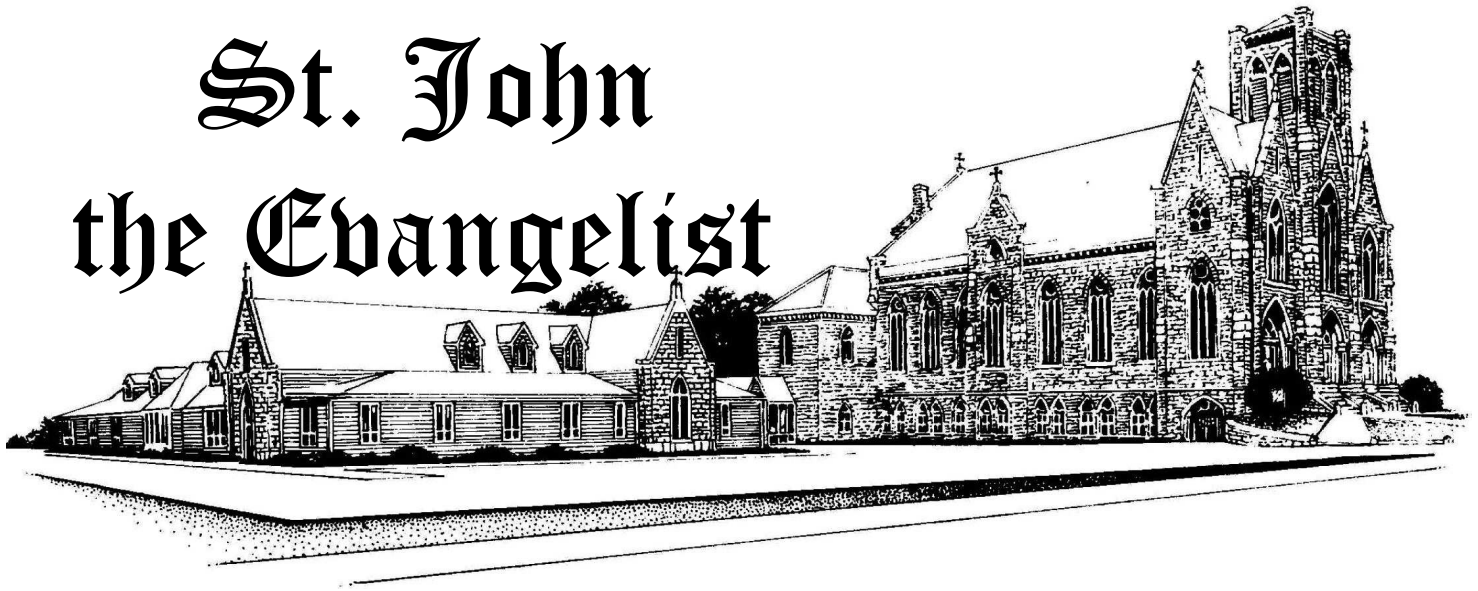


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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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508-435-3313x21

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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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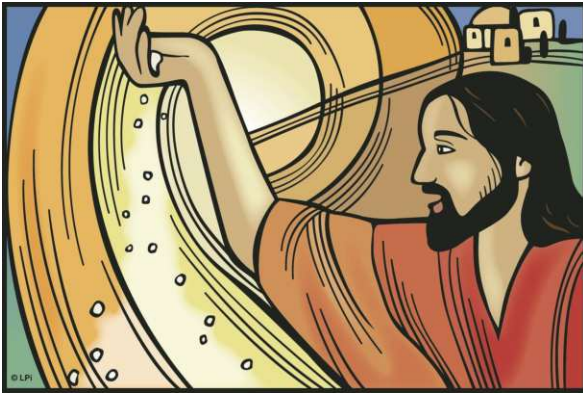
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:13a, 14

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 15, 2026:
 Sir 15:15-20/ Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
 1Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 94 in the pew missal.

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

4:00 PM Soraya and Beny Chua (living)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Frank Ruccia

6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM Mary Buttarazzi (living intention)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Deceased members of the
Maidie Robarge Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM Andrew Beavers & Serena Flaiban
(living intention)

4:00 PM Soraya and Beny Chua (living)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM George Carlino

6:30 PM Ann Benson

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:45 AM Grades 1-5

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:30 PM Grades 1-5

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:00 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2:45 PM Grade 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15—NO CLASSES

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 **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

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 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you know St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection? Many parish families enjoy the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. Simply go to our website, www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the right side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x24. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.



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.

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**.

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 14.

