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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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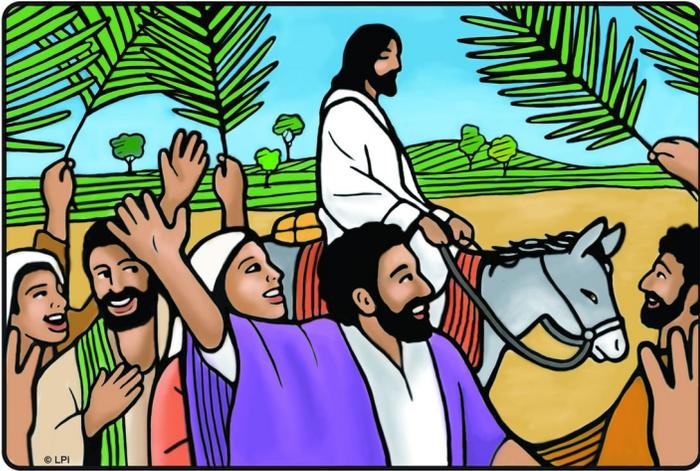
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



**"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."
- Mt 21:9-11**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 5, 2026:
*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/
Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 117 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM Patrick John Fitzgerald
10:00 AM Anna M. Duffy (living birthday)
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM Robert St. Jean (living intention)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 AM Brian Johnston (living birthday)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM Ernie & Rita Fecteau

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:30AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, April 4.

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.

Easter Collection—Clergy Trust

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.



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)

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: General Notes

The Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us by the sacrifice of the New Covenant. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The tabernacle is empty before the liturgy begins. With the ending of Mass, a Eucharistic procession, in which the whole congregation is invited to join, will proceed to the lower chapel and the altar of reposition. The faithful are encouraged to spend some time in adoration. Holy Thursday will conclude liturgically with compline, which will take place at 9:30PM.

Good Friday

The holy water fonts are empty. The altar is completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths. This is the only day in the entire calendar year when Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the Catholic World.

The Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil takes place after night fall and is composed of four parts: the Liturgy of the Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the renewal of baptismal vows and the baptism and confirmation of the catechumens; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOLY WEEK—THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

“I have come to call sinners, not the self-righteous.”
Mark 2:17 When Jesus was on the cross, He spoke 7 times. The 5th word Jesus spoke “I THIRST” John 19:38
Jesus thirsts for all people, from Adam to the last person to be born.

GIVE ME SOULS

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #723)

HELPING JESUS FIND “THE ONE” WHO IS LOST

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.—Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Divine Mercy Diary #1397)

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope John Paul II, on April 30, in the Jubilee Year of 2000, and is to be observed by the universal Church. The schedule for Mercy Sunday, **Sunday, April 12, 2026**, in the afternoon at St. John’s will be as follows:

- 1:30 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the rosary.
- 2:00 PM** Confessions will be heard.
- 2:30 PM** Readings from the diary of St. Faustina will be proclaimed.
- 3:00 PM** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be chanted.
- 3:30 PM** Benediction and Final Blessing.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, THIS Friday, April 3.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

“Euthanasia Is Not Mercy:

When Will We Finally Say, “Enough”?

“The question is not whether these deaths—from an elderly woman coerced against her will, to a young man in his 20s whose depression was treatable, to prisoners offered death instead of redemption—constitute mercy. The reality screams otherwise: euthanasia is not compassion, but a perilous gateway to exploitation, coercion, and the erosion of human dignity. It transforms suffering into a justification for state-sanctioned killing, abandoning the vulnerable when they need protection most.” <https://washingtonstand.com/article/manipulation-abuse-and-pseudosolutions-canada-is-showing-us-the-true-ugly-colors-of-euthanasia>

New Pro-life Legislation Supports Pregnancy Resource Centers and Pregnant College Students

“Wednesday, Jan 21st 2026, two pro-life pieces of legislation were passed by the House of Representatives, one safeguarding federal funding for pregnancy resource centers and another ensuring that pregnant college students are fully informed of their rights to give birth and take care of their babies while receiving an education...”

<https://washingtonstand.com/article/house-passes-bills-bolstering-pregnancy-resource-centers-and-protecting-pregnant-students>



Religious Education Reminders

Monday, April 6: Grade 9, 7PM-8PM
Tuesday, April 7: Grade 7 & 8, 6PM-7PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1st Communion rehearsal....**Wednesday, April 29, 4:30PM**
First Communion.....**Saturday, May 2, 11AM**

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 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.

Troop 4 Hopkinton PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11, 2026
St. John’s Parish Hall
7:30AM-11:30AM

Admission: \$10 general/\$7 seniors
Advance tickets: \$8 general/\$6 seniors
Gluten free options available
Kids under 5 and veterans eat FREE
If you have any questions, please email: pancake-breakfast@troop4hopkinton.com. This fundraiser supports scout activities, summer camp and high adventure trips.

MARCH 29, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Matthew 21:1-11 (Proclamational)/

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14--27 (The Passion of Our Lord)

Today we contemplate the fact that Jesus Christ, though He is the Son Of God, because of His love of all humanity, His love and obedience for the Father, became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to share our humanity, and to give all of us an opportunity to have a share in His divinity. He consented to suffer greatly to carry the burden of our sins to purify us and to be our salvation. Everything He suffered was in obedience to and love of the Father and for love of humanity. One commentator wrote that it was not just love of humanity as a group but also love of each of us as individuals. His is a sacrificial love that would extend to each of us because He had each of us in mind. And in His divinity, He was aware of us personally before we even existed. His sacrifice remains today in the Eucharist as a portal to having an intimate loving relationship with Him. And His sacrifice is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. In obedience to and for love of the Father and of us He would let go of His own human life, and with the utmost of humility, He took up his cross to redeem us. We are called to be holy as He is, and as He commanded His disciples, He commands us to love one another as He has loved us, and to pick up our cross and to follow Him.

That does not mean that we too will be crucified. One commentator has written that for each of us to pick up our personal cross and follow Jesus, we must let go of something, such as over-attachment to the pleasures of this world, hoarding of our time, money and possessions, bad habits to name a few. To be disciples of Christ, to some extent our love for one another and for humanity in general should be sacrificial love. Also, we must develop Christ-like virtues: obedience, humility, the perseverance and faith to stay the course even in the face of obstacles such as sufferings, distractions, challenges and temptations. To do so we must look up and pray for the grace of God. Without that grace, we can do nothing.

As we enter Holy Week let us look up, pray, and partake in the sacraments which both cleanse us and strengthen us. Bring the Lord along with you by your side; and whatever suffering or pain you experience, whether physical or emotional, attach it to the Passion of Christ. He will help you to bear your sufferings, overcome obstacles, and stay the course.



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