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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

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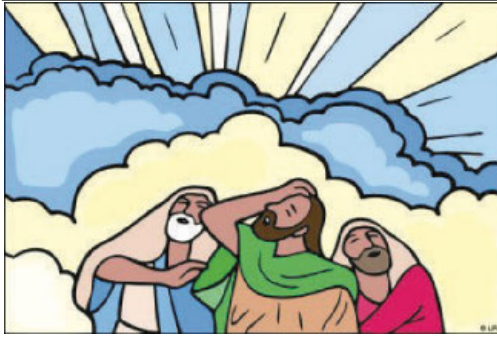
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” - Lk 9:34-35

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 23, 2025:
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/
 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 115 in the pew missal.



- SATURDAY, MARCH 15**
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
- MONDAY, MARCH 17**
9:00 AM Special Intention
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18**
9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**
9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- THURSDAY, MARCH 20**
9:00 AM Tim & Catherine Sullivan
- FRIDAY, MARCH 21**
9:00 AM John F. Morrissey
- SATURDAY, MARCH 22**
8:00 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM Antonio Pastor
- SUNDAY, MARCH 23**
8:00 AM Keith Regan
10:00 AM First Communion Candidates
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John’s



- SUNDAY, MARCH 16—NO CLASSES**
- MONDAY, MARCH 17**
7:00 PM Grade 9
- TUESDAY, MARCH 18—NO CLASSES**
- SUNDAY, MARCH 23**
11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

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.

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 **THIS** weekend
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance



St. Patrick’s Day

At all Masses **THIS** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after Mass.

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 THIS WEEKEND**. The Sisters will be at the back of the church 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.

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.

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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, March 20, 7PM, lower chapel
 For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy
 Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction

LENTEN MISSION

A Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Christopher Peschel
St. Cecilia Parish, Ashland
March 16, 17 & 18, 7PM
 The Lenten Mission topic will be the words of Christ, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” (Jn 15:5)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, March 22.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.**

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

More Insights from the March for Life 2025

"Sometimes the pro-life movement risks falling into this mistake, that it's just a women's movement," Priest for Life National Director Frank Pavone told *The Epoch Times*, as he and his co-director Janet Morana paused for an interview during the March for Life. Praising the number of young men they see becoming active in the pro-life movement, both agreed, **"Making abortion exclusively a women's issue helps perpetuate abortion by making women feel alone in their choice. Men need to resume the role of protector."** February 10, 2025, *The Epoch Times*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2025 CAMPAIGN

March 5th - April 13th

Prayer & Fasting * Community Outreach * Public Vigil

"This is not a debate about sectarian religious doctrine or about policy options. This is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what does it mean to be human? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of death and a culture of life, and today, here and now, we must choose sides."

—The late Congressman Henry Hyde

You can schedule your vigil times by going to 40daysforlife.com/worcester.



REMINDER: Sunday March 23: Grade 2 Mini Retreat at 11AM in the Parish Center (for those that signed up for this day).

Donations for Mustard Seed

As we have entered this Lenten Season, we would like to ask our parish families to think about donating an item or two that will be brought to the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester. Items such as: adult socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, chapstick, hand sanitizer, tissues and mouthwash. Travel size is perfect for most items. This time of year it is a huge need. A box for donations is in the hallway by the Religious Education Office. Your generous help is always so appreciated.

Thank you, The Religious Education Staff

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will be holding a planning meeting **THIS Sunday evening, the 16th, at 5:30PM** in the **lower church hall**. All high schoolers and parents are welcome to come help plan High School Youth Group spring and summer events. If you are unable to attend but would like to get involved please email George Gaughan at stjohn-shopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com.

K of C Food for Families Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing food collection bags for the Food for Families Lenten Food Drive at the weekend Masses of March 22nd and 23rd. **Donated food and supplies will be collected at the weekend Masses of March 29th and 30th and April 5th and 6^h.** The Hopkinton Food Pantry is in need of healthy cereal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pastas; beans; nuts; canned soups, stews, tomatoes, and vegetables; canned tuna, chicken and meats; mac and cheese; non-perishable milk and juice; toilet paper; diapers; tissues; cleaning supplies; storage bags and trash bags. Since our supply of food donation bags is limited, we ask that you only take a bag if you plan on donating food and supplies and return it along with the donated items. You may also use your own bag. Please be sure to check the expiration date on all items. If you prefer to make a cash or online donation, there are several options for giving: You can send in a check. Please make out your check to *Project Just Because*. Please put in the memo section: *K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive*. You can either drop off the check in an envelope marked *K of C Food for Families Food Drive* in the regular collection basket at St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive.

Purchase an [Amazon-eGift-card](https://www.amazon.com/gift-cards/) and have it emailed to: pjboffice@comcast.net. Please add "K of C FFF Drive" in the message box.

Gifts can also be made through donor-advised charitable funds by selecting Project Just Because in Hopkinton (Tax ID 06-1728553) and specifying in the use or note area that it is for the *K of C Council 4822 Food for Families Food Drive*. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!**

MARCH 16, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14,
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36**

Today's readings and Lent are about God's love for humanity, faith in God and His promises, and on covenant (God keeping his promises to humanity, and we keeping our promises to God, that is, to love Him above all). Humanity has a long history of not keeping its promises to God, going back to Eden, and even to this day. In the time of Abram, God decided to take the initiative, and to make a covenant with Abram and his descendants. God turned to Abram, a simple old, but faithful man. He was told what to do, and he made the sacrifice he was told to make. Enveloped by a dark cloud, the voice of the Lord was heard, "to your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." Humanity needed only to love God beyond all. But Abram's descendants kept that promise at times, but not at other times. To this day, humanity has a way of clinging to earthly distractions and letting the love of God slip out of their hands

But God decided to make a new and eternal covenant: He would live among us through His Christ, the second person of the Trinity, and be a living example and revelation of who God is and how much He loves us, and how much we should love each other. The message of Christ was misunderstood, that He would have to suffer, die and rise, and that to be saved we needed to let go of earthly distractions and pick up and carry our own crosses; and follow Him and His example. Even Christ's closest followers did not get it until after the passion and resurrection. They did not even get it at the Transfiguration. But they, especially Peter, learned a lesson about silence. At the Transfiguration, a dark cloud encompassed them (as it did with Abram), and before Peter could finish what he was saying, the Father spoke: "This is my chosen Son; Listen to Him."

Lent is a time to learn that lesson. If one wants to hear and listen to the Lord, one must practice silence. It is not a coincidence that the word "listen" contains the same letters as the word "silent." Saint Padre Pio is credited with saying that Lent is a time of surrender. We are to quiet our minds and take the time to be silent and listen. We listen not with our ears, but with our heart and soul, to discern what God is asking us to do. Let us pray, "Lord, let us be silent and listen, and may we be prompted to unconditionally surrender ourselves to You with faith and confidence that You will help and shape us to be more like You, and that we may let go of earthly distractions, take up our cross and follow you."

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

PRAY FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS

DIVINE MERCY THOUGHT

*The Lord said to me, the loss of each soul plunges me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. **The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.***

—Divine Mercy Diary #1397



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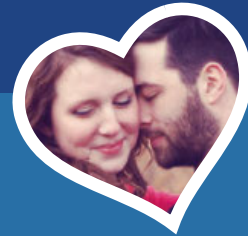
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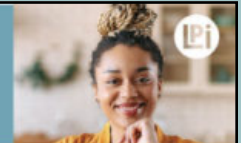
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