino

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM Maria, Frances & Leon  
 Hermanowski  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 6:30 PM Ernest Musa



#### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

#### MONDAY, MARCH 10

2:45 PM Grade 6  
 4:30 PM Grades 1-4  
 7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5  
 6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16—NO CLASSES

## NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

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

## Divine Mercy Prayer Group

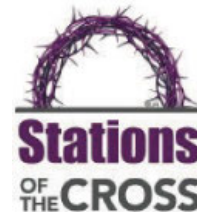
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church.** All are welcome.

## 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.

## 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.**



## 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.

## 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.

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### **Jubilee Year of 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”**

As some know and many don't, every 25 years the Holy Church has a Jubilee Year, a special year of grace and reconciliation, for the spiritual welfare of the faithful. This is such a year and the Vatican-selected theme is: Pilgrims of Hope.

The concept of jubilee years is rooted in Sacred Scripture, the book of Leviticus, chapter 25, therein, it is to occur every 50 years. The Church appropriated this concept in the 13th century under Pope Boniface VIII. Jubilee years are also called, “Holy Years.” At first, they were celebrated every 100 years, then every 50 years, and now, since Pope St. John Paul II, every 25 years.

The tradition is chiefly connected with a pilgrimage to a specific church or shrine. A key symbol is a holy door, which calls to mind our Lord's words in St. John's Gospel (10:9): “I am the door. By me, if anyone enter in, he shall be saved, and he shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture.”

Archbishop Richard Henning, has designated the Cathedral of the Holy Cross as a pilgrimage site, as well as the Xaverian Shrine in Holliston and the Immaculate Conception Church in Marlboro, in the West Region.

A Holy Year is an exceptionally good time to obtain indulgences, which are granted to the faithful, who: visit a pilgrimage site; go to confession within 20 days, before or after the visit; receive Holy Communion on that day; are free from the attachment of sin; and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be).

An indulgence is “the remission in the sight of God of the temporal punishment due to sins, the guilt of which has already been forgiven” (Canon 922). Indulgences can be applied to: one's own soul; the holy souls in purgatory, in general; or for a specific soul in purgatory.

For more information, please check out our parish website: [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com) or the Archdiocesan website at [www.rcab.org/jubilee2025](http://www.rcab.org/jubilee2025).

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

**“Botched Care and Tired Staff: Planned Parenthood in Crisis” [NYT Feb.15th]**

“The **New York Times** published a report detailing a multi-faceted crisis confronted by Planned Parenthood state affiliates, which appear to be grappling with tight resources, inadequate staff training, high employee turnover rates, and complaints of dismal clinic conditions at various locations.” The NY Times article entitled, “Botched Care and Tired Staff: Planned Parenthood in Crisis,” reports that “the Times reviewed legal filings, clinic documents, and interviews with over 50 Planned Parenthood current and former employees”. The article explained, “Over the last five years, the national office has distributed more than \$899 million to affiliates to help them deliver care, but none of it went directly to medical services.” “Employees of Planned Parenthood have said there has been constant pressure to more than double the number of patients seen from the present 2.1 million, to help bring in more revenues.” “Latest year end records indicate that Planned Parenthood aborted at least 392,715 unborn children between 2023-2024.” [theloop@catholicvote.org](mailto:theloop@catholicvote.org), 2/17/25



### **GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

The grade 10 confirmation retreat was held on Saturday, March 1st at St. John's Parish Center. Red Barn Ministries facilitated. The theme was about family, faith and belonging. The retreat was well-received by the students and catechists. The retreat ended with a celebration of evening Mass with the students and their families. A huge thank you to all our catechists that give so much of their time to our youth. This is such a wonderful and important time in these young people's lives. St. John's is truly blessed. Please remember to keep them all in your prayers.

### **St. John's Family Night**

#### **Celebrating St. Patrick's Day**

Join us for a Family Night **THIS 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!

### **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.

### **Knights of Columbus HoopsMania Fundraiser and Membership Drive**

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus (K of C) is excited to sponsor a March Madness HoopsMania event and sell sweepstakes tickets. Each ticket costs \$20 and not only provides holders with \$20 worth of music downloads but also a chance to win cash prizes. With 75 prizes available, the odds of winning are 1 in 19. The grand prize is \$1,000 for the highest point total, with \$500 for second place, among other prizes. No basketball knowledge is necessary, as tickets are randomly generated, ensuring equal odds of winning. All proceeds will support K of C activities in our parish. **Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass on March 8, March 9, March 15, and March 16 at the back of the church.** In addition to the fundraiser, we are also seeking to recruit Catholic men aged 18 and older interested in joining the ranks of the Knights. For any inquiries, please feel free to approach any member of the Knights or contact Mike McNamara directly at 774-292-9180 or [mike.mcnamara12@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mcnamara12@gmail.com) or for HoopsMania tickets.

**MARCH 9, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15;  
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13**

Today's readings start with Moses portraying in Deuteronomy great events of salvation history to the people, a people who started out in small numbers as wanderers, who entered Egypt where they multiplied into a great nation of many. But they eventually were mistreated by the Egyptians and forced into hard labor. They cried out to the LORD who heard them and brought them out of Egypt to the promised land.

In today's psalm the LORD is referred to as "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust...for to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways...Upon their hands they shall bear you up lest you dash your foot against a stone." "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him." All of this is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Saint Paul reminds us today that Jesus is Lord of all for God raised him from the dead, and there is no distinction between Jew and Greek.

In today's gospel, shortly after the Father proclaimed at the Jordan that Jesus was His Son, filled with the Spirit, Jesus was led to the desert where he would fast and pray for forty days, about his future and his mission willed by the Father. After the forty days Jesus was hungry, and he was tempted by the devil who knew who Jesus was, and who wanted to divert Jesus from his mission. He tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread. He tempted him with earthly kingdoms. He tempted him to demonstrate his divinity. In so doing we hear the devil, somewhat surprisingly quoting Scripture. Jesus' response to the temptations was "One does not live by bread alone...It is written you shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve." When the devil challenged Jesus to throw himself off the parapet of the temple. Jesus' response was: "It also says, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Jesus clearly knew his own identity. When we believe and proclaim in word and deed Jesus to be Lord of all, who died and was raised for our salvation, and trust in the love of the Father as Jesus did, we shall be saved! Lent is upon us. Now is our time in the desert to pray, contemplate our future and our individual missions. My adopted motto, and my suggestion is, "Encourage each other daily while it is still today." Hebrews 3: 13.

**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](mailto:bjkrans@hotmail.com).



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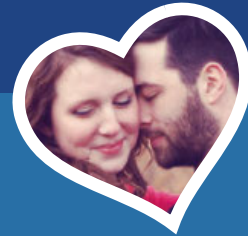
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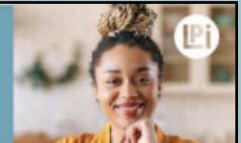
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