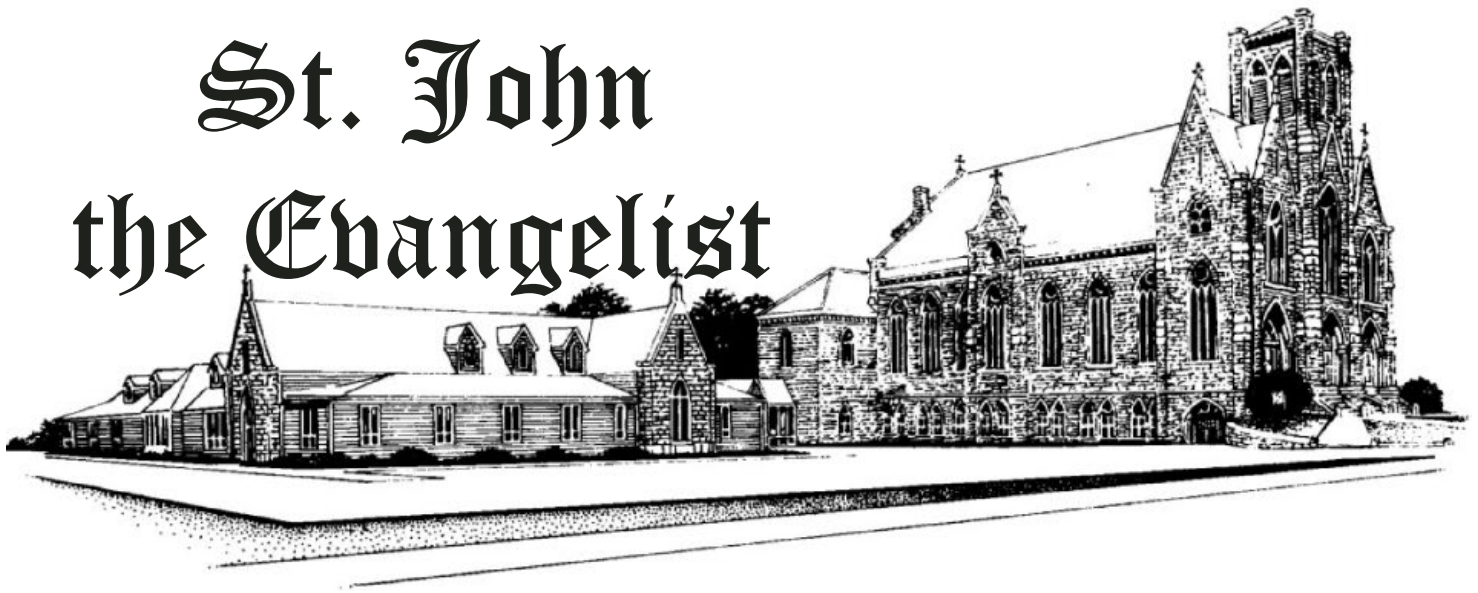


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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

### **PASTOR**

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### **PARISH CENTER**

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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



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 13, 2025:

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 128 in the pew missal.



<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 5</b>	
4:00 PM	Kenneth & Deborah Lysik (50th Wedding Anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 6</b>	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	For the Persecuted Church in China
6:30 PM	For our Confirmation Candidates
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 7</b>	
9:00 AM	Anne Vail
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 8</b>	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9</b>	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 10</b>	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 11</b>	
9:00 AM	Gemma Beauchesne (living)
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 12</b>	
8:00 AM	Rosemary Rogers
4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John's
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 13</b>	
8:00 AM	Patrick John Fitzgerald
10:00 AM	Lorraine Moreno
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<i>This Week</i>	
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 6</b>	
5:15 PM	Grade 10
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 7</b>	
7:00 PM	Grade 9
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 8</b>	
6:30 PM	Grades 7 & 8
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 13</b>	
8:45 AM	Grades 1-6

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, April 12.**

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

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **THIS Monday evening, April 7, and Monday, April 14, 6:30PM-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

**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.



**DAILY MASS**

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9AM

**CONFESSION**

MONDAY, April 14 6:30-7:30PM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7PM

NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE) 9:30PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**NO 9AM MASS**

THE LORD'S PASSION 3PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 7PM

**HOLY SATURDAY\***

**NO 8AM MASS**

CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:30AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS 8PM

**EASTER SUNDAY\***

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM

\*Please note there will be **NO 4PM Mass on Holy Saturday** and **NO 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** (April 27, 2025)

***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.

**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**.

*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.

