

# St. John the Evangelist



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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

## **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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## **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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## **ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

For those that need a little help,  
please call: 508-435-3313x27



**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."  
- Mt 5:7-8**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 8, 2026:  
*Is 58:7-10/ Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 1Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16*

**The readings for this weekend's Masses begin  
on page 91 in the pew missal.**

**MASS**  
**INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 31</b>	4:00 PM	Albert & Jeannette St. Jean
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1</b>	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
	10:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6:30 PM	For our Confirmation Candidates
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>	9:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3</b>	9:00 AM	Raymond J. Cormier
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4</b>	9:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5</b>	9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6</b>	9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>	8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:00 PM	Soraya and Beny Chua (living)
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b>	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
	10:00 AM	Frank Ruccia
	6:30 PM	For our Confirmation candidates

**Weekly Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1</b>	8:45 AM	Grades 1-5
		Grade 2 parent meeting
	5:15 PM	Grade 10
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>	4:30 PM	Grades 1-5
	4:45 PM	Grade 2 parent meeting
	7:00 PM	Grade 9
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3</b>	6:00 PM	Grades 7 & 8
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4</b>	2:45 PM	Grade 6

**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.

**BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE**



We will offer a Blessing of Throats **THIS** weekend after all the Masses for those who would like to participate.

**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 resume THIS Tuesday, February 3, 2026** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

***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.

**Mass in Honor of  
the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation**

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, February 6, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

*"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."*—St. Mother Teresa

**First Saturday Devotion**

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, February 7, 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.

**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, February 7.**

*Rest in Peace*

Artie Pyne

## FOURTH 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.

### 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](mailto:deaconguy@verizon.net)) for more information and Zoom link.

### Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

### CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

Saul of Tarsus was an enemy of the Catholic Church. His hatred was so great that he was trying to destroy the church, entering house after house and dragging out men and women and handing them over for imprisonment. Saul was on his way to Damascus to find any man or woman who belonged to the Church, that he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains. **God had other plans.** On his journey, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to ground and heard a voice saying "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me" He said "Who are you sir?" The reply came "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do". God has chosen Saul (later his name will be changed to Paul) as his instrument to carry His name to all the Gentiles and to the People of Israel. The conversion of sinners **can** and **will** happen to our family, friends, those we work with and all people of the world. **Always pray for the conversion of sinners.**

### HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. **The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners.** Know, My daughter, that this prayer is **always heard and answered.**

—Words of Jesus to St. Faustina  
Divine Mercy Diary #1397

### St. John the Evangelist Women's Group

Please join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and study. Women of the parish meet the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM** in the lower church space outside the chapel. In a spirit of faith, mutual respect, and friendship, we talk casually about issues of the day as well as our personal news and concerns; we discuss Catholic teaching as we follow the liturgical year, and most importantly, together, on our knees in the chapel, we bring all our intentions to our recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers for our parish and for our nation. Feel free to drop in. No commitment required. Contact [maryskniaz@gmail.com](mailto:maryskniaz@gmail.com) for more information.



### Religious Education Classes

#### REMINDERS:

**Grades 1-6** classes resume week of February 1, 2026  
**Grade 2** parent meeting 8:45AM while students are in class—Sunday, February 1  
**Grade 10** Sunday, February 1, 5:15PM  
**Grade 9** Monday, February 2, 7-8PM  
**Grades 7 & 8** Tuesday, February 3, 6:30-7:30PM

### SAVE THE DATES

**St. John's Bible Adventure (SBA) July 13-July 17, 2026,** for campers, teen and parent volunteers! Registration for campers and applications for teens will begin in February. Please email [stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com) if you were not on our 2025 email list and would like more information. We are looking forward to another special week of SBA together this summer!

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to host a Coffee Hour at St. John's. Coffee Hour is held after the 10AM Mass on Sunday. It is a wonderful community builder for our Parish and a big draw for the kids! But it requires volunteers to keep it going week after week. Coffee Hour volunteers can include individual families, groups of neighbors, community groups, parish ministries, religious education classes, and more. It is a simple process with easy step-by-step instructions, requiring about one hour of your time before Mass and 45 minutes after Mass. The parish provides the coffee and tea and will reimburse you for the cost of donuts. It's easy, fun and feels good to contribute. If interested, email the parish center manager at [parishhallstjn@gmail.com](mailto:parishhallstjn@gmail.com) or call 508-435-3313x25).

### 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.

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

#### Study reveals 1 in 9 women are harmed by the Abortion Pill

A bombshell new report from the Ethics and Public Policy Center reveals that 10.93% of women suffer serious complications—including sepsis, hemorrhage, or infection—within 45 days of taking the abortion pill. That's 22 times higher than what the FDA claims. Based on 865,727 real-world cases, this is the largest study ever conducted—and it exposes a shocking gap between clinical trial data and what's happening to women. Experts are demanding that the FDA reinstate safety rules and reconsider mifepristone's approval.

[https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/shocking\\_study\\_reveals\\_1\\_in\\_9\\_women\\_are\\_harmed\\_by\\_the\\_abortion\\_pill](https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/shocking_study_reveals_1_in_9_women_are_harmed_by_the_abortion_pill)

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

**St. Blaise | February 3**

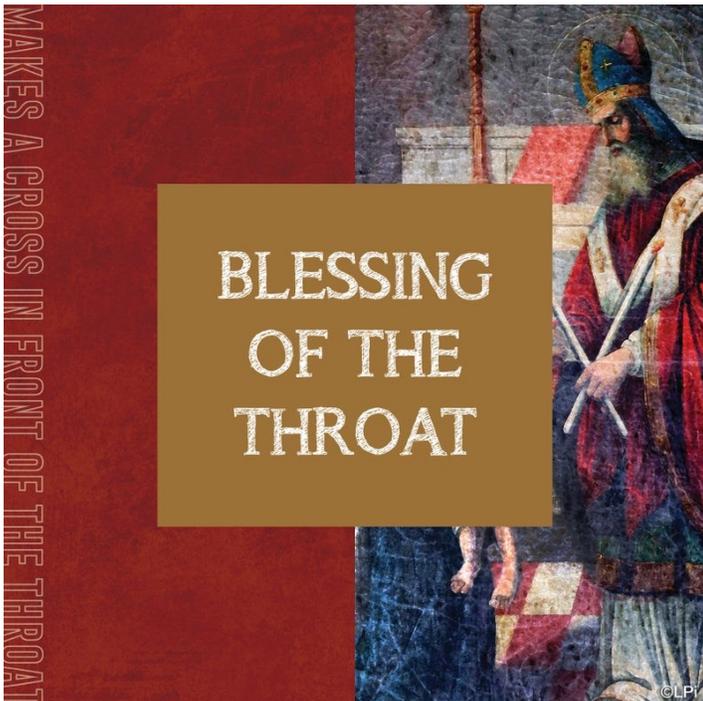
You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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