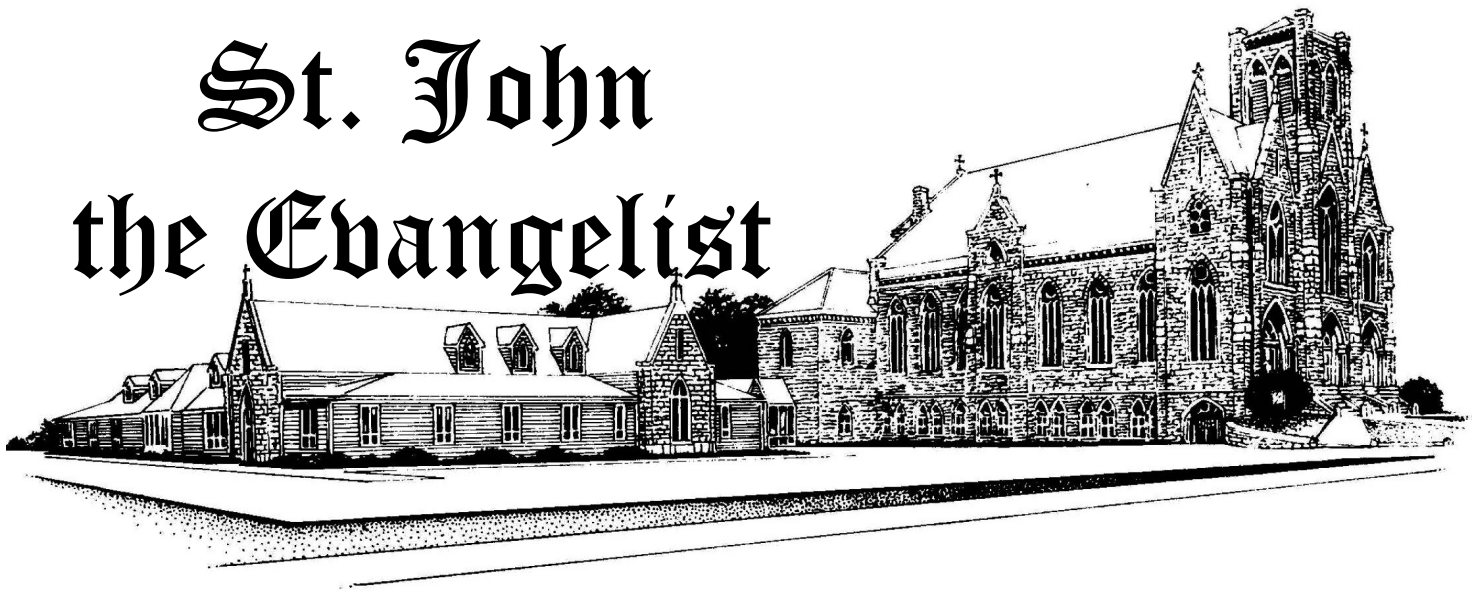


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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



“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
- Jn 20:27b-29

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, April 19, 2026:
*Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
1Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 168 in the pew missal.

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11	
4:00 PM	For the conversion of sinners
SUNDAY, APRIL 12	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Michael W. Duffy and family (living)
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
MONDAY, APRIL 13	
9:00 AM	For the Persecuted Church in China
TUESDAY, APRIL 14	
9:00 AM	Patrick John Fitzgerald
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
THURSDAY, APRIL 16	
9:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, APRIL 17	
9:00 AM	The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission
SATURDAY, APRIL 18	
8:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM	Florencio Reyes, Jr.
SUNDAY, APRIL 19	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Janet Schofield
6:30 PM	Deceased members of the Johnston family

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, April 18.

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation COFFEE HOUR

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by our 9th Grade Confirmation class students and teachers.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday THIS Sunday, April 12, 2026

On the Sunday after Easter, the entire Catholic Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This beautiful devotion led Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, to officially designate the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman liturgical calendar. From Saint Faustina's diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces—a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. On April 22, 2001, one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Saint John Paul II re-emphasized its message quoting St. Faustina: “Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: ‘Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.’ Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.” The words of Jesus to Saint Faustina: “My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. **The souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The feast of mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **It is my desire that it will be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.** Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy.”
—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #699

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday in the octave of Easter is Mercy Sunday established by Pope Saint 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, **THIS 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.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, April 16, 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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound."

