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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.

#### **PASTOR**

Very Rev. Richard E. Cannon, V.F. 508-435-3313x21

SENIOR DEACON
Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

508-435-3313x22 Mary Pawela, 1-6 Debbie Lysik, 7-10 Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER
Parish Center Manager
Catherine Kniaz
508-435-3313x25

#### **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** 

momandberni@gmail.com

#### **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



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

- Lk 13:29-30

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 31, 2025: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14:1, 7-14

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 238 in the pew missal.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23** 

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25** 

9:00 AM Henry Ellison, III (living intention)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26** 

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Ronald Buttarazzi

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28** 

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30** 

4:00 PM Scott Casassa

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31** 

8:00 AM Keith Regan

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

& Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

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

#### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

Coffee hours following the 10AM Sunday Mass will resume September 7. If your family (or parish ministry) would like to host a coffee hour, please email Catherine Kniaz at <a href="mailto:parishhallstjn@gmail.com">parishhallstjn@gmail.com</a> or call the parish office at 508-435 -3313 x20.

#### **Monday Evening Confessions**

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Monday, September 15, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.



## 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.

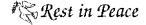
#### **Going on Vacation?**

Have a safe trip and be sure to visit <a href="www.masstimes.org">www.masstimes.org</a> for church locations and Mass times while traveling!

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.

Please note there will not be Adoration on Tuesday, August 26.



Kari Griffin Daniel Lundy

#### 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 the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

#### Survey Results Indicate Good News for Pro-Life

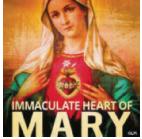
"Gallup noted that the pro-choice position 'jumped into a 16-point lead' in 2022 after the Dobbs decision overturned Roe v. Wade and has remained ahead of the pro-life position since then. Still, the pro-choice position dropped to 51% this year compared to 54% last year. In addition, the percentage of Americans who say abortion should be legal 'under any/most circumstances' dropped since last year, while the percentage who say abortion should be legal in 'only a few/lllegal in all circumstances' rose since last year and is now almost even at 49% to 48%."

https://washingtonstand.com/news/poll-nationwide-prolifesupport-remains-steady-3-years-after-dobbs June 10, 2025

# DIVINE MERCY AND THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS

God doesn't want any of His wayward children to be lost, but truly rejoices when they repent of their sins, turn back to Him, and are saved. (Luke, Chapter 15)

I have come to call sinners, not the self-righteous. Mark 2:17



# HOLY MARY-REFUGE OF SINNERS -MOTHER KNOWS BEST-

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Our Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Saint Bernadette Soubirous beginning on February 11 and ending July 16, 1858. On the apparition of February 24, Mary asked Bernadette for penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners.

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our Lady asked "are you willing to offer yourself to God and bear all the suffering He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?"

#### **OUR LADY OF CHAMPION\***

Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Adele Brise in 1859, Wisconsin, U.S.A. to ask Sister Adele to "make a general confession and offer Holy Communion for the conversion of sinners."

\*The only approved apparition of Our Lady in the U.S.A.



#### St. John's Religious Education Online Sign-Ups For All Registered Students (Grades 1-10)

Our online Religious Education class sign-ups will take place on Sunday, September 14, at 1PM and continue through Wednesday, September 17. Families will receive a link via email the week before, so please check your email. For grades 1-6, there will be some choices of day and time. For grades 7-10, there will not be a choice of day, but signing up will allow us to know who will participate this year so books, subscriptions and supplies can be ordered. Remember, this sign up is for those that have participated in the Religious Education program last year, so if your child did not participate last year, and you plan on having them attend, please let us know so we can make them active in the system. Also, if your child will be attending our program for the very first time, you need to fill out a registration form that you can get from our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDU-CATION" tab. All this needs to take place before the sign ups.

Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 5. Home schooling is an option for grades 1, and 3-8 (which you will be able to sign up for during online signups). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x22 or <a href="mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net">dlysikstjn@verizon.net</a>.

#### 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: <a href="mailto:stjohnshopkintonyouth-ministry@gmail.com">stjohnshopkintonyouth-ministry@gmail.com</a>.

# 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 has begun collecting donations for their upcoming Flea Market to be held September 12th, 13th, & 14th. Drop off days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 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.

#### CROSS ROADS

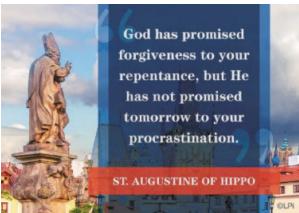
By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1-2; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

In today's reading from Isaiah, we read that it is the Lord's will that He comes to gather all nations of every language, and that they all come and see His glory. It is the Lord's will that His glory be proclaimed among all nations. Today's psalm stresses that the Lord is steadfast in His kindness, and that His fidelity endures forever.

In the reading from Hebrews, Saint Paul urges that we do not lose heart in times of adversity and suffering, or in times when we feel that we are being tested or experiencing a trial which the Lord is allowing us to suffer. But such things can be a form of discipline; and all good fathers discipline their children when appropriate, whether it be through restrictions, or some hard work, etc. Paul emphasizes that we should accept adversity and suffering as a form of training, because discipline is training which can beget the peaceful fruit of righteousness for those who seek the Lord's help to endure and receive it as training to help us deal with what is to come. Remember Christ enduring fasting and temptation in the desert. It was not until He was exhausted and hungry that angels were sent to tend to Him. Remember Christ in His agony in the garden. It was not until his darkest hour, sweating blood, that angels were sent to tend to Him, and He rose with strength to meet those who would turn Him over to suffer the cross. Similarly, in our trials, the Lord is there to comfort us in our darkest hours, when we open the door to our hearts and souls.

Luke's gospel today can seem harsh. One might ask, "what about ask and you shall receive, knock and it shall be opened"? It can seem that Luke's gospel contradicts that promise, and Isaiah. But it does not. The lesson of today's gospel is that it is one thing to read and listen to scripture, or in Christ's era on earth, to have seen and heard Christ preaching in person. It is quite another thing to heed what Christ taught, to open the door to our hearts and souls to the point where we repent, invite Him in, so that He is in us and we in Him, and to form a true loving relationship with Him. He is always with us, and prompting us, guiding us, and knocking at the door of our hearts and souls. Have we opened the door to Him? He unlocked the door to salvation and the Kingdom of God through His life. death, and resurrection. But it is up to each of us to open the door to our souls to Him that we each may live a life that He recognizes as worthy of the unlocked door to the Kingdom being open to us.









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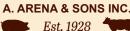
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