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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

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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



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 14, 2025:
Nm 21:4b-9/ Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 242 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

4:00 PM Gilda Bajet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 AM Andrew & Serena Beavers
(living intention)

10:00 AM Phillip Gradie

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Victor Velez

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM Mary Mattock (living birthday)

4:00 PM John Ahearn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV
on his 70th birthday

10:00 AM For forgiveness

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.

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation **COFFEE HOUR**

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

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

Reception for New Members of the Church

Sunday, September 14, following the 10AM Mass

This September, eight students from Fr. Cannon's Tuesday adult Catechism class will enter the Church, four to be Confirmed at a local parish on September 7, and four receiving Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation during our 10AM Mass **NEXT SUNDAY September 14**. Immediately following, we will celebrate with a reception at our coffee hour, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Come welcome our new brothers and sisters in the faith, sign their congratulation cards, and, if the spirit moves you, consider bringing a small gift, such as a rosary or your favorite prayer card. Keep these new members in your prayers!

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.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, September 13.**



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

Why are Abortions Continuing to Rise?

"Following Dobbs, 41 states had laws on the books to protect the unborn in some form. Twelve now have comprehensive protections beginning at conception, while 28 have established gestational limits. Yet, despite this, abortion hasn't decreased. In fact, according to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, abortions have increased more than 10% since Dobbs, rising from roughly 930,000 to over one million annually...How can abortion be on the rise when so many states have passed pro-life laws? The answer is chemical abortion—specifically, the abortion pill mifepristone, which now accounts for nearly two-thirds of all abortions. The Biden administration enabled this surge by eliminating critical FDA safety protocols and refusing to enforce longstanding federal laws, including the Comstock Act, which prohibits the mailing of abortion drugs. These actions were not incidental—they were designed to circumvent and neutralize the very state laws empowered by Dobbs."

Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council and executive editor of The Washington Stand
washingtonstand.com 8/02/25

Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for more than 61 years. Father is currently 89 years wise. He used to celebrate a 10AM Sunday Mass here at St. John's in August while he is here for his yearly family, medical and dentist visit.

For the sixth year in a row, Father was not be able to visit his family home in Sutton or us at St. John's because it is unsafe to travel in Haiti due to gangs and kidnappings. Consequently, he was once again unable to make his usual visits to local parishes for fundraising in support of his "St. Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). Because of this, St. John's is now one of the very few means of support for his clinic and without our help, his clinic will be forced to close.

St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations to support him, his doctors, the clinic and their patients. **A second collection will be held on the weekend of September 20-21** for this. Additionally, anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (made out to *St. John's Mission Apostolate*) at any time can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket or mail it to St. John's Parish. Father is most grateful to receive your donations to support him in his missionary work.



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 web-site (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" 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 sign-ups). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x22 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

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 Family Center
54 Esty Street, Ashland, Mass.
Friday, September 12, 9AM-4PM
Saturday, September 13, 9AM-4PM
Sunday, September 14, 9AM-2PM
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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-17;

Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

If we are not receptive to the Lord's gift of wisdom, we are unable to even begin to conceive, discern, or understand what the Lord intends. Without wisdom, we cannot fully be aware of our own limitations, or our own potential as intended by the providence of the Lord. Without wisdom, we can be prone to our own speculations. As mortal creations, such speculations are weak, and our plans can be misleading and unsure. Without wisdom, we can be prone to the burdens of earthly idols: our corruptible bodies, materialism, possessions, everyday concerns and worries, and reluctance to freely take up our own crosses and join them to the cross of Jesus. Without wisdom such burdens can weigh us down to the point that we might begin to walk a long and winding road, instead of the straight path to follow Christ, and to be true disciples who forgive those who have wronged us.

The promptings of wisdom help us to "number our days aright" as today's psalm suggests. We are the loved creations of our timeless Lord, for whom a thousand years is as yesterday, or as a mere watch of the night. Saint Paul, in today's letter to Philemon, is fully aware that his time is running out. He describes himself as an old man and a prisoner for Christ. He does not complain. Instead, he writes on behalf of Onesimus, a former slave belonging to Philemon. Paul describes Onesimus as somebody who Paul considered to be a son or a brother; and he writes that he is sending Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a friend, and ardently urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus as a brother. Sometimes, Paul could be stern and bombastic. But the wisdom he accepted over time turned him into a true disciple of Christ, of truth, mercy, love, and fellowship, someone who has learned to freely take up his cross, and to put the Lord first.

Today's gospel can seem harsh. But when Christ seems to limit discipleship to those who hate father, mother, siblings, and one's own life, he is not advocating hate. God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is LOVE personified. Christ is advocating love by putting God first, because life in this world is fleeting. When we put God first, we share in the love of the Trinity, we pass it on to others, and our families and friends are more likely to do the same, and all can be more likely to share in the timeless eternity of our loving God.





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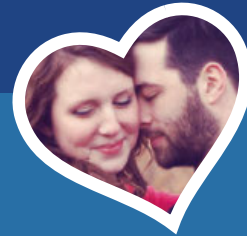
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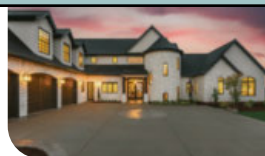
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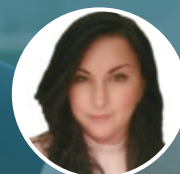
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