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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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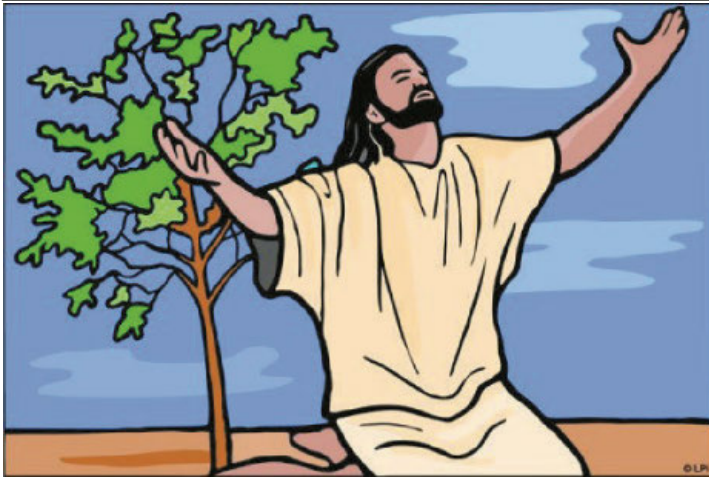
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All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"
- Lk 13:2-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 30, 2025:
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/
2Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 117 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:00 PM Antonio Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM Keith Regan

10:00 AM Our First Communion Candidates

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 AM In thanksgiving for Saint Gabriel

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM Carl & Marie Herendeen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 AM For the Persecuted Church in China

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 AM Ola Brackenbush

10:00 AM Our First Communion Candidates

6:30 PM William & Mary Jane Rogers



SUNDAY, MARCH 23

11:00 AM Grade 2 mini retreat

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Lenten Reflection with Fr. Lacombe

We are Pilgrims of Hope:

Lenten Reflections for the Jubilee Year

Wednesday, April 2, 7PM in the lower chapel

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.

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.

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.

Presentation of the Turin Crucifix

The Presentation of the Turin Crucifix is coming to St. John's on **Thursday, April 3, 7-8PM in the parish hall**. The Turin Crucifix is the most accurate crucifix based on the Relics of Christ's Passion. The 1-hour presentation describes how the Shroud of Turin was used in making the Turin Crucifix, and replicas of the Crucifixion Nails, Roman Flagrum, and the Lance are displayed. A Question-and-Answer period follows the presentation, and all attendees receive a free hard copy of the book, *Turin Crucifix – A Description of the Elements used in the Creation of the Turin Crucifix Sculpture*. This presentation has been described as *Amazing, Epic, Powerful, Marvelous*. Don't miss it! Visit <https://stjohnhopkinton.com> for more details.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM** in the lower church **THIS Saturday, March 29.**

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

“Why So Many Young Men are Publicly Supporting the Pro-life Movement: Men are raising awareness that they can, and should, have a voice on abortion.”

Tens of thousands participated in this year's March for Life. Among them were thousands of young men. Ryder Wittman, 20, a senior at Colorado Christian University, paused to be interviewed by *The Epoch Times*, “I think a lot of guys aren't even aware that they can be part of this [referring to the March].” He said his friends and peers have told him, “Oh, I didn't know I could have an opinion about that [abortion]. I didn't know there was anything I could do. I thought that was a female thing.” Wittman said that while volunteering at a pregnancy center in Denver, he comes face to face with young men who feel voiceless over an unplanned pregnancy, even when their girlfriends want them to speak up. “A lot of guys come in and they're my age, you know, they're 19, 20, 21, and, you know, the mentality they're told is, 'I can't have an opinion on this...And their girlfriends, they'll be looking at them saying, 'Hey, lead me in this. Tell me what we should do.' So the big thing for me is how do we challenge that. How do we combat the idea that men don't have a say here. It's really heartbreaking and tragic to witness.” February 10, 2025, *The Epoch Times*

Jubilee Mass & Adoration at Fatima Shrine in Holliston

Bishop Robert P. Reed will offer the opening Jubilee Mass at 7PM on Friday March 28.

