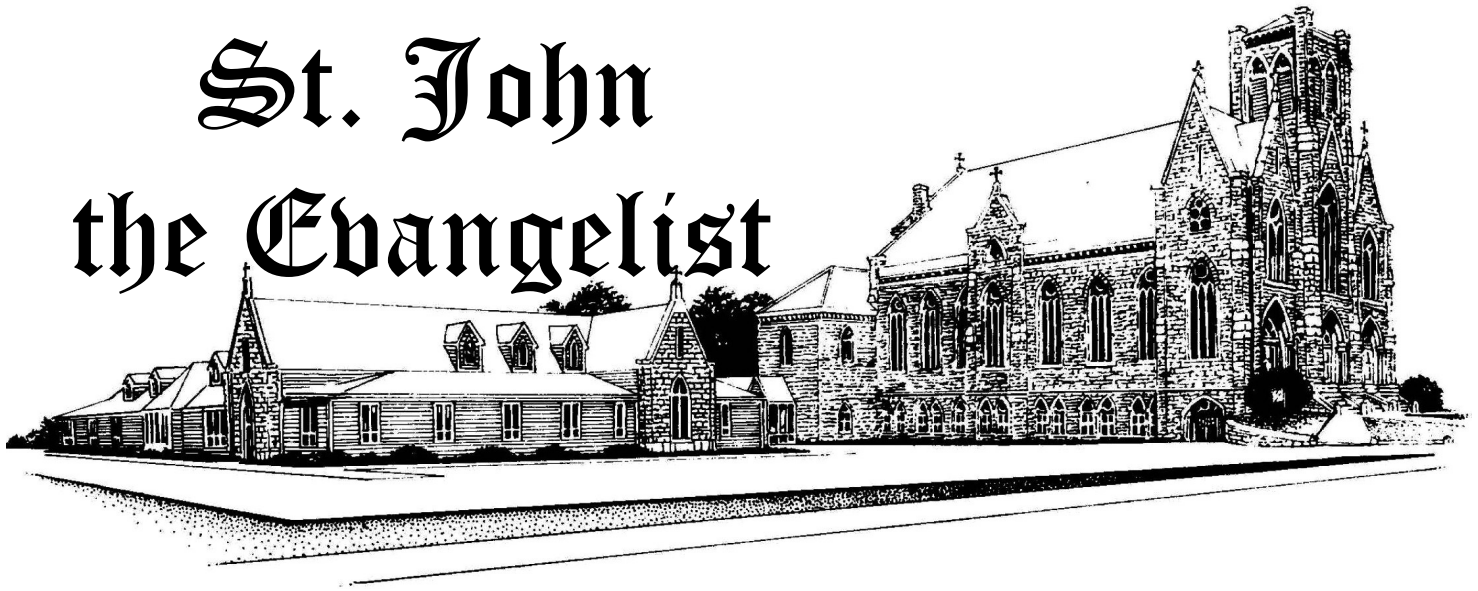


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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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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



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” - Jn 10:2-4

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 3, 2026:

Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ 1Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 173 in the pew missal.

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

4:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM Artie & Dottie Pyne

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 AM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM David W. Murray

FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Maria, Frances and Leon
Hermanowski

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

6:30 PM Henry (Hank) Alessio

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.

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 this Sunday.



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.

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.

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, May 1, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."—St. Mother Teresa

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, May 2, 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.

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.

Going on Vacation?

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

PLEASE NOTE:

During Mass, we ask that parents or caregivers accompany small children to the restroom to ensure their safety and hygiene. Their reassuring presence provides support and supervision to address any issues that may arise while the child is alone.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, May 2.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

Monday Zoom Rosary

Monday evenings at 7PM. This 30 minutes once a week provides a quiet and reflective time. You also pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. Try it out. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Guy (deaconguy@verizon.net) for more information and Zoom link.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

“This is the dignity of America...”

“This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival—yes, the ultimate test of her greatness—to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.”
St. John Paul II, Farewell Ceremony, Detroit Airport 9/19/87

Knights of Columbus Nite at the Races

“A Nite at the Races” is an adults-only horse racing event hosted by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822 in Ashland/Hopkinton on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**. Held at St. John's Parish Hall, doors open at 6PM with the first post time at 7PM. For a \$20 admission, attendees can enjoy actual horse races shown on DVD to recreate the excitement of the racetrack, along with gift drawings throughout the evening, food, premium beer, and wine. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local food pantries. The event features a grand prize gift drawing for the best Kentucky Derby outfit among participants. Tickets can be purchased after each Mass at the back of the church, or by contacting Joe at 508-380-0163 or JoeAltman@verizon.net. No one under 18 is allowed.

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!

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with undergarments and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**



Religious Education has come to an end for this 2025-2026 school year. A huge thank you to all our catechists who gave of their time to witness their faith to our young people. May God reward them with many blessings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Communion Mandatory rehearsal:

Wednesday, April 29, 4:30PM, Meet in the upper Church

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

May Procession

All First Communicants are invited to be part of the May Procession and help us honor our mother, Mary, on **Sunday, May 3, at 10AM**. Please come dressed in your First Communion clothing.

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**.



SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE

See the parish website for more information and to register.

APRIL 26, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6;
1Peter2:20-25; John 10:1-1**

Our life on this earth is a relatively short journey toward eternal happiness with the Lord. Some of humanity takes this truth as license to get and enjoy what you can while you are able. To live that way is a mistake. It is better to do what is right on this earth while we can; and that is measured by our deeds, and how they represent the will, the love, and the ways of the Lord. We are chosen to make the most of the mercy, salvation, the patient suffering, and healing won for us by Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, who is both Lord and Messiah: the anointed one.

In all circumstances of life on this earth, the Lord is always with us. And all of us have experienced some level of suffering, whether it be illness or injury, emotional, sorrow, mourning the loss of loved ones, financial issues, or worries about children and grandchildren. But the Lord gives us repose, refreshes our souls. In all circumstances the Lord guides us to light, truth, and salvation, especially when we ask for his help, when we listen to his voice, when we listen to and heed the promptings of the Holy Spirit who we all received in our Baptism.

Like sheep who know their shepherd's voice, sometimes we go astray. But when we listen for and recognize his voice, we are enabled to return to him: the Good Shepherd, and the gate to eternal life. And when we suffer with patience as he did to heal us, we are graced with connecting our suffering with his.

How will we recognize his voice? By praying and listening. Solutions will come to mind from our One God (Father Son and Holy Spirit). We recognize his voice when we calm down in prayer and in silence. As we are commanded in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Priorities also matter. I would suggest Faith, family, friends, freedom, and reading scripture, especially the Gospels.



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