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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

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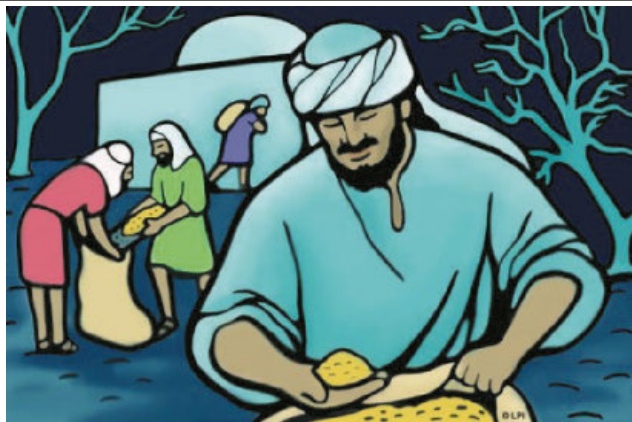
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 10, 2025:
Wis 18:6-9/ Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:35-40

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 229 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Arthur DesChamps

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Joseph & Elizabeth Malloy

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM Joseph & Eva Campbell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM Florencio Reyes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM Joseph MacLaine

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Kevin & Emily Beavers
(living intention)

4:00 PM Kaitlyn Kenney

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM JoAnn Morgan (living intention)

10:00 AM Beatrice C. McMullen

& Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated **Friday, August 15.**

HOLY DAY MASSES

Thursday, August 14 at 4PM

Friday, August 15 at 9AM and 7PM

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.



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) 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

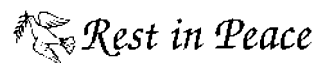
There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.

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

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.



Patricia Jordan
Amy Jordan Schwartz

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.

St. John's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM** in the lower church area. All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

Knowing Them...Praying for Them... Helping Them Get to Heaven!

The month of November, dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, has been given to us by Holy Mother Church because of her love for her children. May our love grow for family, friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory.

"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

—Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church 397

"If by your prayers, sufferings, or other works, you have obtained a good death for the dying sinner, you have placed it in Purgatory. Now you will assist, by all the means you can, in obtaining its release from that place of confinement. To do this, you should have Holy Masses offered up, gain indulgences and pray for them."

—Mother Mary Potter, foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters.

What does the church teach about Purgatory?

1. There is a Purgatory
2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace; and are sure of their eternal salvation.
3. They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. **Rev. 21:27; MT. 5:8**
4. **The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

The Lord said to me **"Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there."** O My Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.

—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina #1738

What is Jesus' "Treasure of Mercy"? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this Treasury!

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death



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 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 (stjohnshopkinton.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.

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.



St. John's High School Youth Group

If you are interested in planning or suggesting any events for the fall or if you would like to be on our distribution list for activities, please contact us at: stjohnshopkintonyouth-ministry@gmail.com.

Going on Vacation?

Have a safe trip and be sure to visit www.masstimes.org for church locations and Mass times while traveling!

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative Stop Bill S.1579: An Act to eliminate barriers and expand abortion access

Help stop Bill S.1579 in Massachusetts. The legislature is considering this bill now. By redefining terms, Massachusetts S.1579 paves the way for expansive abortion practices without oversight, undermining patient safety and parental rights." "Massachusetts should be leading with compassion, offering support for women and families, not promoting policies that make it easier to end a human life. Urge our legislators to reject Bill S.1579 and instead invest in real solutions, such as access to prenatal care, housing assistance, mental health services, and support for pregnancy resource centers that provide meaningful, life-affirming alternatives."

Use this link to send your message to our legislators:
https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/legislative_action_center

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CROSS ROADS

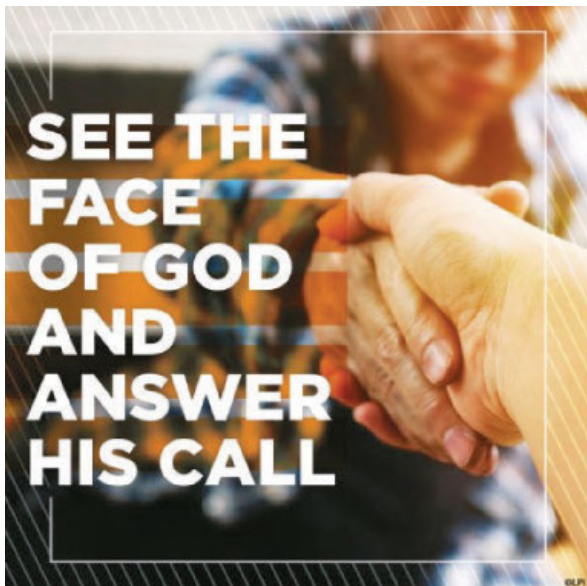
By Deacon Tony

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17;
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21**

In Ecclesiastes we hear and read the phrase, “vanity of vanities.” In the context of the times and the message that was being stressed, vanity, especially vanity of vanities, means something different than we might initially think. To be more precise the message, especially when one reads all of today’s readings, the word, vanity, refers to something done in vane, worthless, and futile! In the context of today’s readings, the example is laboring only for earthly riches, possessions, and pleasures only for oneself, without regard or action to share, and helping the needy. That way of life can be very harmful to those who live that way, leading to hoarding, selfishness, corruption, anxiety out of fear of losing what one has worked for.

In the larger context, such a life is futile, because riches and possessions do not last, because all earthly things pass away. They may provide some pleasure, and they may not run out while one is alive on this earth; but all of us run out of time; and what will we say to the Lord when we see him face to face. As Saint Paul warns us today that a life lived in that manner can be a form of idolatry; worshipping the things of this world, instead of the Lord. Saint Paul not only summed up these things nicely in today’s reading; but also in these words from Romans 8:18- 21: “... for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself be set free from slavery to corruption, and share in the in glorious freedom of the children of God.”

What is the cure? None of this means that anyone should ignore the needs of one’s family. But one should also take care of the larger scale of our business. The business of our lives is the business and needs of humanity in general. Look up. Seek first what is above and build up riches for eternity by gathering and living the riches of faith, hope, love, generosity, kindness, and empathy. Appreciate the things of this world; but do not be ruled by them or hold on to them so tightly. Every day, loosen that grip, lay them down, pick up your cross and follow Christ, and live according to his will and his ways.





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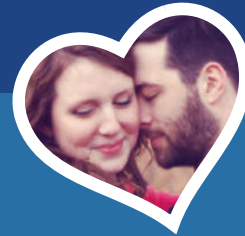


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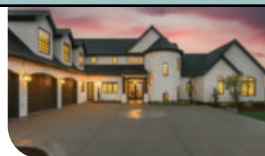
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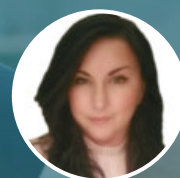
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