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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



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
- Lk 17:5-6

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 12, 2025:
2Kgs 5:14-17/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 250 in the pew missal.

MASS
INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:00 PM Lourdes Banson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM For the Sanctity of Life

6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 AM Mary Burdick

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 AM Rosario Reyes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM In thanksgiving for Father Abraham

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM Patrick John Fitzgerald

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Bruce Burdick

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 AM Cliff & Kathy Beavers
(living intention)

10:00 AM For the Michael Duffy Family (living)

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. Additionally, Chesterton Academy of the Immaculata, a classical, Catholic high school will have an information table in the parish center during this Sunday's coffee hour.



Blessing of Animals

According to the providence of the Creator, many animals have a certain role to play in human existence by helping with work and providing food and clothing. Therefore when the occasion arises, for example the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4, we are invited to participate in the custom of invoking God's blessing on animals. **All are invited THIS Sunday, October 5, following the 10AM Mass to the Blessing of Animals.** Please do not bring your pets to Mass with you. Fr. Cannon will delay the blessing for 10 minutes or so, so that you can go home and get your pets! We'll meet behind the church outside the kitchen doors. Coffee and donuts will be served for this joyful occasion. We hope you will join us!

Altar Server Training

All young people, in 4th grade and older, who would like to be altar servers, are invited to attend an instruction on **Sunday, October 19**, after the 10AM Mass in the upper church. The instruction will last about 1 hour.

Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **Monday, October 20 and Monday, November 17, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is once again 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 and will begin again on Tuesday, October 21st** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, October 11.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



THE ROSARY—LADDER TO HEAVEN AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

October is the month of the rosary. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the rosary is one of the most powerful means of helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The reason the rosary is so powerful to obtain relief for the Holy Souls is because of the indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479) attached to these prayers. Can you refuse this heartfelt devotion? Pray the rosary from the heart.

Dearest Mother and Queen of Purgatory, obtain relief and consolation for your children.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

In union with "America Needs Fatima", the rosary will be prayed on the Hopkinton Town Common **THIS Saturday, October 11, at Noon** to pray for: reparations; sanctity of life; the safeguarding of marriage and family life; and the healing of our nation. We hope you will join us!

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Australian Bishops Oppose Surrogacy,

Speak for Motherhood, as Surrogacy Expands

"Speaking to the effects of surrogacy on children, the bishops emphasized that every child has the right to be raised by their biological parents. "Every child has the right to be conceived, carried, and raised within the stable, loving bond of its biological mother and father. To deliberately bypass this context is to violate the child's inherent dignity and best interests," the bishops stated. The prelates further underscored how surrogacy undermines the sacred role of motherhood. "Surrogacy reduces this sacred role to a service contract—an arrangement that denies women's full humanity," the letter continued. "Surrogacy attempts to divide a woman's body from her identity, as though she could be a vessel without being a mother."

Members of the Knights of Columbus and St. John's Pro Life Initiative will be collecting signatures after Masses this weekend to put a question on the ballot to **stop taxpayer funding of abortions in Massachusetts**. Please stop by and sign the petition. Note that the paperwork is submitted by town so identify your town before signing the petition if you are from a town other than Hopkinton. Please follow the instructions provided as an incorrectly signed petition can invalidate the entire form and all the other signatures on it. Thank you for your consideration.



Religious Education Classes

Classes for all grades will begin THIS week

For Grades 1-6:

Sunday classes for grades 1-5 will begin on October 5 from 8:45AM-9:45AM;

Monday classes for grades 1-5 will begin on October 6 from 4:30PM-5:30PM;

Wednesday classes for grade 6 will begin on October 8 from 2:45-3:45PM

Grade 2 parent meetings will take place during the first class on opening week;

For Grades 7-10:

Grade 10 will begin this Sunday, October 5, 5:15-6:25 with 6:30 Mass, students only

Grade 9 will begin on Monday, October 6, with a parent and student meeting from 7-8PM;

Grades 7 & 8 will begin on Tuesday, October 7, with students only from 6-7PM.

