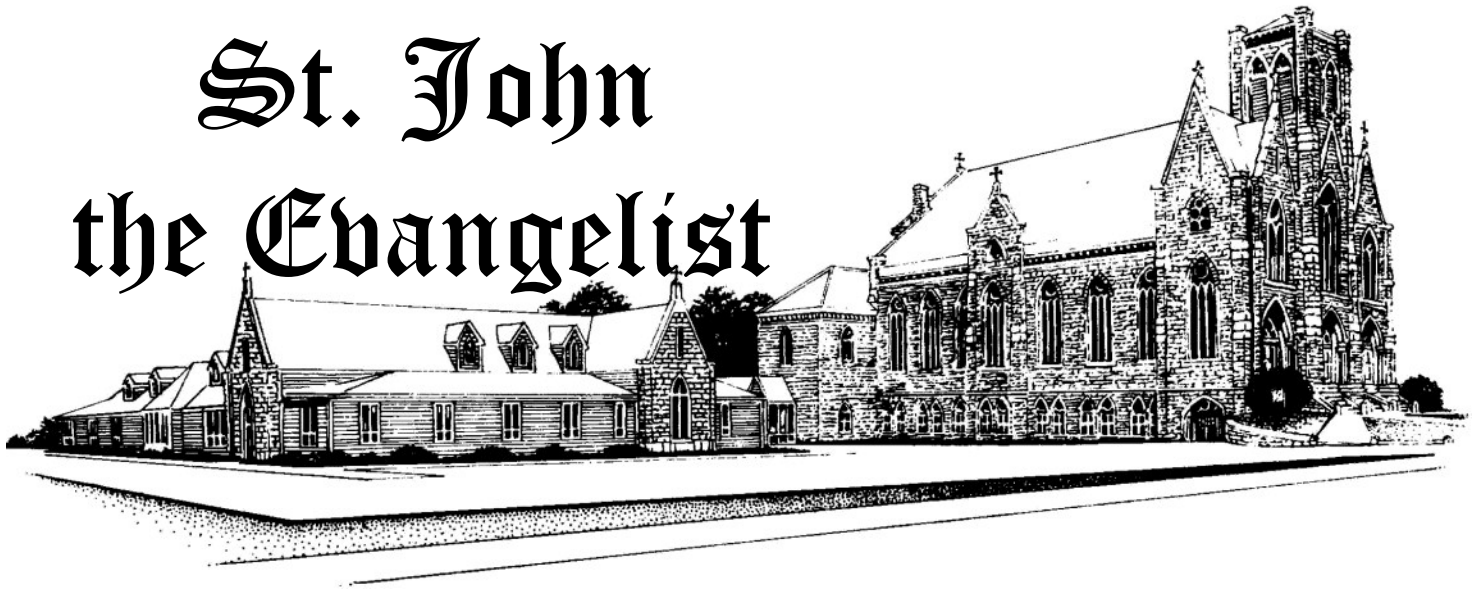


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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



“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 2, 2025:
Wis 3:1-9/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Rom 5:5-11/ Jn 6:37-40

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 257 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 PM For the conversion of sinners

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 AM Ryan Lundy (living intention)
10:00 AM Peter Nute
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM Concon & Sheba Bautista
(living intention)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM Robert Nute

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 AM David and Max Aaronson
(living intention)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM Deceased members of St. John the Evangelist Parish
10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

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 hosted this Sunday by St. John's Young Families.

St. John's Young Families Gathering

St. John's Young Families Group is hosting the coffee hour this Sunday following the 10AM Mass. Young families are invited to come meet each other and to enjoy some Autumn fun. We'll have coloring pages, corn hole, and donuts and treats (including gluten/dairy free options). Kids are invited to wear something orange, bring a teeny pumpkin, or share a favorite treat.

ALL SAINTS DAY

THIS Saturday, November 1, is All Saints Day. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday.

All Souls Day Rosary

St. John's Cemetery: Sunday, November 2, 3:30PM

Join **St. John's Young Adults** for the rosary on All Souls Day at the church cemetery (end of Mayhew St., Hopkinton). We'll have kids with us too—bring yours! (In the case of rain, we'll pray in the upper church instead). We range in age from 20s-30s (give or take), single and married, cradle Catholics to just entering. Learn more at stjohnhopkinton.com.

Join the Choir

Would you like to sing in 4-part harmony? Would you be interested in singing some great Catholic pieces such as Ave Verum or Panis Angelicus? Are you interested in singing some other great religious songs such as O Holy Night of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring? Then come sing with the choir! Starting **THIS Sunday, October 26 at 9:05AM** in the choir loft. We welcome you!

