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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

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bernadette Nadeau
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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



“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 24, 2025:
Is 66:18-21/ Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 236 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00 PM Louise Kehoe

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 AM Jack Pini

10:00 AM Lucinda MacLaine

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Cameron Mahoney

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM For an increase in devotion to the Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM Thomas Brady

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Faith L. Murray

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Philip E. DiMattia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Edward O'Leary

6:30 PM Jennifer Swope

Please note there will not be Adoration on Tuesday, August 19, Friday, August 22, and Tuesday, August 26.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, August 23.

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



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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, August 21, 7PM, lower chapel For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy. Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction.

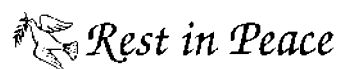


O, Mary conceived without sin...pray for us who have recourse to thee.

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY AND HER CHILDREN—THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

This Friday, August 22, we will honor the Queenship of our Blessed Mother Mary with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as Queen of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all of us here in this world. Just as our Mother is queen of our hearts, the Holy Souls in Purgatory “feel” and understand in a more intimate and loving knowledge of Mary’s love for them and their love for her. The Holy Souls are consoled with an ever greater joy and love for Mary, their Mother and Queen.

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.



Dottie Pyne



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.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x20 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

Baptismal Blanket Ministry

St. John's baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John's. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Archbishop Critiques United Nation's Health Programs

"On July 14, Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations, issued a statement highlighting the inconsistent implementation of health and well-being programs, particularly those aimed at protecting the unborn. 'Achieving health and wellbeing for all also calls for special attention to be paid to the most vulnerable members of the human family, including the unborn, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, migrants and those living in conflict-affected areas,' the archbishop stated. 'This is a right for all, not a privilege for the few, rooted in the fundamental truth that every human life is sacred and worthy of care from conception to natural death.'"

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/vatican-diplomat-to-un-every-human-life-is-sacred/>



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.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

September 27, 2025

St. Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Road, Webster, MA
7AM Registrations begins

8:30-6PM, Program: Adoration, Rosary, Speakers, Lunch, Confession, Mass

Tickets: \$25 for students, \$50 for adults (until Sept. 16, and \$60 for adults after Sept. 16)

Morning pastries, coffee and lunch included

See the website for more information and to purchase tickets: www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

St. Cecilia Parish's 2025 Annual Flea Market

St. Cecilia Parish will begin collecting donations for their upcoming Flea Market to be held September 12th, 13th, & 14th. **Drop off days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, August 12th through September 4, 9AM-12PM at the St. Cecilia's Family Center, 54 Esty Street, Ashland.** They will be accepting donations of **small household items, no clothing.** Please see St. Cecilia's website for a complete list of items they are accepting and unable to accept: stceciliaparish.org.

AUGUST 17, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

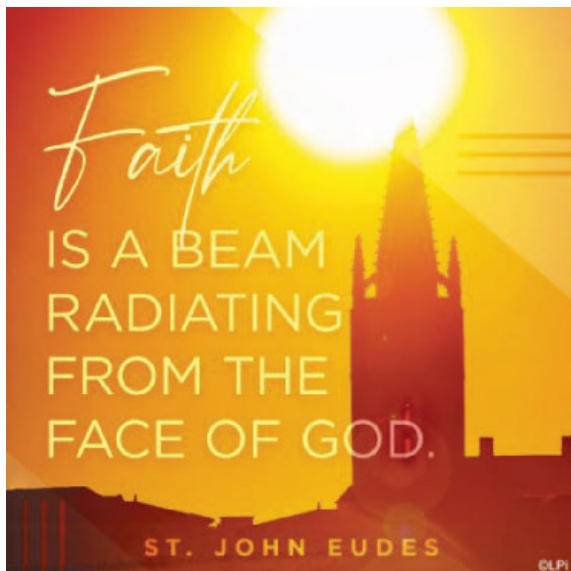
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40:2-4, 18;

Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Jeremiah preached the truth. It resulted in his being rejected and treated badly, all because he preached the truth about what is right and what is wrong. Those who were set in their ways, and did not want to change, conspired and set out to do away with him by throwing Jeremiah into a muddy cistern, where he would sink, and possibly die from starvation. But the Lord came to Jeremiah's aid. When the king was told by a court official what happened to Jeremiah, the king ordered the court official to take three men to rescue him.

Christ, the way, the truth, and the life came among us because of his loving concern for humanity, to tell the truth about what is right and what is wrong, to preach and heal the self-inflicted wounds of sin. But he too would be rejected by those who were set in their ways, who did not want to change or to lose their lofty status. Christ became their target for persecution, humiliation, and elimination to the point of death on the cross. Saint Paul tells us that Christ did this so that we might persevere. Christ died and rose from the dead in order that we not grow weary, lose heart, or abandon the struggle against sin. His death and resurrection lift us up from the cistern of sin and gives us a chance to persevere in the struggle. He came to set the world on fire with the truth, love, faith and confidence in the Lord who hears those who are persecuted and afflicted.

If we trust in the Lord and surrender ourselves to the Lord's will and the Lord's ways, the Lord will be with us. In our culture, anyone who takes the Holy Bible seriously, and stands for the truth, stands for morals, and stands for life, may suffer ridicule, being "canceled" (a modern type of social elimination). That can happen in public forums, in families, and among friends. We do not have the luxury of silence when we are in the face of evil. Those who are silent for the sake of peace in the family and among friends are not doing themselves or others any good. Over time, silence in the face of evil can lead one to become a form of silent accomplice. Have faith! Trust in the Christ!!, and he will give you the kind of strength that he found in doing the Father's will!!!





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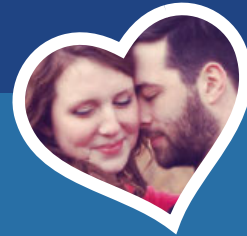
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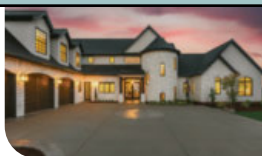
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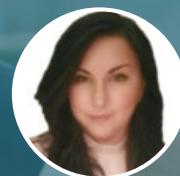


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