## FIFTH 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.

### The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in Paschale Solemnitatis, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries, up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death, and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

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

**Help Stop Physician Assisted Suicide:  
Make your voice heard!**

In 2012, the voters of our Commonwealth rejected physician-assisted suicide in a state-wide referendum. In 2022, the Massachusetts Supreme Court refused to find a right to assisted suicide in our Constitution. **Nevertheless, now, in 2025, the pro-suicide lobby is again pushing HB2505/SB1486, "An Act relative to end of life options," to legalize assisted suicide in Massachusetts.** We oppose this bill for these reasons: Physician-assisted suicide invites abuse and creates a slippery slope toward devaluing life. Devaluing life for some means devaluing life for all. Physician-assisted suicide is never necessary and always ends a unique and valuable human life. **Take Action:** Email or call your MA legislators and ask them to protect the most vulnerable among us and oppose this dangerous and degrading bill. Massachusetts Family Institute

### Protecting God's Children Training

PGC training will be held in the parish center on **Friday, May 9, 6-9PM and Saturday, May 10, 9AM-Noon.** PGC is a mandatory training session (Version 3) for all volunteers in the parish working with/around children, the infirm, or disabled. If you attended a session many years ago, Version 3 is an updated version with current issues (Chat Rooms, etc.) included. This training is required by the Archdiocese of Boston for parish volunteers and staff, to ensure a safe and secure environment for everyone involved. To attend one of these sessions, sign up on the Virtus Online site: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> and select the session you wish to attend. If you have any questions, contact Catherine Kniaz at 508-435-3313 x25.



### Religious Education Reminders

**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**

1st 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

### St. John the Evangelist's George R. Carlino Scholarship

In order to promote and foster the faith of our young people in the one true Church founded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Roman Catholic Church, two \$1,000 scholarships will be available to two graduating seniors from St. John's Parish, who have been accepted to a college, university or trade school.

--The applicant must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, i.e., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and have fulfilled their Easter Duty.

--Write an essay of not more than 1000 words on the following topic: The sainthood of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Who is he? What was his Catholic life like? Describe his website and summarize one of the events he highlights. Was there anything unusual about his death? What is his significance to us in this day and age?

These scholarships are made available through the late Mr. George R. Carlino, who was a very prayerful and devout parishioner of St. John's. Mr. Carlino was concerned with the spiritual welfare of the parish's young people, in an age that can be so challenging to the principles of our Catholic faith.

Please see our website: [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com) for the application form to accompany the essay. Applications should be sent c/o Debbie Lysik, St. John the Evangelist Religious Education, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, and are due by **April 30, 2025.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, April 12, 6PM outside at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston.** Led by Deacon Mike Mott and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Archdiocese of Boston has designated the Fatima Shrine as a pilgrimage site.



**APRIL 6, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6;  
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11**

In today's first reading, Isaiah predicts a new era, a new exodus for the Hebrews. This time it is their release from captivity in Babylon to freedom, an act of justice by the Lord. The newly freed Hebrews rejoiced and praised the Lord as we see in today's psalm. At times, we too may find ourselves in captivity, that is, captivity to sin. But when we have faith in Jesus, He will free us. Faith in Him is the key to freedom, righteousness, justice, and the way to eternal life with Him. When we fall, we should not allow ourselves to be discouraged. He knows our struggles and He gave us the sacrament of reconciliation. By His sacrifice, and the sacrament we are reconciled and given the grace to persevere.

Recall that Jesus carried His cross, and that He fell three times. Yet each time He persevered, got up, and carried His cross to His own crucifixion. When we fall in our struggles with sin, or we suffer because of hardships or illnesses, we too must get up, look up, and join our sorrows and pain with His; and persevere on our journey to eternity. As Christ got up, carried his cross to His crucifixion, death and resurrection, we too must persevere and have faith that He is with us, and that He gives us the grace we need to carry on, and to help others to do the same

Our challenge is to know Him and to try to know ourselves as He knows us. We look up to Him to help us to know our own strengths and weaknesses. Christ is the true example of righteousness, not the self-righteousness demonstrated by the Pharisees, who burdened and judged others without bearing their own burdens, and without acknowledging their own weaknesses and sinfulness, as we see in today's gospel. Their bringing the woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus was not an act of true righteousness or justice. It was a ploy to trap Jesus, who saw right through them. There was no justice in what they did. For instance, who was the man who was with the woman caught in the act of adultery; and why was he not brought to Jesus? When none of the Pharisees could honestly throw the first stone, Jesus forgave the woman but commanded her to sin no more. The lesson for us is that we must know our own weaknesses and sinfulness, before we are too quick to accuse others; and we must remember that there can be no forgiveness without repentance.





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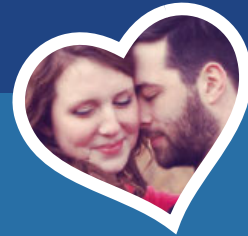
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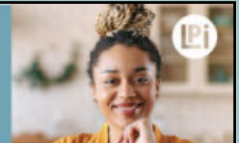
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