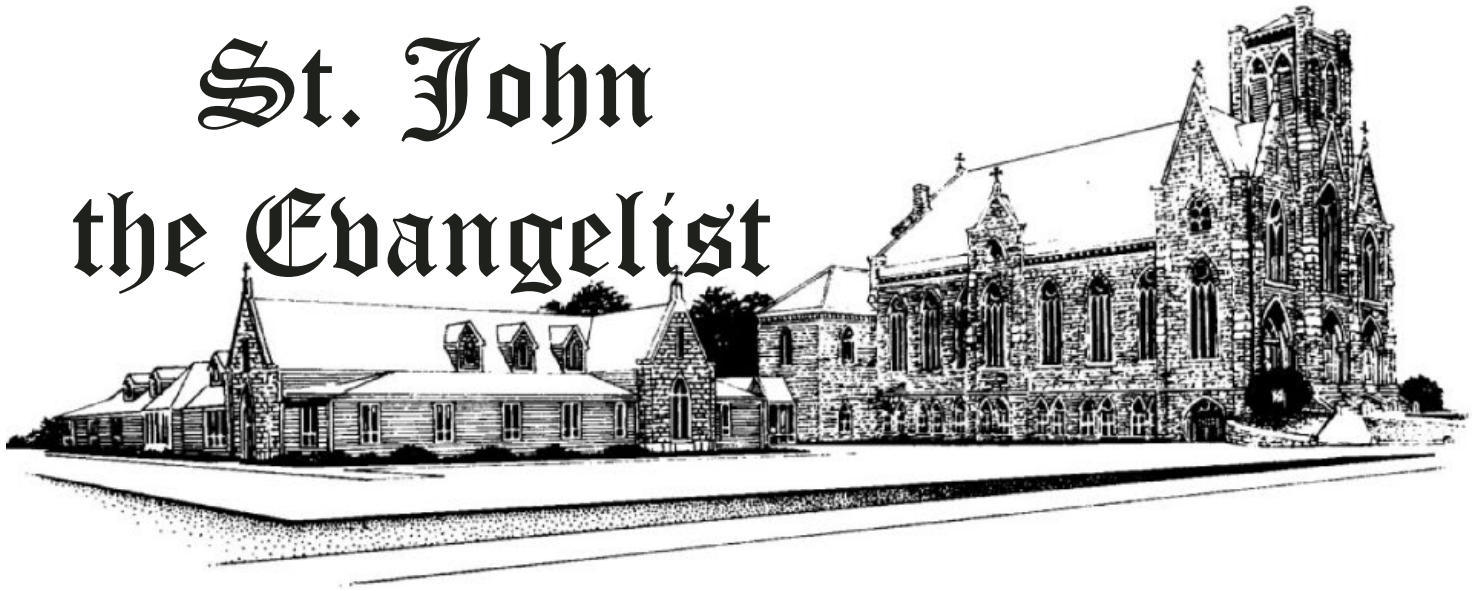


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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

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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  
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## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

## **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” - Lk 19:38**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 20, 2025:  
*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/  
1Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9*

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin  
on page 133 in the pew missal.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John’s

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:00 AM Patrick John Fitzgerald  
10:00 AM Lorraine Moreno  
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**

9:00 AM For the persecuted Church in China

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

9:00 AM Special Intention



**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5

*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.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, April 19.**

<b>DAILY MASS</b>	
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY	9AM
<b>CONFESSION</b>	
MONDAY, April 14	6:30-7:30PM
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	7PM
NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)	9:30PM
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
<b>NO 9AM MASS</b>	
THE LORD’S PASSION	3PM
THE LORD’S PASSION	7PM
<b>HOLY SATURDAY*</b>	
<b>NO 8AM MASS</b>	
CONFESSIONS	8:30-9:30AM
EASTER VIGIL MASS	8PM
<b>EASTER SUNDAY*</b>	
EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM
<b>*Please note there will be NO 4PM Mass on Holy Saturday and NO 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.</b>	
<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> (April 27, 2025)	

**LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday: General Notes**

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord’s Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us by the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ’s mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 10PM.

**Good Friday**

The holy water fonts are emptied. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths. This is the only day in the entire calendar year when Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the Catholic World.

