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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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Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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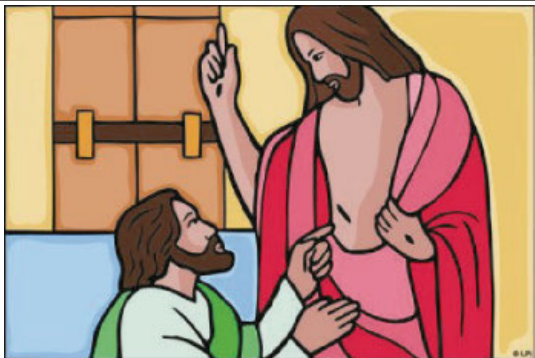
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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 4, 2025:  
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/  
 Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-14

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin  
 on page 182 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM David W. Murray

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM For our First Communion and Confirmation students who just received the sacraments

#### SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:00 AM Victor Alvarez

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

6:30 PM For the persecuted Church in China

**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, May 3.**

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.

### Divine Mercy Sunday **THIS 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, **THIS 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.

## **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**

**In her diary does St. Faustina speak about abortion?**

**The answer is yes!**

"One day Jesus told me that He would cause a chastisement to fall upon the most beautiful city in our country. This chastisement would be that with which God had punished Sodom and Gomorrah. I saw the great wrath of God and a shudder pierced my heart. I prayed in silence. After a moment Jesus said to me, **My child, unite yourself closely to Me during the Sacrifice and offer My Blood and My Wounds to My Father in expiation for the sins of that city.** Repeat this without interruption throughout the entire Holy Mass. Do this for seven days. On the seventh day I saw Jesus in a bright cloud and began to beg Him to look upon the city and upon our whole country. Jesus looked [down] graciously. When I saw the kindness of Jesus, I began to beg His blessing. Immediately Jesus said, For your sake I bless the entire country. And He made a big sign of the cross over our country. Seeing the goodness of God, a great joy filled my soul." *The Diary of St. Faustina* entry 39. "Her confessor [Fr. Sopocko] later discovered that when St. Faustina wrote this, the city of Warsaw, capital of Poland, was one of the great capitals of abortion in the world! While Sister Faustina lived and prayed, that city was spared. But hardly a year after her death, Poland was invaded, and by the time the war was over, Warsaw was almost completely destroyed."

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/abortion-and-divine-mercy-0> also see <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/poland-1930s-are-we-due-chastisement>

### **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! **THIS 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](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net). Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822-Ashland-Hopkinton. **The Knights will be selling tickets after Masses THIS weekend.**

### **ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

**Spring cleaning? Decluttering?** Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. **Donations will be accepted beginning May 19. Please do not drop off donations before May 19.**



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.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Confirmation rehearsal.....**Tuesday, April 29, 7PM**  
1st Communion rehearsal....**Wednesday, April 30, 4:30PM**  
First Communion.....**Saturday, May 3, 11AM**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Reed will be confirming 52 students and 3 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.

### **May Procession**

All First Communicants are invited to be part of the May Procession and help us honor our mother, Mary, on **Sunday, May 4, at 10AM.** Please come dressed in your First Communion clothing.

### **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.**



**APRIL 27, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

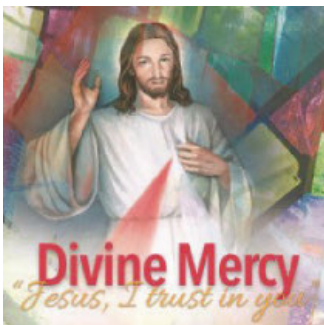
**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31**

Today we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. As the Second Sunday of Easter, today is also Sunday of Divine Mercy. We are drawn into the upper room where Christ's disciples hid, even though Jesus had been seen in the flesh by Mary of Magdala; and Peter and John had seen for themselves that Jesus was not in the tomb. On the evening of the day Christ rose from the dead, he entered the locked room, and the disciples saw Christ for themselves, and they witness an example of Christ's Divine and everlasting mercy. Keep in mind that these are the same disciples, most of whom abandoned Christ when he was arrested, tortured and crucified.

But instead of rebuking them, Jesus said, "Peace be with you" and Jesus showed them his wounds. The disciples rejoiced. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you" and he gave and trusted them with a mission: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into them and gave them the authority and power to forgive and retain sins. Thomas was not with the other disciples that evening. When Thomas was told of the event, he pronounced that he would not believe until he saw Jesus and His wounds. A week later, when Thomas was present, Jesus entered the locked room again; and Thomas saw and heard for himself. He proclaimed, "My Lord and my God." This is when Jesus, who always has all of us in mind, brings us into the room and blesses all who have believed but have not seen.

We too, have not been rebuked by Christ; and we too have been given the Holy Spirit, and have been sent by him as he was sent by the Father. Mercy is a gift that we have been given again and again. We too are sent to spread the Word and His mercy. Though we do not have the authority to forgive or retain sins, we are commanded to be examples of mercy, to "forgive those who trespass against us." We too are sent as the Father has sent Christ, which inevitably includes suffering of some kind. It could even be persecution, ridicule or criticism because of our faith, or for standing strong for life. In these times, our world is a dangerous place for Christians. But as it is said in John's vision in Revelation: "Do not be afraid. I AM the first and the last, the one who lives...now and forever." Christ and His mercy are alive forever; and He is with us through all our hardships, difficulties, and sufferings! Let us pray: Lord, help us to live our Faith in all circumstances!





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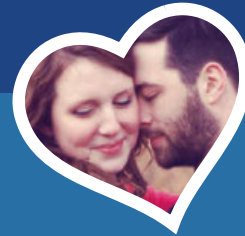


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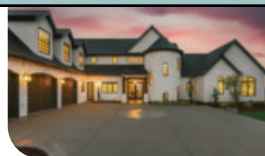
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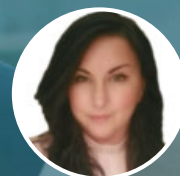
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