FIFTH 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) for more information and Zoom link.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

March for Life January 2026

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of pro-life advocates gathered in the nation's capital Friday, Jan. 23rd for the 53rd annual March for Life, marching from the National Mall to the Supreme Court to voice their opposition to abortion. Vice President JD Vance, speaking for the second consecutive year, told those gathered that he and his wife, Usha, are expecting their fourth child, a third son, in late July, a personal note that drew hearty cheers from the crowd. Vance leaned into his message that pro-life advocacy is not just about legal arguments but a broader cultural affirmation of life. "Let the record show you have a vice president who practices what he preaches," he said, referencing his family's news while framing family life as central to the cause.

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/march-for-life-2026-recap>

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.

GRACES BEYOND BELIEF

At every Holy Mass, we enter into the timeless reality of the perfect and acceptable sacrifice of Christ to the Father for our sake. And from that sacrifice, immeasurable graces flow for all people and especially for those for whom the Mass is being offered. This is particularly the case for the faithful departed who may be undergoing purification in Purgatory to prepare them for the joy of Heaven. **We can offer the Holy Souls no better comfort and solace than to attend a Mass for them, or have Masses said for them.**

—Holy Souls Crusade

"I do not doubt that the Holy Mass not only shortens their pains, but also extends great immediate relief to those poor souls...We may believe that at every Mass, many souls issue forth from Purgatory, and fly to holy Paradise."

—St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Preacher and ascetic writer

"The Mass affords the greatest relief to the suffering souls in Purgatory."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church



Religious Education Reminders

Grades 1-6: classes week of February 8, 2026

Grade 9: Monday, February 9, 7-8PM

Grades 7 & 8: Tuesday, February 10, 6-7PM

St. John's High School Youth Group

If you are interested in planning or suggesting any events or if you would like to be on our distribution list for activities, please contact us at: stjohnshopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com.

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 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!

Going on Vacation?

Have a safe trip and be sure to visit www.masstimes.org for church locations and Mass times while traveling!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 or call 508-435-3313x25).

GLOBAL MISSION APOSTOLATE

GIVING TREE RESULTS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners to our *2025 Advent Giving Tree*, St. John's Global Mission Apostolate is able to send out \$6,000 to the *Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa* for their school in Zambia, Africa; \$6,000 to the *Missionary Sisters of Charity* in Donlan, Haiti for their Hospice and \$10,000 to Fr. Henault of the *Oblates of Mary Immaculate* for his St. Damien Clinic for Hansen's disease in Gonaives, Haiti. Additionally, back in the autumn, we were also able to collect and send Fr. Henault \$10,000 for his clinic. These funds have allowed him to keep his clinic open when he was thinking he may need to close it due to lack of funding. Donations including clothing and gift cards totaling \$650 from the Giving Tree for Mustard Seed were provided to them. Many thanks to all who donated and may our Lord bless you for your generosity.

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

GOSPEL MEDITATION
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:13-16

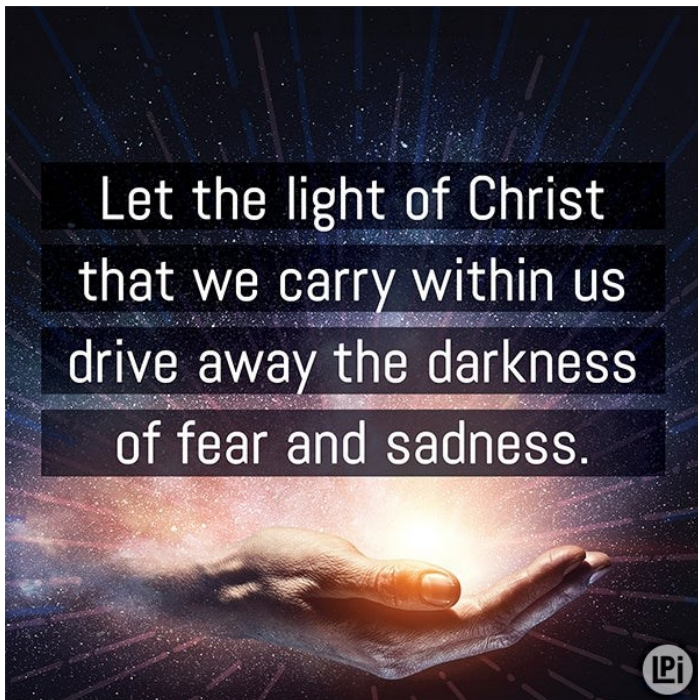
I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.


Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

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