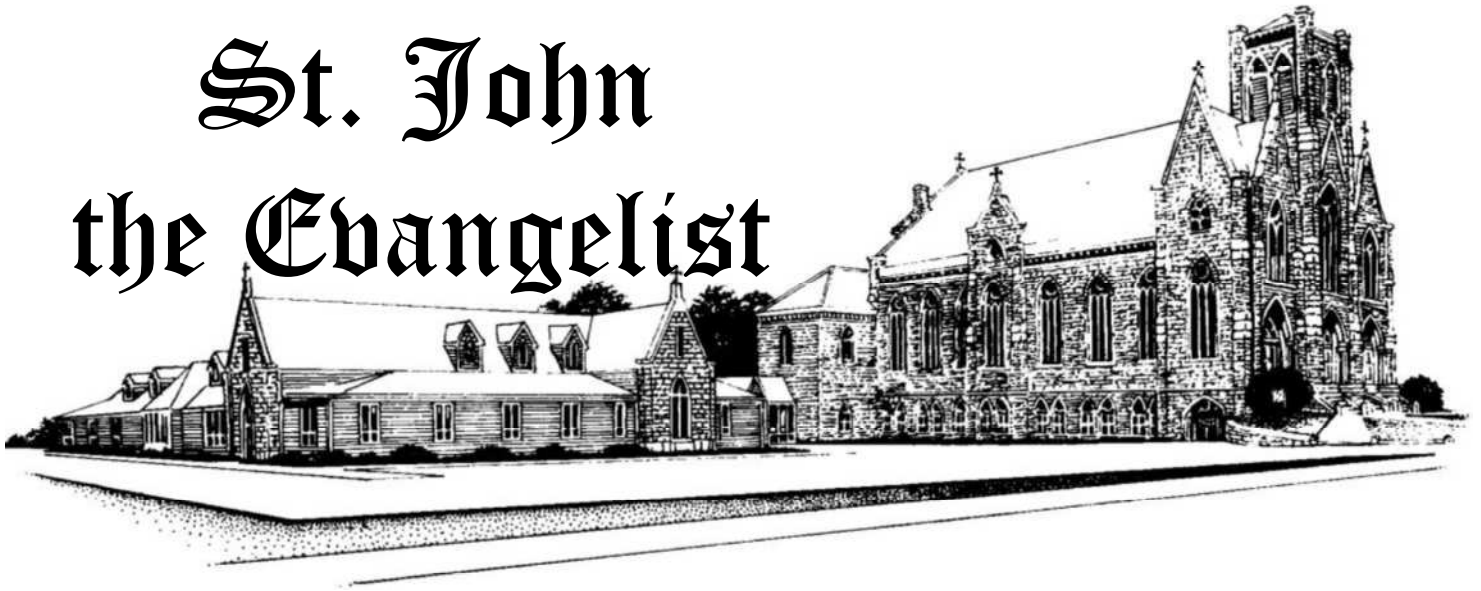


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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
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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



“You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” - Lk 21:16-19

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 23, 2025:
 2Sm 5:1-3/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
 Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-4

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 267 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

4:00 PM Maria Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

6:30 PM Joseph Edward Buckley

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM Concon & Sheba Bautista (living)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 AM Epifania & David Guzman

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM Robert James Kotosky

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Josephine DesChamps

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, November 22.

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 **THIS** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Retired Religious Sisters

Grand Annual Collection

Our 2025 Grand Annual Collection is underway. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, and would like to contribute, there are envelopes at the back of the church or you can put your contribution marked "Grand Annual" in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of St. John's! It is very, very much appreciated!

TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE

Please note that beginning on November 24, Church Street will have a new traffic pattern. Church Street will be one way from Main Street to Church Place. We expect this will have minimal effect on our weekend Mass traffic.

Monday Evening Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **THIS 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** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x203 if you have any questions.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, November 20, 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.

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.

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.



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.

