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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



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ ”
 - Mt 5:33-34a, 37

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 22, 2026:
 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
 Rom 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 96 in the pew missal.



- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
 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
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
 9:00 AM Special Intention
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
 9:00 AM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Johns
 12:10 PM Raymond J. Cormier
 7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
 9:00 AM John & Elizabeth Lawler
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
 9:00 AM Soraya and Beny Chua (living)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
 8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
 4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John’s
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
 8:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.
 10:00 AM Valerie Eagan (living intention)
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15—NO CLASSES
FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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



ASH WEDNESDAY
A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM	MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM	MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM	ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM	MASS & ASHES

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.

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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, February 19, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening beginning at **7PM in the upper church**. Join us as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross with Jesus.

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 21.

 *Rest in Peace*

Fr. Francis Signorelli

SIXTH 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.

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.

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.

Volunteers for Mustard Seed Ministry

Do you have some free time on the last Friday of the month? Would you like to help prepare food to be delivered to the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester? Volunteers gather on the last Friday of the month to help prepare and cook meals. "Many hands make light work". If you would like to participate or for more information, please email Ali Balster at alibalster@gmail.com.

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT PRAY FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS DIVINE MERCY THOUGHT

The Lord said to me, 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.

—Divine Mercy Diary #1397

HOLY MARY-REFUGE OF SINNERS -MOTHER KNOWS BEST- OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Saint Bernadette Soubirous beginning on February 11 and ending July 16, 1858. On the apparition of February 24, Mary asked Bernadette for **penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners. During the season of Lent, our Blessed Mother invites us all to do both.**

Our Lady of Fatima—Mother Knows Best

The Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, on May 13, 1917, to request a favor from them. Our Lady asked "**are you willing to offer yourself to God and bear all the suffering He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?**"



The Religious Education Office will be closed the week of February 15th and will reopen Monday, February 23rd.

Religious Education Class Reminders:

Grades 1-6: classes resume week of March 1, 2026

Grade 9: Monday, March 2, 7-8PM

Grades 7 & 8: Tuesday, March 3, 6-7PM

Going on Vacation?

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

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!

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. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

A letter from Rita Russo,

Campaign Director. 40 Days for Life, Boston

"Dear Friends for life, The next campaign is nearly upon us, beginning February 18th through March 29th. The weather is cold, we have other concerns; it is tempting to sit back and say, "Not this time". New global data reveal that abortion claimed at least 73 million lives worldwide in 2025, exceeding deaths from all other causes combined by more than 10 million, according to estimates cited by the World Health Organization. In the United States alone, total abortions since *Roe v. Wade* now approach 65 million, with roughly 3,000 preborn children killed each day. Guttmacher estimates nearly 88,000 abortions per month in 2024. Mass Health spent \$6,822,915.50 of your tax dollars on "abortion services" in 2024. I invite you to join us on the sidewalk as we offer help to women with unplanned pregnancies and pray and give witness to the lives of these precious babies. It is up to us to push back against this culture of death. You have heard it before, "These babies have no voice but ours." We encourage you to sign up to the Boston campaign at www.40daysforlife.com. Please pray during Lent for this endeavor!

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Cross Roads
By Deacon Tony

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Today's readings taken together are a reminder that Jesus did not come to live among us to abolish the law or the prophets. He came to live and die for us to fulfill the law. In so doing He demonstrated a new way of living, where the law is not to be just a series of commands written down in scripture. The law would become God's commands, written into our heart and soul, where righteous obedience to the law becomes truly the way to love God, and the key to happiness by following his ways and his will. Set before each of us is the choice between loving obedience and disobedience, which in the end is a choice between the life or death of our souls. Sirach stresses that what we choose in the way we live is what we get. Thus, the loving forgiveness of God can rejuvenate us as we struggle in this life on earth, but it is not a license to sin! Psalm 119 stresses "Happy are those who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways."

The wisdom of the God is beyond our comprehension, and he knows each of us better than we know ourselves. What we can look to is the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God. Ash Wednesday is only three days away as Lent begins. It is a time of contemplation of the ways of the Lord, a time of sacrifice and obedience that can give us the perseverance to live in righteous obedience and love of God. There are times when it may seem difficult, especially when the challenges, distractions, influences, and ways of this world try to hide the choice toward the good and encourage a choice toward evil. Let us encourage each other for the love of God!

To paraphrase a recent Breviary, let us pray: Lord, may we be so fashioned by your grace, that we become a dwelling pleasing to you through Our Lord Jesus Christ and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



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