Emails have gone out to parents with lots of information for all grades so please check your emails.

If you signed up to home-school your own child, Grades 1 & 3-8, you may pick up your book on any of the following days/times: Sunday, November 2, 9AM-11:30AM;

Monday, November 3, 9:30AM-12:00 & 1-4PM;

Tuesday, November 4, , 9:30AM-Noon & 1-4PM;

Wednesday, November 5, 9:30AM-Noon & 1-4PM

We will send a reminder via email to those that signed up to home-school. Tuition can be paid by going to the parish website and clicking on online giving, scroll down to Events, click on Religious Education. Please note: tuition should be paid upon attending class or picking up home school books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

Saint Vincent de Paul Memorial Mass

The 4PM Mass on Saturday, October 18th will be a Saint Vincent de Paul Memorial Mass. At this Mass, we will remember our beloved deceased members who faithfully served in our Metro West Conferences of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We will have guests from the Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences from Ashland, Framingham, Marlborough, Maynard, Sudbury, Wellesley, Hudson, Natick, as well as some of the officers from the Boston Council. There will be a dinner following the Mass. If you would like to join us for the dinner, please reach out to stvd-phop@gmail.com and we can send you further information on the registration process. We appreciate all of your continued support!

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Does your family utilize a Charitable Gift Fund? Or, does your employer have a Matching-Gift Program? Donating to SVDP is easier than ever, and contributions may have DOUBLE the impact! Please consider a donation to our local SVDP Conference – where 100% of the contributions go directly to assisting the needy in the Hopkinton community. Thank you! **Society of St. Vincent DePaul in the Archdiocese of Boston; St. John the Evangelist Conference; TAX ID: 27-4129174**

OCTOBER 5, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10**

In today's reading from Habakkuk, we hear of a plea that is something all of us may have done at one time or another: complain about what we are going through and asking why our prayers do not seem to be answered. But the Lord does not rebuke him. He promises that the day will come, and it will not disappoint, and the Lord urges him to wait, to be patient. For all of us, faith and trust in the Lord are essential to the process of getting through difficult times and to attaining a level of peace that endures. Only the Lord can do that for us. The peace that the world offers is fleeting, passes away; and can lead us into distractions that cause even greater anxiety.

It is the Lord who is the Rock of our salvation. Faith is the gracious gift He gives to us. It is a gift that cannot be earned or bought. It can only be accepted. The Lord also gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in troubled times and helps us to join our troubles and suffering to the Passion that Christ suffered for us. In so doing we build a relationship with Christ, one that we can trust and thankfully rejoice in. But it is not easy with the distractions and the callous and vile noise that we hear every day from around the world, even after somebody like Charlie Kirk (a true modern-day prophet of truth, faith, hope, life, the word of God, and caring for all people troubled by modern times and urges). For some, that may seem like a stretch. However, like the prophets of old, he was counter-culture: speaking truth that many young men and women flocked to. But some did not want to hear the truth because it would mean giving up some of their behaviors, pleasures or power. And like many of the prophets of old, he was persecuted, criticized, and murdered. He went beyond what he knew we are all commanded to do. But to this day, thousands of young people are joining his movement of truth and life. The fallen seed is bearing much fruit!

In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith. His answer applies to all of us: Do more than obey the Commandments. Be aware of your surroundings and people who need help, and for whom words of consolation, hope, and encouragement and small works of love and service can mean so much. Even faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, by the grace of God can accomplish much.

CURSILLO

Consider taking a weekend away with the Lord. Experience a CURSILLO weekend! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, held over a 3-day weekend. It is designed to help and teach you how to become Christ to the world.

Upcoming weekends for 2025:

Women's Weekend: October 9-12, 2025

Men's Weekend: November 20-23, 2025

For more information, please contact Bill & Jeannette Krans at bjkrans@hotmail.com.



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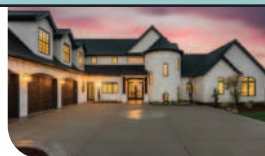
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