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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

## **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 said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
- Jn 14:26-27a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, June 1, 2025:  
*Acts 7:55-60/ Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 192 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, MAY 24

4:00 PM For the Persecuted Roman Catholic Church in China

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 AM Michael W. Duffy (living intention)  
6:30 PM Barbara Harrington

#### MONDAY, MAY 26

9:00 AM For our nation's war dead

#### TUESDAY, MAY 27

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners  
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

#### THURSDAY, MAY 29

9:00 AM Special Intention  
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, MAY 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### SATURDAY, MAY 31

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for healing  
4:00 PM Lorraine Moreno

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 AM Michael Pedrolí  
6:30 PM Stephen Cole (living intention)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**THIS Saturday, May 31.**

## NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

2nd collection **THIS** weekend  
Seminarians

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated **THIS Thursday, May 29.**

### HOLY DAY MASSES

**Wednesday, May 28 at 4PM**

**Thursday, May 29 at 9AM & 7PM**

## Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is once again holding special classes for adult Catholic faith formation. This catechetical instruction will be offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE!: The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit AND first-class relic of Carlo Acutis are coming to St. John's on Corpus Christi, June 21-22. Donate to our Miracles Exhibit:** We are asking for donations towards this parish-sponsored event: make out a check to St. John's with "miracles" in the memo. To donate online, go to [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com), click "Online Giving", and select "Miracles – Corpus Christi". This event is dedicated to the youth of our parish, as we pray for our growth in faith and numbers at St. John's.



## 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.

## Do You Need Transportation to Mass?

The Knights of Columbus will pay for transportation to bring the homebound or those who may need a ride to Sunday Mass. Please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman for information at 508-380-0163 or [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net).

**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 "Groundbreaking" Chemical Abortion Study Reveals FDA Data Failure**

"A groundbreaking new study has revealed that the abortion pill is 22 times more dangerous than previously recognized in FDA data. The largest-ever study of its kind--released Monday by the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC)--found that 10.93 percent of women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging or another serious adverse event within 45 days of taking mifepristone--a 22-fold increase over the 0.5 percent cited by the FDA and Danco, the manufacturer of the brand name chemical abortion pill Mifeprex. The study was based on statistics from an insurance claims database with hundreds of thousands of women who were prescribed mifepristone abortions from 2017 to 2023."

<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/groundbreaking-study-finds-abortion-pill-22-times-more-dangerous-than-fda-says>

### **Memorial Day and Purgatory**

On this day we remember our departed loved ones by visits to cemeteries with prayers, love and memories and going to Holy Mass for them. We also remember those who served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives for our freedom. **Along with our loved ones and those who served our country, there are countless souls waiting for our prayers and Holy Masses, all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who are part of our extended family, the Communion of Saints. They all need our daily prayers and Holy Masses.**

—Catechism of the Catholic Church 958

"Love should not die at death"

### **St. John's Annual Rummage Sale**

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale will take place **Friday, June 6 (9AM-7PM), Saturday, June 7 (9AM-5PM), and Monday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 11, (9AM-5PM). (No sale on Sunday).** We would appreciate donations of clothing, jewelry, books, toys and games, household items, and small furniture. **Donations accepted at the parish center beginning Monday, May 19 from 9AM-4PM every day (except Sunday).** Please have all items in good resaleable condition. If you have any questions, please call the parish secretary at 508-435-3313x203. We appreciate your donations, however, we **CANNOT ACCEPT** the following items: baby car seats, baby cribs, beds, box springs, computers, desks, dishwashers, dryers, large exercise equipment, footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, including all sport shoes), freezers, large office furniture, gas grills, lawnmowers, organs or pianos, mattresses, paint or chemicals, ping pong tables, printers, refrigerators, large rugs, seasonal decorations, ski equipment, sports equipment, stoves, televisions, treadmills, wall units, washing machines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, or large china cabinets.



### *Thank You*

#### **To all our volunteers!**

The biggest thank you for volunteering your time and energy to St. John's Parish this past year. Your help and talent do not go unnoticed. Our parish is lucky and grateful to have you in whatever area you volunteer. You have made our parish better and have possibly changed the lives of some. We wish you all well.

### **St. John's High School Youth Group**

Upcoming events include: baking brownies for the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester for those who are food insecure on **Thursday, May 29 at 6:30PM, and on Thursday, June 26 in St. John's Parish Hall Kitchen (Time TBD)**; Youth Group Hike: Mount Watatic, (tentatively) Saturday, June 7; Whitewater Rafting Trip: TBD in early July. We would love to include other ideas you may have to our spring calendar. If you would like to be on our distribution list for activities, please contact us at: [stjohnshopkin-tonyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshopkin-tonyouthministry@gmail.com).