A 24-hour period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow, concluding with Mass at 7PM on Saturday, March 29.

Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast

St. John's sponsored Scouting America Troop 4 Hopkinton (formerly BSA) will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday April 5 from 7:30AM until 11:30AM** in the parish center. The scouts will serve original and chocolate chip pancakes, as well gluten/dairy/nut free options! Breakfast will include sausage, juice, coffee, and more. While you're there, take time to bid on the amazing silent auction items donated by our generous sponsors! General admission is \$10, \$5 for senior citizens and our veterans eat free. Tickets are available in advance from your local scouts (pancake-breakfast@troop4hopkinton.com), or at the door. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will support community service projects, and outdoor adventures for Troop 4 scouts including hiking in our National Parks, camping, and biking opportunities. It is programs like these that provide Hopkinton youth with a quality scouting experience and builds model leaders in our community. We hope you will join us for breakfast!



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

Religious Education Reminders

Sunday, March 30: Grade 2 Mini Retreat at 11AM (for those that signed up for this day)

Tuesday, April 1: Grades 7 & 8, 6:30-7:30PM

Sunday, April 6: Grade 10, 5:15PM

Monday, April 7: Grade 9, 7-8PM

Tuesday, April 8: Grade 7 & 8, 6:30-7:30PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation rehearsal.....Tuesday, April 29, 7PM

Confirmation.....Friday, May 2, 6PM

First Communion rehearsal....Wednesday, April 30, 4:30PM

First Communion.....Saturday, May 3, 11AM

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

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 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 23, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9**

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob witnessed the suffering and affliction of His people in Egypt. Moses, captivated by the sight of a burning bush on Mount Horeb, had to take a closer look at the phenomenon of a fiery bush that was not being consumed by the fire. The Lord called to Moses and gave Moses the task to lead the Israelites out of their captivity and slavery in Egypt. When asked by Moses for the Lord's name, the Lord answered, "I Am Who Am...Tell them that I Am sent you", thus making the point that the Lord is the one who was, who is, and who always will be, and the reason for, and the author of, all creation. Moses did as he was told, but there would be problems.

There were many trials. The people did not always abide by the Lord's will and the Lord's way. They complained, grumbled, they doubted, and in a sense they became self-righteous. Righteousness is obedience to the Lord's will, and the Lord's way. Self-righteousness is based on a sense of privilege, and a sense of immunity from hard times. Self-righteousness can blind us to our own faults, be a source of self-inflicted sorrows, and obstruct our repentance. Hardships and trials are part of this world. We should realize that suffering can be a reminder that we should be praying, reading scripture, and turning to the Lord always, not just in the difficult times that we all face.

The parable of the fruitless fig tree in today's gospel demonstrates the Lord's mercy, but it also is a reminder that it is urgent that we all repent. When people mentioned the slaughter of Galileans by Pilate, and the eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them, Jesus insisted that they were no more sinful than anyone else. Recall the saying that when the sun shines, it shines on the good and the bad; and when it rains, it also rains on the good and the bad. All must repent with a sense of urgency. If we turn to the Lord, He will give us what we need to endure. In his passion and death, Jesus surrendered himself to injustice and death for our sake and rose from the dead. When we surrender ourselves to HIM, His will and His ways, by the grace of God, we will do the same.

SPRING CLEANING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Annual Rummage Sale happening in June. More details to come. Thank you!

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.



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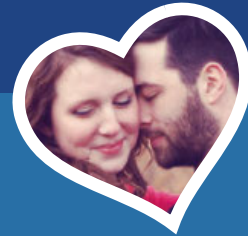
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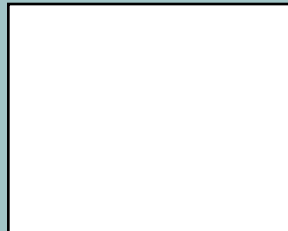


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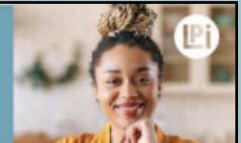
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