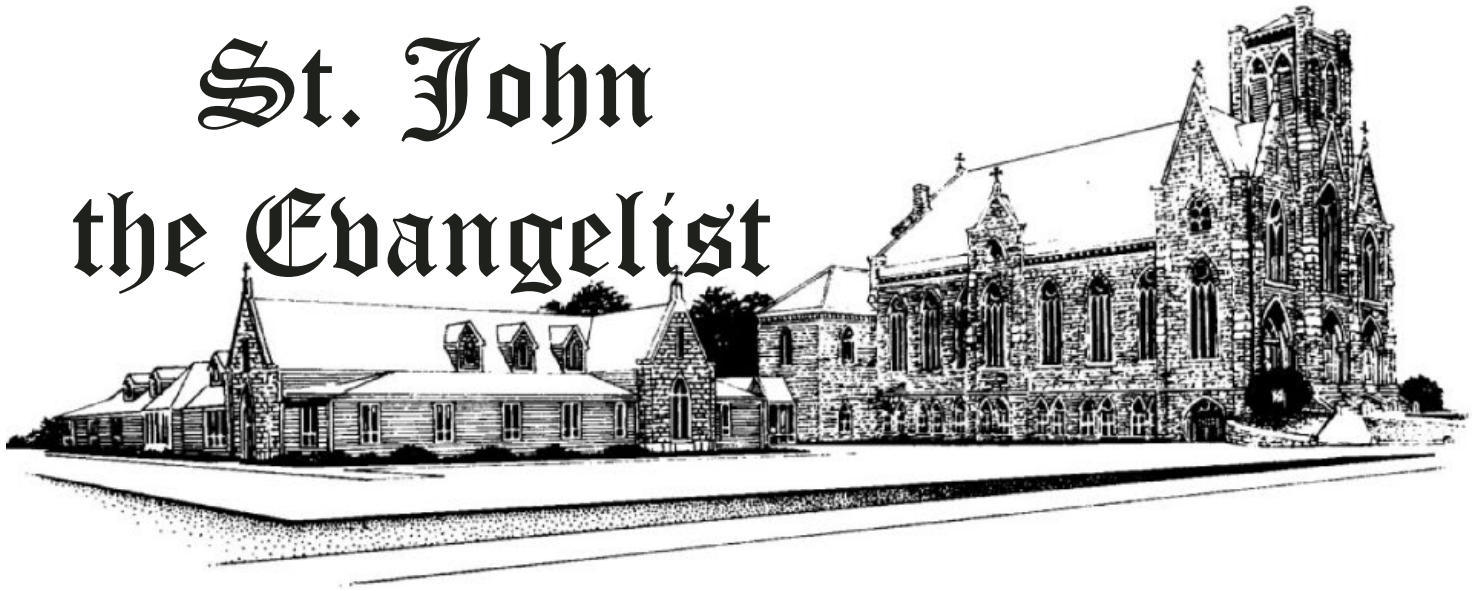


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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

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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,
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The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 27, 2025:
 Acts 5:12-16/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 179 in the pew missal.



MARATHON DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 15
MASS WILL BE AT 7AM

MONDAY, APRIL 21	
7:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY, APRIL 22	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY, APRIL 24	
9:00 AM	Living members of the Knospins family
FRIDAY, APRIL 25	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY, APRIL 26	
8:00 AM	For the conversion of sinners
4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John's
SUNDAY, APRIL 27	
8:00 AM	Jim Browne
10:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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 26.**

Fr. Cannon and the entire staff at St. John's wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter season.

EASTER COLLECTION

Our Easter collection benefits the Clergy Trust which cares for the health, wellbeing, and retirement needs of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. These parish collections are crucial for them to continue their mission, so any gift you're able to give is appreciated. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday
NEXT Sunday, April 27, 2025

On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina's diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: "Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy."

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

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, **NEXT 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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Christ, our Life, is risen, Christ will come again!

"For the sake of His sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world!"

Jesus said to her: "I do not want to punish aching mankind, I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice."
(Diary of St. Faustina, 1588)

K of C "A Nite at the Races"

A Nite at the Races is a horse racing event where actual races are shown on DVD to recreate the atmosphere of being at the race track. In addition to the races, there will be gift drawings throughout the night. All proceeds will help us help our parishes and the local community. Come Join us for a night of fun! **Saturday, May 3, at St. John's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6PM and post time is 7PM.** Grand Prize Gift Drawings. 8 Horse races to try your luck on. A prize will be awarded to the best Kentucky Derby outfit. **Admission is \$20. Adults only! No one under 18 allowed.** Food and beverages, premium beer and wine will be available. For tickets, contact Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or joealtman@verizon.net. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822-Ashland-Hopkinton.

HE HAS RISEN!

INDEED HE HAS RISEN!

The Holy Souls in Purgatory know and feel this with an ever clearer love and knowledge of Jesus's great act of selfless love by His death and resurrection, for their forgiven sins. With great joy the Holy Souls are purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of Divine Love. **Heb 12:29**

The greatest number of souls are released from Purgatory on Christmas Day (especially Midnight Mass). The next greatest number of souls in Purgatory are released on Easter.

EASTER TO DIVINE MERCY Mercy Beyond Belief

Eight days of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of God's mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**



Religious Education has come to an end for this 2024-2025 school year. A huge thank you to all our catechists who gave of their time to witness their faith to our young people. May God reward them with many blessings.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Reed will be confirming 52 students and 2 adults 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 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**.

APRIL 20, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118:1-216-17,22-23;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20: 1-9**

The good news is that the tomb was empty, as witnessed by Mary of Magdala, then by Peter and John. Peter and the other disciples were commissioned by Christ to preach and testify to the good news that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed one of God, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and in doing so, defeated death, and reconciled all of us to the Father. As the disciples were commissioned to testify to the truth of the good news, so are we commissioned by our Baptism to do the same by what we say, and by how well emulate Christ by the way we live. In doing so, we testify to the truth that Christ is the cornerstone of the Church, which is the new Jerusalem.

How well we do this depends on our relationship with God and where we go, and what we look to, to seek the truth. In other words, we must seek what is above to find the light, the truth, the fortitude, the courage, and the grace of God that we need to persevere. The things of our world cannot sustain us in our mission. Christ defeated death; but there is a dangerous and insidious culture of death in this country and around the world, which we are commissioned by our Baptism and by the grace of God to defeat. The renewal of our Baptismal vows should remind us that we are called to spread the good news, and to defeat the culture of death, and the corruption that is so prevalent on this planet.

Today we begin the fifty days of the liturgical Easter season, from now to Pentecost Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. After that we should remember that every Sunday, we celebrate our being reconciled to the Father by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Let us remember always that we are called to emulate Christ in everything we do and say, to seek what is above, and to stand strong against the insidious evils that attack and persecute the Church, that attack the traditional family, that kill the unborn and the born, that are infecting the hearts and minds of adults and children, and that are infiltrating and corrupting all manner of institutions that should be standing for what is right, good, holy, and life-giving.





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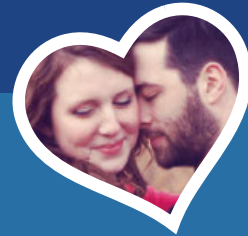
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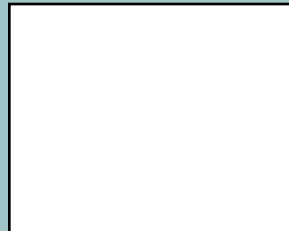


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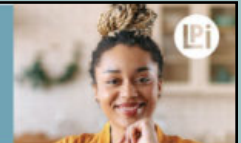
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