### **Marian-Inspired Mother-Daughter Tea**

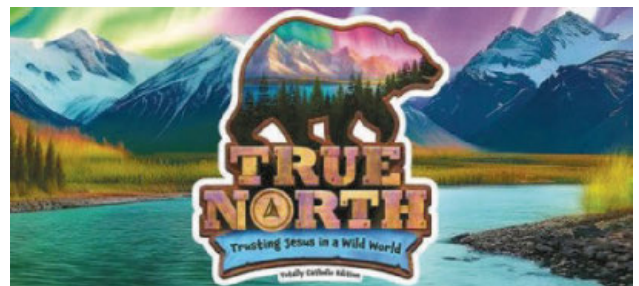
**Saturday, May 31, 2PM-4PM,**

**St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, 54 Etsy Street, Ashland**

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers are all invited to an afternoon tea party. The afternoon will include corsage making, live music by harpist Mary King, sweet treats homemade from St. Anthony's Store, and Catholic mom and author Jennessa Terraccino as the featured speaker. The cost is \$30 Mother-Daughter couple, \$20 Adult, \$10 for each additional daughter under 18. Recommended ages middle school and up. Visit [chestertonimmaculata.org/events](https://chestertonimmaculata.org/events) for more information and to buy tickets.

### **Chesterton Summer Outdoor Adventures**

High school and middle school youth are invited to join Chesterton Academy on two outdoor activities this summer: Boundless Adventures aerial park in Berlin, MA on July 8 and Crab Apple Whitewater in Charlemont, MA on August 14. For more information and to sign up visit [chestertonimmaculata.org/events](https://chestertonimmaculata.org/events).



### **Summer Bible Adventure 2025**

July 14th through July 18th, 9AM to 12 Noon each day. Come join us for St. John's Summer Bible Adventure in the Parish Center. Sign up on our website: [stjohnshopkin-ton.com](https://stjohnshopkin-ton.com).



**MAY 25, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Acts 15: 1-2,22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8:  
Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29**

In today's readings we learn more about how important it is to be open and to listen to the Spirit promised by Jesus. We also learn how important it is to concentrate our prayers and efforts to love the Lord by keeping His word. In Acts, we see controversy in the early Church regarding whether Gentile converts needed to observe Jewish ritual practices, one of which is circumcision. There was a significant amount of dissension regarding the issue. Being open to the Spirit, and listening to the promptings of the Spirit, the apostles and elders in Jerusalem decided that apart from four of such practices, there were no other rituals that needed to be observed. It would be unnecessary to burden converts with ritual practices that might disturb their peace of mind, especially since the Lord wishes only to impart peace to all of us.

The Lord makes everything new! In Revelation there is a vision of the new Jerusalem descending from heaven: the new Jerusalem of the Church founded by Christ with the apostles at its core, and the apostolic traditions and apostolic succession through the centuries, the Mystical body of Christ, with Christ as its eternal light.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, as he prepares his apostles for His departure from this earth and His ascension to the Father, Jesus tells all of us what is important: to love Him by keeping His word. If we love Him in that way, the Father will love us. He urges them, if they love Him, to rejoice that He is going to the Father, but He also promises to return. He urges them not to be afraid, to accept His gift of the Spirit, and the peace that He bestows. I have read that in some ways He is closer to us now than if He were walking the earth. We have nothing to fear. We are never alone. He is with us because the Church is His Mystical Body. We can visit Him as He is present in the tabernacle. He can live within us because of His gift of the Eucharist. There are crosses to bear, but He helps us to carry them. Peace! Do not be afraid! Believe in His constant presence and availability! Seek what is above and invite Him to be part of all your endeavors!

**Bundle Sunday Weekend (June 13-15)**

St. John's Saint Vincent de Paul Society is again participating in this fundraising activity that will provide much-needed funds to our ministry. The event held in June 2024 was a great success thanks to our generous donors. This money is used to help Hopkinton residents in need of food, rent, utility assistance, and many other basic necessities. SVDP will receive money based on the weight of the donations. We are asking that you donate to our annual rummage sale starting May 19th. Any clothes and shoes not sold at the rummage sale will then be put in the trailer on June 13th for the SVDP fundraiser. It is a win-win for our parish! If you miss the rummage sale donation window, then please still bring your clothes/shoes to our trailer between June 13th-15th. They can be boxed or bagged and NO other items can be accepted. The donations are sold in the SVDP retail stores. The trailer will be located in the church parking lot. Thank you for your support and we look forward to filling that trailer! If you have any questions, please call Lynn at 508-308-8414.



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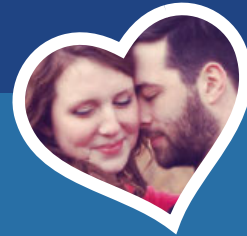
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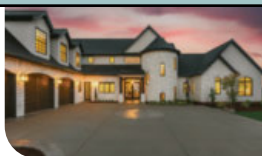
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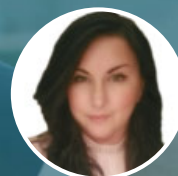


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