

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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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



“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” - Jn 14:2-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, May 10, 2026:
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/
 1Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 175 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 2	
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
MONDAY, MAY 4	
9:00 AM	Richard Surber
TUESDAY, MAY 5	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	
9:00 AM	Mary Buttarazzi (living intention)
THURSDAY, MAY 7	
9:00 AM	Rosemarie Coffey Gorman (living intention)
FRIDAY, MAY 8	
9:00 AM	Rosario Reyes
SATURDAY, MAY 9	
8:00 AM	Frances A. Mitchell
4:00 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, MAY 10	
8:00 AM	Catherine Sullivan
10:00 AM	For all mothers
6:30 PM	Parishioners of St. John’s

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.



MAY PROCESSION

All parishioners and especially our newest First Communicants are invited to be part of the May Procession **THIS Sunday** at the 10AM Mass and help us honor our mother, Mary.

May Procession Hymn

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Refrain:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
 O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Bring flowers of the rarest
 Bring blossoms of the fairest,
 From garden and woodland and hillside and vale;
 Our full hearts are swelling,
 Our glad voices telling
 The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain

Their lady they name thee,
 Their mistress proclaim thee,
 Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
 As long as the bowers
 are radiant with flowers,
 As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

Sing gaily in chorus;
 the bright angels o’er us
 re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
 Their harps are repeating
 the notes of our greeting,
 for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth

Refrain

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

FIFTH 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.



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.**

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative Massachusetts 2024 Abortion Report Released: What it Reveals

"One thing we learned from this report is that Governor Maura Healey is a woman of her word. 'Whatever it takes, whatever we need to do as a state to support access to reproductive healthcare—to health care, which I think is a human right—we are going to do,' she told a reporter last summer. To fulfill her promise, the governor and her administration went above and beyond—well-beyond the state's borders, as it turns out. **In 2024, abortionists and those who prescribe chemical abortion sold procedures to more out-of-state women (27,836) than to women who live here (21,407).**" <https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/massachusetts-abortion-report-confirms-maura-healey-pl-edge>

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!



Thank You

To all our volunteers!

The biggest thank you for volunteering your time and energy to St. John's Parish this past year. Your help and talent do not go unnoticed. Our parish is lucky and grateful to have you in whatever area you volunteer. You have made our parish better and have possibly changed the lives of some. We wish you all well.

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.

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 have been sent to graduating senior's parent's emails. **Please RSVP by May 12.**

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.**

Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Carnation Drive

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council, will be handing out carnations to honor mothers as they exit Mass **NEXT WEEKEND.** The Knights will be accepting donations to support Birthright International, a pro-life organization dedicated to the support and protection of girls and women who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy. For more information on Birthright, please visit <https://birthright.org/framingham>. Thank you in advance for your donations which will help us support Birthright's mission.

MAY 3, 2026

CROSS ROADS

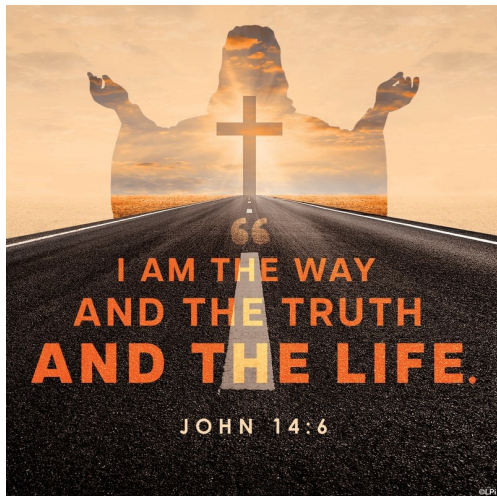
By Deacon Tony

**Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12**

In today's first reading from Acts we are reminded of the fact that discipleship greatly increased in the early days of the Church due to the faith, fervor, preaching and deeds of the apostles. They, by the grace and peace of the Lord which was given to them to spread the good news, and to do the deeds the Lord expected of them. That does not mean that everything went smoothly. Today there was an issue with the Hellenists whose widows were not receiving the care that they needed. The apostles did not abandon their primary duty of spreading the good news of the risen Christ; but they did provide deacons chosen by the faithful to help. This allowed the apostles to devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word, while the deacons tended to the needs of widows in the daily distribution. We shall see in later times that there were other issues in the early growth of the Church that required wisdom to solve according to the will of God.

Today's psalm focuses on the LORD himself, His will and His ways which the apostles were to emulate. The LORD is upright, and all his works are trustworthy, just, and right. And despite the faults of much of humanity (that continue into present times), the earth is full of the LORD'S KINDNESS for those who have faith and trust in the LORD. The Lord is there for all who accept the gift of faith and conform themselves to The LORD'S will and the LORD'S ways.

We, like the disciples of the early Church, are chosen to live the faith, and to carry on with the LORD'S work. In today's reading from the first letter of Peter, we have been chosen to be a royal priesthood through our spiritual sacrifices, and by being the living stones of the Church. At the heart of this calling is living a life of faith: a gift from the Lord which many accept, and unfortunately which many reject. Many forget that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through Jesus. We are all called to encourage and affirm one another to accept the gift of faith, and to carry on with the Lord's works. That is not an easy task in today's world; but it can be, by the grace of God a fruitful task. Do not be discouraged. The truth stands on its own! It is NOT fashioned by the likes and dislikes of individuals!! In the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "To one who has faith no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."



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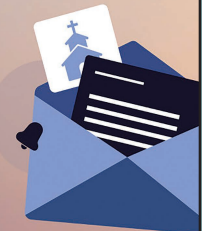
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