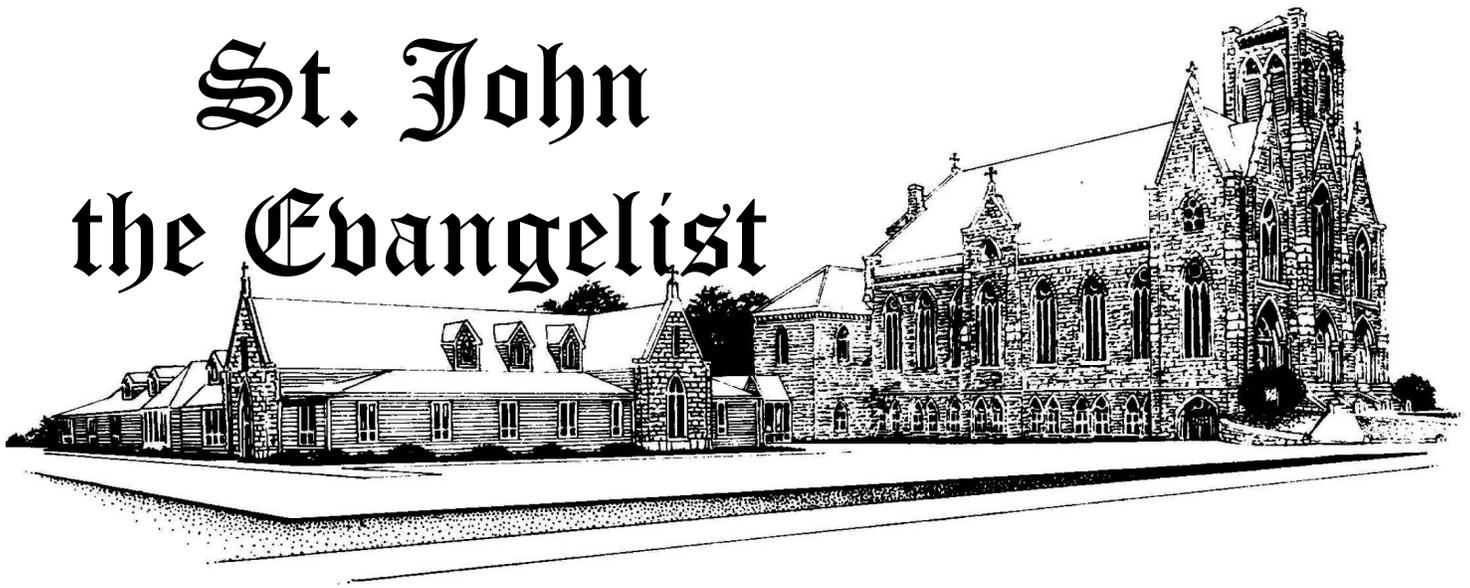


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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

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All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

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For those that need a little help,
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Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Eli-

jah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 8, 2026:
 Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 106 in the pew missal.

MASST
 INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM Elissa Ruccia

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM Louise O'Brien

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Jimmy Aldecoa

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Martine Tristine

6:30 PM John Dura

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:45 AM Grades 1-5

MONDAY, MARCH 2

4:30 PM Grades 1-5

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

2:45 PM Grade 6

7:00 PM Grade 10 Confirmation rehearsal

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

2:00 PM Grade 10 Confirmation ceremony

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:45 AM Grades 1-5

LENTE CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **Monday, March 9, 7-8PM** in the lower chapel.

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.

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.

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.

First Saturday Devotion

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

Please Remember in Prayer

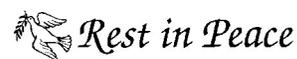
All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

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.org.

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, March 7.



Cheryl Soucy

SECOND 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 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Are you, or someone you know, seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat**. Upcoming dates are **Saturday, February 28 (Greater Boston), Saturday, April 11 (Merrimack Valley) and Saturday, May 16 (Boston/South)**. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

K of C Food for Families Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing food collection bags for the Food for Families Lenten Food Drive at next weekend's Masses. **Donated food and supplies will be collected at the weekend Masses of March 14th and 15th and March 21st and 22nd.** The Hopkinton Food Pantry is in need of healthy cereal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, pastas, beans, nuts; canned soups, stews, canned tomatoes, and vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken and meats, mac and cheese, non-perishable milk and juice, toilet paper; diapers, tissues, cleaning supplies, storage bags and trash bags. Since our supply of food donation bags is limited, we kindly ask that you only take a bag if you plan on donating food and /or supplies. You may also use your own bag. Please be sure to check the expiration date on all items. If you prefer to make a cash or online donation, there are several options for giving: You can send in a check. Please make out your check to *Project Just Because*. Please put in the memo section: *K of C 4822 FFF Food Drive*. You can either drop the check in an envelope marked *K of C Food for Families Food Drive* in the regular collection basket at St John's or mail it to: St John the Evangelist, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, ATTN: K of C Food Drive. Alternately, you can purchase an [Amazon-eGift-card](#) and have it emailed to: pjboffice@comcast.net. Please add "K of C FFF Drive" in the message box. Gifts can also be made through donor-advised charitable funds by selecting Project Just Because in Hopkinton (Tax ID 06-1728553) and specifying in the use or note area that it is *for the K of C Council 4822 Food for Families Food Drive*. **Kindly give what you can. No amount is too small!**

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.

Going on Vacation?

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



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

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Reed will be confirming 40 students and 2 adults here at St. John's on **Saturday, March 7, at 2PM**. Please continue to keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful celebration.

Rehearsal for Confirmation is:

Wednesday, March 4, 7-8:15PM

Meet in the Parish Center

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

MARCH 1, 2026

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir
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