—Taken from the gospel this week, John 20:22

Peace Be With You

When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.

—Divine Mercy Diary of Saint Faustina #1602

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative The Mercy of God

"Every person—no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society—is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God."

St. John Paul II, Farewell Ceremony, Detroit Airport 9/19/87

2026 Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars! The St John the Evangelist annual rummage sale will be held on **June 12th, 13th, 15th and 16th**. It's never too early to start thinking about making donations. Watch the parish website and upcoming bulletins for specific information about drop off dates along with a list of items we can and cannot accept. This year we are in need of clothing racks to better display donated clothing. If you know of any resource that might be willing to help us with this please contact the parish office at 508-435-3313 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net. THANK YOU!

40th Anniversary Luncheon

Please return the "SAVE THE DATE" forms by this weekend if you plan to attend the Anniversary Luncheon in September for Fr. Cannon.



Religious Education Reminders

Last week of classes for all grades:

Sunday, April 12: Grades 1-5, 8:45-9:45AM,

Monday, April 13: Grades 1-5, 4:30-5:30PM,
Grade 9, 7PM

Tuesday, April 14: Grades 7 & 8, 6PM

Wednesday, April 15: Grade 6, 2:45-3:45 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1st Communion rehearsal....**Wednesday, April 29, 4:30PM**

First Communion.....**Saturday, May 2, 11AM**

SAVE THE DATE: Graduate Mass & Dinner

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 17, at 6:30PM** followed by a light meal in the Parish Center. Invitations requesting an RSVP will be sent soon.

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.stjohnshopkinton.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**.

St. John's High School Youth Group

St. John's High School Youth Group is now over 50 members. We are having a planning meeting for our spring and summer events in the lower church area **THIS Sunday, April 12, at 5:30PM**. Come and join us! If you can't attend the meeting but would like more information, find us on GroupME: [groupme.com/join_group/110789869/V8WiBhN8](https://www.groupme.com/join_group/110789869/V8WiBhN8) or for more information email stjohnshopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com. Also, find us on Instagram at [stjohnsyouthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsyouthgroup).

SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

See the parish website for more information and to register.

APRIL 12, 2026

CROSS ROADS
By Deacon Tony

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Last week we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. He carried our sins on his shoulders was crucified, died and rose from the dead. It was the defeat of death. Many of the movies about the Resurrection portray it as the perfect end to the story. However, it was not just a story. It was salvation. And it was not the end, it was just the beginning of Christ's continued presence with his disciples, including us and all of humanity. We know this as we read and contemplate his appearance to the disciples in the upper room, his gift of peace and the Holy Spirit to them, his sending them as he was sent by the Father, his consecration of them, giving them the power to forgive or to retain the sins of others. It was the beginning of his promise to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to them to strengthen them and to give birth to his Church, the Mystical body of Christ which is with us along with his mercy which lasts forever.

Thomas was not present when he appeared to them on the evening of his resurrection, and when told of what happened, he did not believe it. Neither were we there. But Thomas came to believe a week later when Jesus appeared again in the upper room, and he saw Jesus face to face, and examined Jesus' wounds. It was then that Thomas fell to his knees and proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" It was then that Jesus brought us into the room blessing those who do not see him face to face yet believe because of the gift of faith. Each of those apostles would believe and suffer persecution and martyrdom except for John. And the struggle continues today.

In our time we too are called to spread the good news by how we live and by our obedience to the Lord's will and his ways. The world in general does not like this. Even in the USA: people have been fired from their job for having a bible on their desk, there is banning of bible studies in some senior living centers, some students are punished for speaking about Christianity; some pastors have been arrested for preaching in public; there is ridicule and persecution of those who preach and believe in the sanctity of life, and who publicly oppose the mutilation of children in trans-gender surgeries. Fear not and be at peace. Whatever the obstacles, the Lord is with us always, His mercy endures forever, and he remains visible and in close communion with us through his Mystical Body, the Church, and in the Eucharist.

K of C Food for Families Food Drive
Thank You!

Your local Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the members of the St. John the Evangelist parish community who were able to participate in our Lenten food drive this year. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we collected over 1,424 pounds of food/supplies and \$2,000 in cash, checks and on-line donations to support the Hopkinton Food Pantry at Project Just Because. The Knights are truly grateful for your continued support. It is because of you that the Food for Families drive is such a success!

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