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.

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.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, November 1, at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be having a 7PM First Friday Mass on November 7.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, November 1.



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.

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.

BC vs. ND Football

Join us THIS Saturday, November 1, to watch the Boston College vs. Notre Dame football game to be televised live in St. John's parish hall. Check broadcast listings for game time. Doors will open half an hour before. Serving food from TJ's Restaurant. Beer, wine, seltzer, and soft drinks will be available. 50/50 raffle and more. \$10 tickets will be available at the door, or email joealtman4@gmail.com to reserve. Proceeds will go towards parish upkeep and maintenance. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Don't miss the game!

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Sobering Abortion Statistics for England and Wales

"After a recent report revealed that nearly 30% of all conceptions in England and Wales ended in abortion in 2022, the archbishop of Liverpool called for efforts to create a culture that protects unborn children and supports parents in need. The statement from Archbishop Sherrington... comes just weeks after the UK Parliament voted to decriminalize abortion up to and during birth...According to a July 2025 Right to Life News press release, 40.3% of all conceptions in the city of Liverpool in 2022 ended in abortion. Percentages in five suburban areas across England followed closely: from 38% to 40.3% of all conceptions ended in abortion." <https://catholicvote.org/as-abortions-increase-in-the-uk-catholic-bishop-urges-re-establishing-a-culture-of-life/>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2025 CAMPAIGN

**Please pray for a successful and peaceful campaign
September 24-November 2, 2025**

Prayer & Fasting * Community Outreach * Public Vigil

"Once again we have an opportunity to show our community, through peaceful vigil and prayer, that the taking of unborn human life is not acceptable in a civil society and that abortion is not healthcare and is an abomination to our Creator." **Schedule your vigil times at 40daysforlife.com/worcester.**

Pro-life Special Collection

October 11-November 2, for moms and babies served by Pregnancy Help. For a list of items to donate, visit www.stjohnhopkinton.com. Checks are also appreciated, made out to "Fund for the unborn" and given to the parish secretary or placed in the offertory basket.



Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes have gotten off to a great start. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. A huge thank you to all our Catechists for giving of their time, talent and sharing their faith with our youth.

If you have not yet picked up your child's/children's home school books, please come by the Rel. Ed. Office. The books are on a table outside the Rel. Ed. Office. If there is a balance due, you can pay online or leave a check in the mail slot in the Rel. Ed. Office door. (Checks can be written to St. John's.)

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 picking up home school books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at dlyskstjn@verizon.net.



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.

St. John's Young Adults

St. John's Young Adults group now has a page on our website (www.stjohnhopkinton.com) under "Fellowship and Formation" where you can also access and follow their new Facebook page. This month, their focus is on the Holy Rosary. Join our prayers! "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." --Saint Francis de Sales

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your ongoing support. As Thanksgiving and Christmas are nearing, we are in urgent need of cash donations and gift cards. All gift cards are welcome but the most useful, in \$50 denominations are: Market Basket, Price Chopper, Target, WalMart, gas. In the past two months, we have helped 24 families with food, rent, car, phone, insurance. This is a big jump in assistance! Last year, we helped 54 families at Thanksgiving, 25 families with food at Christmas and 10 families with gifts. All donations can be dropped off at the parish business office or the donation boxes in the Church foyer. If you are interested in playing Santa to a family please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Thank you so much!! We appreciate your continued generosity.

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.

OCTOBER 26, 2025

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

What is Purgatory?

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

--Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030, 1031

How do we know Purgatory exists?

The existence of Purgatory follows two facts; our imperfection on earth and our perfection in Heaven. Rev. 21:27, Mt 5:8

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then one would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God?"

--Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Who are the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

Most of us who die in the grace of God as His friends, but still imperfect and require a "purification" before entering Heaven. These Holy Souls want to go to Purgatory for that purification. They are called holy because they are not yet perfect, they are on the way to Heaven.

Why do the Holy Souls need our Help?

The Church teaches that the Holy Souls in Purgatory cannot help or pray for themselves. Only the prayers, sacrifices and sufferings of the living can bring relief and consolation in attaining their eternal reward.

What can we do to help the Holy Souls?

The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self-denials, and suffering. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works or mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."

--Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

Love should not die at death

NEVER TOO LATE

For God is all present: for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive 'too late' since God by His very nature knows no before and after. **Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.**—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author

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