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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



"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself." - Jn 14:1-3b

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 9, 2025: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 262 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM John McBride

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's 10:00 AM Kunjachan Abraham

6:30 PM Lila Miles



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

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

If your family (or parish ministry) would like to host a coffee hour on a Sunday after the 10AM Mass, please email <u>parishhallstjn@gmail.com</u> or call 508-435-3313 x25.

Monday Evening Confessions

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

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.

Please Remember in Prayer

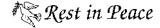
All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

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

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.

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



Janus Connelly

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

NOVEMBER: Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is traditionally given over to prayers and fasting for the holy souls. The most powerful form of prayer for the souls in purgatory is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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 the final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned."—Catechism of the Catholic Church

What is All Souls Day?

All Souls Day is a special day of prayer, fasting and sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith."

What does the church teach about Purgatory?

- 1. There is a Purgatory
- 2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace; and are sure of their eternal salvation.
- They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. Rev. 21:27; MT. 5:8
- The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Lord said to me "Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there." O My Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.

--Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina #1738

What is Jesus' "Treasure of Mercy"? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this Treasury!

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

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.

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 Men's Weekend: November 20-23, 2025

Weekends for 2026: Women's: April 9-12

Men's: June 11-14

For more information, please contact Bill & Jeannette Krans at bjkrans@hotmail.com. Anyone who has already experienced a Cursillo Weekend and wants to be more involved in small groups, please email us.



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 dlysikstin@verizon.net.

St. John's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM in the lower church area. All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. more information, email Mary maryskniaz@gmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

FDA Announces Safety Review of Mifepristone, the Abortion Drug

Sept. 19, 2025 Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., in response to a letter from 22 state attorneys general, announced the launching of a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) safety review of the abortion drug mifepristone that could lead to restrictions on the pill. https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/rfk-jr-directs-fda-to-study -the-safety-of-abortion-pills/. This follows the April 2025 Ethics and Public Policy's largest known study of the abortion pill which found that almost 11 percent of women in the U.S. suffer serious adverse events following a chemical abortion (mifepristone), a rate 22-times higher than what is reported on the drug label...In 2011 the FDA had placed mifepristone under a safety system known as REMS after serious adverse events-including multiple deaths-were reported. REMS allowed the FDA to monitor these adverse events. But under the Obama FDA in 2016, requirements to report all abortion pill complications were removed. Going forward, only deaths were to be reported, significantly hampering safety data. By 2020, a new "no-test" deregulation removed requirements for labs, testing, and blood work used to accurately date a pregnancy and rule out deadly ectopic pregnancies before dispensing abortion pills. In December 2021, the Biden FDA removed the requirement that the abortion pill be dispensed in person and allowed them permanently shipped by mail. https:// www.lifesitenews.com/news/11-of-women-who-takeabortion-pill-suffer-serious-adverse-events-largest-known-

study-finds/

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3, 3-6; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

There is much good news in today's readings which tell us that the souls of the just are in the hand of God where no torment shall touch them because they trusted Him, had faith in Him, endured their crosses and suffering with patience, obeyed His commands with hope, and repented. They were tried by God. And by His grace, love, and guidance He found them to be worthy of Himself. Such souls of the just are blessed by God with peace and immortality.

The Father sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and The Son, in His obedience to the Father, spread the good news, carried the sins of all humanity to the Cross, and suffered once and for all to free humanity from slavery to sin. We are recipients of this great act of love and forgiveness. Jesus in today's gospel preached that the will of the Father was that Jesus should not lose anyone who has been given to Him. Jesus, Himself promised that he would not reject anyone who comes to Him with trust, repentance, and faith in Him and in the One who sent Him.

Saint Paul reminds us today that if we have died with Christ, we also shall rise with Christ. Each of us who have been baptized died with Christ...not physically, but spiritually we died to sin, and became a new creation to be what we were created to by: alive in eternal happiness and peace with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Baptism we truly become temples of the Holy Spirit. This is why all human life must be respected, embraced and protected from conception to natural death: because each one of us has been created in the image and likeness of God, that we might live forever peacefully with Him in Heaven. Pray, and make use of the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist. Let us read the gospels frequently to help us understand the truth, and recognize Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let us all be helpful and affirming of each other and assist each other in our journey to our destination with the Lord. On that journey we try to do what the Lord does for each us; even in our darkest hours: he refreshes our soul, gives us repose, peace, courage, kindness, love, forgiveness, and persistence.

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Beginning the weekend of November 1st, the Knights of Columbus will accept donations of <u>slightly used</u> coats for its annual collection Drive. There will be donation containers at the back of the church. The Knights are seeking slightly used coats of all sizes (adult and child sizes) to support the winter needs of the local community. This Coat Donation Drive will continue through December 31st. Should you have any questions or are aware of anyone in need of a coat, please contact Vin Lawler at (617) 899-2494.



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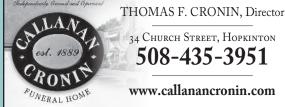
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