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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



“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:14-16

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 21, 2025:
Am 8:4-7/ Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 244 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM Deceased members of the Brady, Green & Sullivan Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM David L. Bilodeau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM William P. & Laurette Danahy and William J. Danahy

10:00 AM Maureen Lundy (living intention)

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, September 20.**

Join Us For Coffee,
Donuts and Conversation

Reception for New Members of the Church

THIS Sunday, September 14, following the 10AM Mass

Come to the reception THIS Sunday after the 10AM Mass to celebrate our new brothers and sisters in the faith. During the 10AM Mass, four adults will receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Four others received Confirmation at a local parish last Sunday. Come sign their congratulation cards, and, if the spirit moves you, consider bringing a small gift, such as a rosary or your favorite prayer card. We're praying for these new members and are eager to know and support them.

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

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Global Mission Apostolate (Fr. Henault Haiti Mission)

Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **THIS 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.

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.

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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, September 18, 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.

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.

Rest in Peace

Lawrence Glick
Arlene Hartwell



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.

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 NEXT WEEKEND** 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 the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative Pastors and Attorneys Call on Congress to Protect Pro-Life State Laws

"The abortion pill regimen not only ends unborn lives but also puts women at risk. Nearly 11% of women who use chemical abortion drugs experience complications requiring emergency care. And yet, these pills are shipped without medical oversight into states that have chosen to protect life. To further insulate this practice, 18 pro-abortion states have passed shield laws that protect abortionists who mail these drugs into pro-life states—effectively tying the hands of local prosecutors and lawmakers. **The result: the Dobbs decision is being nullified in practice, if not in principle.** That's why, this week, Southern Baptist pastors and leaders from 22 states called on President Trump to reverse the Biden-era policies that continue to undermine state-level protections. And they are not alone. Sixteen state attorneys general are urging Congress to take action against these shield laws and restore the rule of law." Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council and executive editor of The Washington Stand washingtonstand.com 8/02/25



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 **THIS Sunday, September 14, at 1PM and continue through Wednesday, September 17.** All registered families should have received an email with the sign-up link, 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 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). Tuition should be paid at the time of sign ups. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x22 or dllysikstjn@verizon.net.

Puzzle Night at St. John's Saturday, September 27, 5-9PM

We're making puzzles in the parish hall! Plenty of floor and table space. Bring puzzles to make or to swap. Puzzles for ages 3-103. Invite your friends! Serving water, tea, and coffee. Bring a cozy sweater and hunker down!

Young Adult Event

Our parish is growing, with 8 new members entering the Church, and more young Catholics filling our pews. So, we are gathering together our young adults (20s-30s, or thereabouts) to support each other in our faith, growing closer to our Eucharistic Lord, educating ourselves in the faith, and enjoying our fellowship. **THIS Tuesday, September 16, at 7PM** come pray the rosary in the lower chapel. Then step over to the parish library for a short bible study on the previous Sunday's gospel (Jn 3:13-17). Finally, we'll look at a list of event ideas to come. Copies provided of the rosary prayers and the gospel.

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT Saturday, September 27

Join us for a transformative day of faith with speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Anthony Federico, Michael O'Neill, and Father Jason Brooks. The day includes a Eucharistic procession, Adoration, first-class relics, Confession, exhibitors, vendors and includes lunch. The day will culminate in Vigil Mass at 4PM. To carpool, contact Bill Krans at 774-200-0994. www.ctcatholicmen.org.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 78: 1-2, 34-38;

Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17

From today's readings, the Church (in the Ordo) highlights this incite: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. 'God highly exalted him' and made him Lord. How unforgettable are his deeds!" Having been freed from slavery in Egypt, the people wandered through the desert, and they complained about their hardships against Moses and against God. Punished by God with seraph serpents that bit and killed many, they asked Moses to pray for them. It was God who told Moses to make a serpent and to mount it on a pole. Moses obeyed and fashioned a serpent in bronze and mounted it on a pole. Thereafter, anyone who was bitten and looked at the serpent on the pole was saved and lived. This incident is a precursor of the sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of Man, on the cross: Jesus is the good shepherd who viewed his divinity as not something to be grasped, and emptied himself, so that those who believe in him may have eternal life. Jesus obeyed the Father without complaint for love of us. We all sometimes suffer sorrows, losses, and hardships. But we must not allow ourselves to resent what we suffer, or to doubt the love of God for us. Rather we must attach our sufferings, disappointments, and hardships to the sufferings of Christ. We too, for the greater glory of God, and for love of each other must embrace our own crosses and encourage and help others to embrace their crosses. As Jesus emptied himself for our sake, so we must empty ourselves by surrendering ourselves to him: body, soul, mind and heart, strengths and weaknesses. He is with us always!

Protecting God's Children (PGC)

Friday, September 26, 6-9PM

Saturday, September 27, 9AM-Noon

At St. John's, in classroom 3 off the main hall

Are you planning on or considering volunteering at St. John's? Now is your chance to take PGC at St. John's led by our friend Deacon Guy. PGC is required for all parish volunteers/workers: lectors, Religious Ed. teachers, etc. Visit the homepage of our website, stjohnhopkinton.com, to learn how to register for PGC (required before showing up). If you have any questions, email Catherine at parishhall-stjn@gmail.com.

A Special Day for Special People

Knights of Columbus Annual Special People's Field Day
NEXT Sunday, September 21, 2025, 12PM-4PM at the Ashland Fish & Game Club. Sponsored by the Ashland-Hopkinton Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council #4822. Enjoy a variety of fun activities, including a dunk tank, pony rides, sports, games, T-ball, soccer kicks, corn-hole/bean bag toss, and a fire truck. Food and drinks, will be served from 1PM-3PM, followed by ice cream. The Knights of Columbus will closely supervise all events to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone. "Special Athletes" of all ages and their family members are warmly invited to attend this free event. If you have any questions or for more information, contact Bill Muench at 508-259-3382/william.muench@comcast.net or Mike McNamara at 774-292-9180/mike.mcnamara12@gmail.com)



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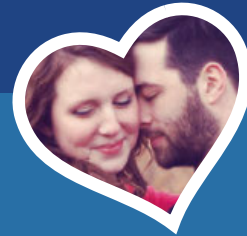
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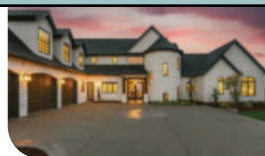
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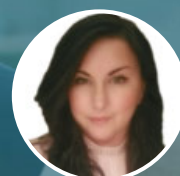
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