

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

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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



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" –Mt. 4:8-10a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 1, 2026:
 Gn 12:1-4a/ Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
 2Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 103 in the pew missal.



- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
 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
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
 9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
 9:00 AM George Forester
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
 9:00 AM Stephen W. Mayo
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
 9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
 9:00 AM Julia Eagan (living intention)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**
 8:00 AM Lori Goldman (living intention)
 4:00 PM Soraya and Beny Chua (living int)
- SUNDAY, MARCH 1**
 8:00 AM Raymond J. Cormier
 10:00 AM Katherine Ruccia
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



- SUNDAY, MARCH 1**
 8:45 AM Grades 1-5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 5

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Coffee Hour will resume after Easter.

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.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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.

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.

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**.

MAGNIFICAT

For those that would like their own pew missals to follow along with the readings, you may purchase a monthly subscription at www.magnificat.or



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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, February 28.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

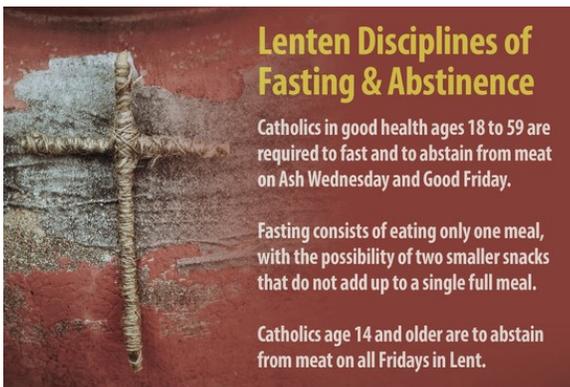
If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x20) to register.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Study Finds Women in the US

Suffer Emotional Distress Decades After Abortion

"Nearly half of women in the U.S. who have had abortions report moderate to high post-abortion emotional distress (PAD) decades after the decision, a study recently published in the International Journal of Women's Health Care found. Father D. Paul Sullins, a senior research associate at the Ruth Institute who recently retired from being a sociology professor at the Catholic University of America, conducted the study. He examined the emotional states of 226 women who had undergone an abortion an average of 20 years earlier—women who were part of a nationally representative sample of 1,000 women who were between 41 and 45 years old in 2022. He hypothesized that PAD does not lessen with time, and found that about 45% of women who had undergone abortions said they experienced moderate (roughly 21%) to high (about 24%) PAD, with the most commonly reported symptom being "frequent feelings of loss, grief or sadness." Fr. Sullins concluded, "Women considering an abortion should be informed of the possibility that they may experience persistent emotional distress." <https://catholicvote.org/study-finds-us-women-can-experience-emotional-distress-decades-after-abortions/>



Fasting, Explained

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

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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

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.

St. John's Young Adults

St. John's Young Adults are local Catholics (ages 20s-30s) pursuing holiness and grateful for our fellowship. Check out the events posted on our page of the parish website. This March, eight of us will go on a retreat at the Benedictine Abbey in Still River. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

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!

Knights of Columbus HoopsMania Fundraiser and Membership Drive

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus is excited to sponsor a March Madness HoopsMania event and sell sweepstakes tickets. Each ticket costs \$20 and provides holders with \$20 worth of music downloads, along with a chance to win cash prizes. With 75 prizes available, the odds of winning are 1 in 19. The grand prize is \$1,000 for the highest point total, with \$500 for second place, among other prizes. No basketball knowledge is necessary, as tickets are randomly generated, ensuring equal odds of winning. All proceeds will support the Michael Lisnow Respite Center in Hopkinton. Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass on February 28 and March 1 at St. John's, and on March 14 and 15 at St. Cecilia's, at the back of each church. In addition to the fundraiser, we are also seeking to recruit Catholic men aged 18 and older who are interested in joining the ranks of the Knights. For any inquiries, please feel free to approach any member of the Knights or contact Mike McNamara directly at mike.mcnamara12@gmail.com or 774-292-9180 for HoopsMania tickets.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH

Lenten Mission with Fr. Peter Stamm

"The Questions of Jesus"

Sunday, March 22, 7PM

Monday, March 23, PM

Tuesday, March 24, 7PM-Mass

St. Cecilia Parish, 54 Esty Street, Ashland

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Cross Roads
By Deacon Tony

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-1

God created man out of clay and breathed life into him so man became a living being. God created a paradise for Adam and Eve that was filled with beautiful trees that that were good for food for them to eat. But at the center of the garden was the tree of life and of knowledge of good and evil which Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat from or to even touch. But Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent with a promise that their eyes would be open to what is good and what is evil, and they would be like gods. They succumbed to the temptation, and sin and death entered the world and mankind.

Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast for forty days and forty nights. Like Adam and Eve Jesus was tempted by Satan using tactics involving pride and power. Though tempted, Jesus did not sin. Unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus was true to his mission and obedient to the will of the Father. As Saint Paul suggests in today's reading from Romans, as one man and woman brought sin and death into the world, one man, Jesus Christ, would bring acquittal into the world and mankind.

It is Lent, and we are in our forty days of prayer and fasting and perhaps facing our own temptations. It may be difficult at times. We may succeed with the help of God, and at times we may have our failures. Do not be troubled. Remember the words of Winston Churchill, who was not a perfect man, but he was wise in finding a way and an attitude in some of his darkest hours to continue to move forward to do what was necessary and right: "Success is not final and failure not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

As we each move forward in prayer, fasting, sacrifice and good deeds, let us help each other. As Saint Paul says in Hebrews 3-13, (a passage that I have adopted as a motto) "Encourage each other daily while it is still today."



When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by.

St. Polycarp

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