**The Easter Vigil**

The Easter Vigil takes place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, **Sunday, April 27, 2025**, in the afternoon at St. John's will be as follows:

- 1:30 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.
  - 2:00 PM** Confessions will be heard.
  - 2:30 PM** Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.
  - 3:00 PM** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.
  - 3:30 PM** Benediction and Final Blessing.
- The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, THIS Friday, April 18.**

**HOLY WEEK—THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

**“I have come to call sinners, not the self-righteous.” Mark 2:17**

When Jesus was on the cross, He spoke 7 times. The 5th word Jesus spoke **“I THIRST”** John 19:38

Jesus thirsts for all people, from Adam to the last person to be born.

**GIVE ME SOULS**

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #723

**HELPING JESUS FIND “THE ONE” WHO IS LOST**

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.**—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #1397)

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

**Never stop praying to our Heavenly Mother for our country so wounded by abortion!**

“The most Holy Virgin places herself between her Son and us. The greater sinners we are, the more tenderness and compassion does she feel for us. The child that has cost its mother most tears is the dearest to her heart. Does not a mother always run to the help of the weakest and the most exposed to danger? Is not a physician in the hospital most attentive to those who are most seriously ill? The Heart of Mary is so tender towards us, that those of all the mothers in the world put together are like a piece of ice in comparison to hers.”—Saint Jean Marie Vianney



**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Reed will be confirming 52 students and 1 adult here at St. John's on **Friday, May 2, at 6PM**. Please continue to keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful celebration.

**Rehearsal for Confirmation is:**

**Tuesday, April 29, 7-8:15PM**

Meet in the Parish Center

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

1st Communion rehearsal....**Wednesday, April 30, 4:30PM**

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Graduate Mass & Dinner**

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 PM** followed by a light meal in the Parish Center. Invitations will be sent soon to RSVP.

**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**.

**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.

**APRIL 13, 2025**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Luke 19:28-40/ Isaiah 50:4-7/ Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Philippians 2:6-11/ Luke 22:14—23:56**

It is Palm Sunday, otherwise known as Passion Sunday. Once again, we come face to face with the love of God who sent His only begotten Son to bring forgiveness and salvation to humanity. Christ enters Jerusalem riding on a colt; and He was greeted by a throng of people, who were blessing and praising Him: "Hosanna in the highest and blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." This scene is symbolic of, and a proclamation of the kingship of Christ. But Jesus knew how it would end. He was all too familiar with the weak and fickle nature of humanity. But Jesus loved these people, even as He knew that they would turn on Him and demand His crucifixion. Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, the Word of God Made Flesh, would remain humbly and steadfastly committed to His mission of salvation. He would submit himself lovingly to death on a cross.

His sacrifice would be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy regarding the suffering servant: He would not turn back, not shield Himself from the torture, and He would endure the spitting, the mockery, and the pain. Jesus trusted the love of His Father: "The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." (Isaiah). He would endure Judas' betrayal, abandonment by his disciples, and Peter's denials. He humbly and obediently emptied Himself for our sake. Jesus, the timeless Word of God, carried the weight of all the sins of humanity, past present and future. All were in His mind and His Sacred Heart as He suffered and died.

In a sense, because He was mindful of all of us, we were there with Him. He was aware of our sinfulness. And when we sin or ignore his promptings, His will, and His ways, we too abandon and deny Him. But though He was aware of all this, as with His apostles, Christ also saw our potential. As we begin Holy Week, let us strive to be more aware of Christ, as He is of us. Let us trust the love of God, and give our weaknesses, suffering, and love to Him who IS love. Let us spend time prayerfully looking at and gratefully contemplating the marred, Most Holy, and Loving Face of Christ Crucified. He WILL comfort us, and in His timeless life and kingship, we will please and comfort Him as we join our trials and suffering with His.





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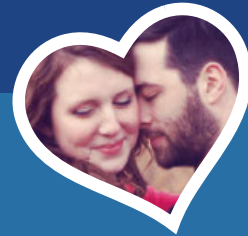
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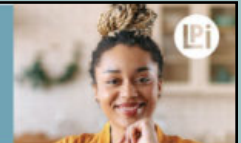
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