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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



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 27, 2025:  
 Gn 18:20-32/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
 Col 2:12-14/ Lk 11:1-13

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 224 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, JULY 19

4:00 PM Frederick Budarz

#### SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM JoAnn Morgan (living intention)  
 6:30 PM Eddie Garcia and Maria Lara (living intentions)

#### MONDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista (living intentions)

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

9:00 AM Clare and Magdalen Beauchesne (living intentions)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM Special Intention  
 4:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:00 AM Henry & Beverly Ann Ellison  
 10:00 AM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen and Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.  
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

**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.**

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

### Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is 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 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.



### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Brown Scapular

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Carmel in Hebrew means "Garden of God"). This feast day is dated through pious tradition as the day in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest serving in England. St. Simon was exhorted by Our Lady to make available this scapular to the faithful.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will extend her patronage to the faithful who wear the scapular, especially at one's hour of death. The faithful in turn pledge:

- Devotion to Our Lady and the teachings of the Church,
- To live a chaste life according to one's station in life
- And to say the rosary daily or
- Recite daily the Little Office of the BVM.
- Observe the fasts of Church with abstinence from meat on Fridays.

One must be vested by a priest or deacon with the accompanying prayers.

For those interested, the vesting of the brown scapular of the Carmelites will be available after the Masses **THIS weekend**. For those that currently wear the scapular, one's vesture could be renewed.

### Morning Offering of the Brown Scapular

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. O Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, July 26.**



## **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 (435-3313x20) to register.

## **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.

## **Monday Zoom Rosary**

**Monday evenings at 7PM.** This 30 minutes once a week provides a quiet and reflective time. You also pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. Try it out. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Guy ([deaconguy@verizon.net](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net)) for more information and Zoom link.

## **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.**

## **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.

## **Volunteers for Mustard Seed Ministry**

Do you have some free time on the last Friday of the month? Would you like to help prepare food to be delivered to the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester? Volunteers gather on the last Friday of the month to help prepare and cook meals. "Many hands make light work". If you would like to participate or for more information, please email Ali Balster at [alibalster@gmail.com](mailto:alibalster@gmail.com).

## **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).

## **Traveling This Summer?**

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN IN THE SUMMER**

**Please Note:** The Religious Education office is open in the Summer except for a couple vacation weeks. Please reach out with any questions or concerns to [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net) or 508-435-3313 x22. Please know that if you do leave a message it goes right into the email for dlysikstjn. Your message will be returned immediately.

## **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:**

Registration is ongoing for NEW students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the FIRST TIME, you must fill out a one-time registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's. The registration form can be found on our website ([stjohnhopkinton.com](http://stjohnhopkinton.com)) under the "Religious Education" tab. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313 x22 or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

## **ALREADY IN OUR PROGRAM?**

For those already in our program, you will receive information at the end of the summer about signing up for class day & time.

## **SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE**

St. John's Summer Bible Adventure (SBA) was such a blessing last week for 185 four-year olds to seniors in high school. All enjoyed learning to "Trust Jesus" through Bible stories, crafts, music, service, outdoor games, and special snacks. In service, the campers weeded/improved the garden in the back of the parish center, made baptismal blankets, contributed to the Mustard Seed & our food pantry in the back of our parking lot, and had a coat drive for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program! We're so grateful to the many adults who volunteered for months ahead of time in the planning/decorating and during the week to engage all the students involved. A HUGE thank you to St. John's SBA director, Elizabeth Getchell, who spent countless hours pulling this extraordinary week all together!!

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

### **MCFL Decries New Genetic Testing Service**

### **Reducing Human Lives to Data**

"A new genetic testing service now enables parents using in vitro fertilization (IVF) to rank embryos based on their predicted lifespan and disease risk. For \$6,000, Nucleus Genomics offers to analyze up to 900 conditions, including cancer, heart disease, and even IQ and height. While framed as a scientific advance, this practice marks a disturbing shift: human lives reduced to data, with embryos discarded for not meeting projected standards.

<https://www.masscitizensforlife> based on June 4th, 2025 Wall Street Journal "Longevity Is Now a Factor When Picking an Embryo for IVF: DNA analysis predicts likelihood of age-related conditions such as heart disease and cancer"

## **Holy Hour for Life**

Join us as we pray for the lives of unborn children and their parents **THIS Friday, July 25th at 7PM** in the lower church. May we persevere with courage in our fight for a culture of life!

***JULY 20, 2025***

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**CROSS ROADS**

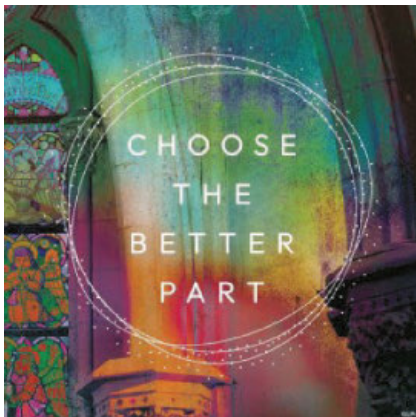
**By Deacon Tony**

**Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15:2-5;  
Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42**

Hospitality is a wonderful thing. It is demonstrated by Abraham, “A just and upright man, and by Martha and Mary in today’s gospel from Luke. As for Abraham and his wife Sarah, they were hospitable to three men who were seemingly on a journey (likely two angels and God Himself). What does it mean to say that Abraham was a just and upright man. Today’s psalm says something about that. To be upright, among other things, one must be blameless, one who thinks and holds the truth in his heart, one who does not slander or harm his fellow man, and one who honors those who fear the Lord. Abraham met those criteria, and was generous and gracious to his visitors, and open to the will of the Lord. Abraham and his wife were childless. His reward for his hospitality was the promise that his wife Sarah would, in a year, at the age of 90, bear a son.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians also was open to the will of God as he rejoiced in his suffering in his mission to obey Christ’s order to the apostles to make disciples of all people. Part of today’s reading from Colossians speaks of Paul’s suffering as “filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ.” But Paul was not implying that the sufferings of Christ were deficient. Some scholars suggest that Paul was merely joining his sufferings with those of Christ for the sake of the mystical body of Christ (the Church), something we all are called to do, and that he foresaw the trials, afflictions, and tribulations that would precede the end times. Others suggest that Paul’s mystical relationship with Christ allowed him to join his sufferings with those of Christ, and in so doing, allowed him to call his own sufferings part of the afflictions of Christ. By no means are Christ’s sufferings lacking in anything.

In Luke’s gospel Mary and Martha are hosting Jesus. Mary focused on Jesus, sat at his feet and listened. She was open to Christ and his message. Martha was busy preparing and serving. That does not mean Martha was not listening. But as Jesus said, Martha was anxious and worried about many things. Worry and anxiety are not sinful, but they can be obstacles to learning and being open to receiving the Lord’s message. In this scene Jesus speaks of only one thing as necessary for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and the person of Jesus and being receptive to the mystery of Christ as he comes to us through one another.





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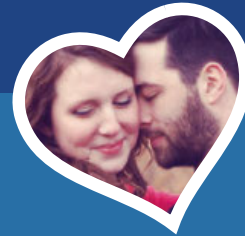
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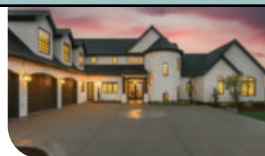
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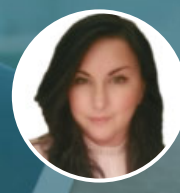
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