

# 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

## **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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## **ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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please call: 508-435-3313x27



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 29, 2026:  
Mt 21:1-11 (37)/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/  
Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14-27:66

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 114 in the pew missal.



<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 21</b>	
4:00 PM	Janet Monahan
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 22</b>	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Special Intention
6:30 PM	Knospins, Ditmore families (living)
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 16</b>	
9:00 AM	Carl & Marie Herendeen
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 17</b>	
9:00 AM	In thanksgiving for Saint Gabriel
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18</b>	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 19</b>	
9:00 AM	For the conversion of sinners
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 20</b>	
9:00 AM	John Goode
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 14</b>	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. John's
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 15</b>	
8:00 AM	Patrick John Fitzgerald
10:00 AM	Anna M. Duffy (living birthday)
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**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 28.**

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

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



**DAILY MASS**

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9AM

**CONFESSION**

MONDAY, March 30 6:30-7:30PM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**NO 9AM MASS**

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7PM

NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE) 9:30PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**NO 9AM MASS**

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

(at Faith Community Church in Hopkinton) 12PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 3PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 7PM

**HOLY SATURDAY\***

**NO 8AM MASS**

CONFESSIONS 8:30-9:30AM

EASTER VIGIL MASS 7:30PM

**EASTER SUNDAY\***

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8AM, 10AM & 11:45 AM

\*Please note there will be **NO 4PM Mass on Holy Saturday** and **NO 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** (April 12)

**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.

**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.

## FIFTH 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.

### The Veiling of Crosses and Statues

According to the Roman Missal, the practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, beginning on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. In 1988, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, in Paschale Solemnitatis, encouraged the practice, though it is not mandatory. This practice was obligatory in the Church for centuries, up until 1970. Why does the Church encourage this practice? To heighten our Lenten awareness and sharpen our spiritual focus on the great mysteries of our faith that Holy Week makes present: the passion, death, and resurrection of our beloved Savior. In the words of the noted Benedictine liturgist Abbot Dom Gueranger, "The presentiment of that awful hour of our Savior's passion leads the afflicted mother, the Church, to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

**Pharmacies No Longer Required to Sell Abortion Drugs**  
January 30, 2026 "The Department of Health and Human Services, through its Office for Civil Rights (OCR), has issued a clear notice that pro-lifers will welcome: **pharmacies nationwide are no longer required to supply the abortion drug.** Under the Biden administration, policies in favor of abortion dramatically increased. In the wake of the Supreme Court's 2022 Dobbs decision — which returned abortion regulation to the states and the people — the former administration issued guidance pressuring nearly 60,000 retail pharmacies to stock and dispense mifepristone and misoprostol for patients with Medicare, Medicaid, or other federally funded coverage...Matt Bowman, senior counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), expressed gratitude to the current administration for "...the "HHS's decision will protect ... **pharmacies around the country who are fully within their rights to decline to stock or dispense abortion drugs**" <https://washingtonstand.com/article/hhs-rescinds-bidenera-abortion-pill-guidance-that-put-pharmacies-in-legal-limbo>

### HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND PURGATORY

**Knowing them...praying for them...  
helping them get to Heaven!**

During the holy season of Lent, we can pray, fast and offer up sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. The holy souls need our help throughout the season of Lent. The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. **Make the stations of the cross for their consolation.** Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Diving Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

**"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."**—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

**O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
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### CLASS REMINDERS

**Sunday March 22,** Grade 2 mini retreat, 11AM-1PM  
**Tuesday, March 24:** Grades 7 & 8, 6-PM-7PM (make up from snow day)  
**Monday, April 6:** Grade 9, 7PM-8PM  
**Tuesday, April 7:** Grade 7 & 8, 6PM-7PM

### St. John the Evangelist's George R. Carlino Scholarship

In order to promote and foster the faith of our young people in the one true Church founded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Roman Catholic Church, two \$1,000 scholarships will be available to two graduating seniors from St. John's Parish, who have been accepted to a college, university or trade school.

--The applicant must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, i.e., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and have fulfilled their Easter Duty.

--Write an essay of not more than 1000 words on the following topic: The sainthood of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Who is he? What was his Catholic life like? Describe his website and summarize one of the events he highlights. Was there anything unusual about his death? What is his significance to us in this day and age?

These scholarships are made available through the late Mr. George R. Carlino, who was a very prayerful and devout parishioner of St. John's. Mr. Carlino was concerned with the spiritual welfare of the parish's young people, in an age that can be so challenging to the principles of our Catholic faith.

Please see our website: [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com) for the application form to accompany the essay. Applications should be sent c/o Debbie Lysik, St. John the Evangelist Religious Education, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, and are due by **Monday, May 4, 2026.**



### 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 22, 2026**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8;  
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45**

Today's readings focus on the loving, forgiving, healing power of God and the promise to raise his people from the grave. That power is proclaimed and fulfilled in Christ, the Son of God, who is the fullness of redemption, and who is the resurrection and the life.

Christ became incarnate to share in our humanity, and everything that he did he did for the greater glory of God so that all could have faith and trust in Him. As He was raised from the dead, we too will be raised when we refuse to live in the flesh and choose to live in the Spirit. To do that, we must have faith and trust in Him, pray, make frequent use of the sacraments, love the Lord by keeping His commandments, and by the grace of God, live as Jesus did for the greater glory of God by loving, helping and encouraging each other. In His raising of Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated the loving gentle empathetic power of God, weeping with Martha and Mary, who were mourning their brother. We believe because Christ told Lazarus' sister Martha: "who believes in me will never die."

What else can we do? It is imperative that we work through prayer and the sacraments to make our soul a suitable dwelling place for the Spirit of Christ. As we live through the remaining days of Lent, let us pray, sacrifice, and live in a way that invites the Spirit to dwell within us, to purify us and to give us the courage and perseverance to live as Christ did: "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam" (For the greater glory of God). In doing so we strengthen our belief and faith in Christ and better prepare ourselves to allow the Spirit to dwell in us, so that we too will be raised.



**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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