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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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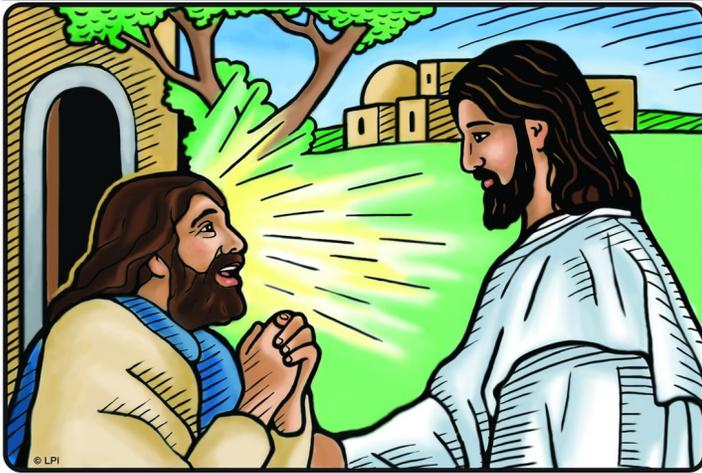
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 22, 2026:
 Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
 Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 111 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00 PM Jimmy Aldecoa

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM John and Barbara Brennan
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM Bishop John McNamara

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 AM Tim & Catherine Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM Bernard Cardinal Law

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM John Dura

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Fr. John Henault (living intention)
 4:00 PM Janet Monahan

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Special Intention
 6:30 PM Knospins, Ditmore families (living)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday.....April 5

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, March 21.**

LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER

THIS Wednesday, March 18, 7PM
 with Fr. Robert Lacombe
 Confessions will be available

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance



St. Patrick's Day

At all Masses **THIS** weekend, we will have a special blessing in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. Additionally, shamrock plants will be distributed after Mass.

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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regular Saturday morning confessions from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **Monday, March 23, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

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, March 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.

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.

FOURTH 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.

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 this weekend's and next weekend's Masses.** 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-Gift-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!**

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Majority of Americans

Support Abortion Limits and PRC's

"According to the 2026 Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll, 67 percent of Americans support placing legal limits on abortion and found broad consensus around policies that protect both women and unborn children, with 88 percent of respondents agreeing that laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child. "These findings once again demonstrate that the American people are far more pro-life than the loudest voices in Washington or the media would have us believe," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "A clear majority of Americans support reasonable limits on abortion and strongly support pregnancy centers that offer women real help, not pressure."

<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/new-marist-poll-confirms-americans-support-abortion-limits-strongly-back-pregnancy-centers>



REMINDER: Grade 2 Mini Retreat

Sunday March 15, 11AM-1PM (Group 1)

Sunday March 22, 11AM-1PM (Group 2)



CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday March 7, Bishop Reed confirmed 37 of our High School youth and 2 adults. We congratulate the following recently confirmed and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them on their life's journey:

Ava Andreola	Colin Bartley
Peter Buonora	Sophia Carolino
Hugh Desmond	Leah Desrochers
Lillian Donovan	Chidum Elekwachi
Nnechi Elekwachi	Tyler Elliott
Gemma Fiore	Isabella Gill
Ryan Herlihy	Katherine Kelly
Cameron Kenney	Peyton Knutson
Charlotte Mazzeo	Lillian Hutter
Madison McDermott	Grace Mell
Theresa Mhlbachler	Julia Moody
Noelle Murphy	Aiden Nguyen
Alexi Nguyen	Connor Nguyen
Chase O'Donnell	Matthew Pedroli
Katherine Riesenberger	Jake Schwartz
Samuel Stephen	Olivia Thompson
Owen Tomasino-Steuer	Elena Valis
Joseph Vank	Ian Weilding
Bridget Welk	Brian Donohue
Brian Wulf	

Upcoming PGC sessions at St. John's

Register online now to attend ONE of the upcoming sessions of **Protecting God's Children** (PGC): **Sunday, March 22 at 1:45PM OR Saturday, March 28 at 9AM**. In classroom 3 off the main hall. Each session lasts up to 3 hours. This session is required once for all parish volunteers. More details at stjohnhopkinton.com or email parishhallstjn@gmail.com with any questions. Online registration required.

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

Registration for Summer Bible Adventure is open!! Join us for St. John's SBA in the Parish Center **July 13-July 17, 9AM-12PM**, for campers age 4 (as of September 1, 2026) through entering grade 5 for Fall of 2026. Please see the parish website for more information and to register.

Registration for teen volunteers to submit their application is also open! Teens (2026 6th graders through High School) are asked to complete their application for themselves by Tuesday, March 31. Please see the parish website for the application.

We are also in great need of parent volunteers, especially parents of campers. Parent Volunteers are able to sign up through either the Camper Registration Form or the Teen Volunteer Application, depending on the age of your children. Adult volunteers will need to complete the Protecting God's Children course prior to volunteering. There will be 2 Protecting God's Children course dates to choose from in March: Sunday, March 22 at 1:45 PM or Saturday, March 28 at 9AM. Each session may last up to 3 hours.

MARCH 15, 2026

CROSS ROADS
By Deacon Tony

In today's first reading Samuel learns that he does not see as God sees. Like Samuel, sometimes we do not see as God sees. At first Samuel did not understand why God chose David (the youngest of Jesse's sons who tended to the sheep) to be anointed as king. Samuel and Jesse saw the outward appearances, while God in his divine insight saw at a deeper level, that of the heart and soul. God told Jesse to bring David to him. Then he ordered Samuel to anoint David. And from that moment, David was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes, we also judge others and even ourselves by appearances rather than by what is deeper in the heart and soul. During Lent we have an opportunity to learn from what is in the hearts and souls of others, as well as the good and possibly not so good when we look more deeply into ourselves. When we look more deeply as God does, we can (as the old song goes) see more clearly and love more dearly. And we can see, especially during Lent, what we need to do for others, and what we can and should do to conform ourselves to God's will and God's ways. And as today's psalm tells us, the Lord is our shepherd, and that we shall not want, and we need not fear evil in this dangerous world, because he guides us, is always with us, gives us repose, and refreshes our souls.

Saint Paul reminds us that though we once were in darkness, through Christ, who is the light of the world, we at our baptism were chosen and filled with the Holy Spirit who purified us. If we see ourselves and others as the Lord does, we can see what we need to do to help one another, and to better see what each of us needs to do to keep our souls in the brilliant light of our baptism.

In today's Gospel, Jesus cures the man who was born blind, who suffered being an outcast and a beggar. Jesus rejected the notion of some of his disciples that the blindness may have been because of his sin or that of his parents. What Jesus said is that the blindness and its cure would be a testament to the love and power of God. Unlike the Pharisees who could not or refused to see the power of God in this cure, the man who was cured became a brave advocate of God's love and power through Jesus. They were blinded by their sinful need to control others instead of doing the will of God. Let us use what is left of Lent to see more deeply and clearly ourselves and others so that we can see as God does, with a spiritual insight to help each other and ourselves to conform ourselves to the will and ways of the Lord.



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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