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Pro-Life Experts Discuss Christian Response to IVF

"The panelists then pivoted to the topic of IVF, in light of the recent White House move to expand funding for IVF and other responses to infertility. 'I am a reproductive endocrinologist', Dr. Lauren Rubel shared. 'But for much of my career, I did do in vitro fertilization which is combining eggs and sperm outside of the body to create embryos. And I absolutely believed that what I was doing was the best way forward to help those couples, that IVF is pro-life, because it helps create life, right? That's how I started.' She continued, 'I'll tell you, quite frankly, after a period of doing this, I was the head of a division in a large hospital system, and I was starting to feel more and more and more the weight of my actions and what I was doing.' Rubel explained that many couples who pursue IVF do not have 'a true diagnosis' relating to the underlying cause of their infertility. 'I said, you know, we just have to kind of move forward and this should be the fix. But it truly is a Band-Aid. And I could sense that I wasn't healing anyone. I wasn't addressing those root causes,' she said. 'I was intimately involved and really felt like I was playing God. I felt and realized that, in fact, what in vitro fertilization does is it creates embryos, which are humans in their earliest stages of development. And, unfortunately, I was making decisions of life and death for those embryos,' she continued. 'In fact, on average, about seven to 11 embryos are created per IVF cycle.'" <https://washingtonstand.com/article/prolife-experts-discuss-christian-response-to-abortion-drug-ivf-and-govt-role-in-postroe-america>

KNOWING THEM...PRAYING FOR THEM...

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What are the sufferings of Purgatory?

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**
2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused others and themselves in their lives and there is nothing they can do about it. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)



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.

Parents, if you are home schooling and have not picked up your child's book, please do so by November 17. After this date books will be put back on the shelf, and we will assume that your child will not participate in Religious Education this year.

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.

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.



Advent Wreath Making Workshop

November 30, 2025

Come anytime between **1PM-3PM**
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Create Your Own Fresh Advent Wreath

All materials provided,
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Please bring your own clippers if you have them.
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To reserve your wreath*

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***We order wreaths based on number reserved, so
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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98:5-9;

2Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-9

Today we are reminded of the second coming of the Lord and the signs that would precede the last day. Those signs, however, would not predict the day or the time. Today's reading from Malachi does predict some of the results: the proud and all evil doers will be stubble. But those who lived in fear of the Lord (those who lived in awe and respect of the Lord according to His will and His ways, in humble obedience, and perseverance) would be healed by the sun of justice, because, as today's psalm says, the Lord rules and judges with justice and equity. In other words, all are ruled and judged by the same measure according to what they do and what they fail to do.

In the reading from Thessalonians, we see how Saint Paul and his helpers set an example of how to live, work, and help one another. As Paul and his helpers followed the example of Christ in His patient endurance and perseverance in the face of persecution and His Passion, Paul and his helpers set an example of endurance and perseverance in the way that he and his helpers served the Thessalonians. He told them and us that we should be busy with work that helps one another, and refrain from disorderly conduct as busy bodies, minding the business of others. Paul went as far as declaring that "if any one was unwilling to work, neither should that person eat." Paul instructed and urged that all should "work quietly and eat their own food."

In today's gospel, Jesus warned his disciples that the day was coming "...when there would not be left a stone upon another stone. The last day would be preceded by false prophets, wars among nations and kingdoms, earthquakes, famines, plagues, awesome sights and mighty signs from the sky. The disciples would be persecuted and handed over to the authorities by parents, brothers, relatives and friends. They would be hated because of HIS name; and some would be put to death. But in the end, when the Lord comes again, they would emerge victorious because of their perseverance. By the power of the Holy Spirit we too can be humbly patient (as Jesus was) in the face of persecution and hatred. When we act according to the will and ways of the Lord, Christ lives in us and we too can face such things and our daily challenges by the power of the Spirit; and in the end emerge victorious as we conscientiously fulfill our Christian obligations.

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations of slightly used coats for its annual collection Drive. There are 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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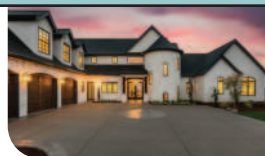


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