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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourselves. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will become active in our parish community and support your parish with your prayers, your presence, and your talents. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 to register.

PASTOR

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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

**Bernadette Nadeau
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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**



"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

- Mt 13:29-30

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, July 26, 2026:
 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/
 Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-46

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 209 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:00 PM Pamela Almeida

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM Brian Malloy

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM Stephen Malloy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00 AM Joseph & Elizabeth Malloy

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 PM Ivan Almeida

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM James Sullivan
 10:00 AM John Dudley
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, July 25.

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 hosted by our young adults. Additionally, there will be toy car racing and paper airplane competitions.

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



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Brown Scapular

July 16th is the memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Carmel in Hebrew means "Garden of God"). This feast day is dated through pious tradition as the day in the 13th century, that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel gave the brown scapular to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest serving in England. St. Simon was exhorted by Our Lady to make available this scapular to the faithful.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will extend her patronage to the faithful who wear the scapular, especially at one's hour of death. The faithful in turn pledge:

- Devotion to Our Lady and the teachings of the Church,
- To live a chaste life according to one's station in life
- And to say the rosary daily or
- Recite daily the Little Office of the BVM.
- Observe the fasts of Church with abstinence from meat on Fridays.

One must be vested by a priest or deacon with the accompanying prayers.

For those interested, the vesting of the brown scapular of the Carmelites will be available after the Masses **THIS weekend**. For those that currently wear the scapular, one's vesture could be renewed.

Morning Offering of the Brown Scapular

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss the scapular as a sign of your consecration), I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with It the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart. O Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! O Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

 *Rest in Peace*

Gregory C. Leal

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MUSTARD SEED

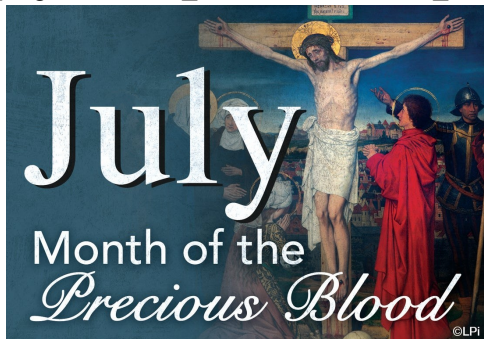


Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

FDA to Study the Safety of Abortion Pill

"The Food and Drug Administration has begun a safety study of the abortion pill mifepristone, according to The Wall Street Journal [June 4, 2026] a move that could shape future federal policy on its regulation and distribution. The review comes as calls for tighter restrictions on the abortion drug have increased among Republican lawmakers and pro-life organizations, particularly regarding its availability through telehealth and mail-order prescribing. According to the news outlet, The effort is expected to take about six months, meaning its results would come after the midterm elections." https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/fda_begins_mifepristone_safety_study_as_calls_for_restrictions_increase?utm_campaign=ll59&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mcfl



THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS AND THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Precious Blood of Jesus was shed on the cross; by it Jesus won all the graces necessary for the salvation of every human being, from Adam to the last person that will be born. We simply need to grasp these graces and apply them to ourselves and others. The Precious Blood is a flowing fountain of spiritual gifts that **will never run dry**. In His mysterious providence, **God has put the salvation of others in our hands; we must ask for it, and ask fervently and often.**

Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy

—Taken from the Litany of the Precious Blood

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 St. Faustina
Divine Mercy Diary #1397

O God, no one is rejected by you, even the greatest of sinners can receive merciful forgiveness from you by repentance. Graciously hear our humble prayers. Amen

—This is the closing prayer for the Conversion of Sinners prayer group



Religious Education Registration for New Students

Registration is ongoing for **NEW** students. For those wanting to enter their child/children into our program for the **FIRST TIME**, you must fill out a one-time registration form **and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. John's**. The registration form can be found on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "Religious Education" tab. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313 x22 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

For those already in our program, you will receive information at the end of the summer about signing up for class day & time.

Adult Religious Education Classes

St. John's is 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 weekly on Tuesdays at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

Volunteers for Mustard Seed Ministry

Do you have some free time on the last Friday of the month? Would you like to help prepare food to be delivered to the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester? Volunteers gather on the last Friday of the month to help prepare and cook meals. "Many hands make light work". If you would like to participate or for more information, please email Ali Balster at alibalster@gmail.com.

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.

Did you Know?

St. John's has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on site! It is located in the **lower Sacristy** in the main church on the east wall in a white box. Should a cardiac event occur, the unit will walk you through the steps for use. Do you know where the closest exit is in the event of a fire? Did you know a fire pull box is located in the narthex north-side (left when leaving) and the lower Sacristy next to the AED? Additionally, we have multiple pull boxes and extinguishers in the Parish Center. Take a moment to look around.

Thank you, The staff of St. Johns



ST. CECILIA'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Saturday, July 25, 5:30PM-7PM

Sunday, July 26, 10AM-11:30AM

SELLING ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

St. Cecilia Family Center, 54 Esty Street, Ashland, Mass.

JULY 19, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86:5-6,9-10, 15-16;
Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43**

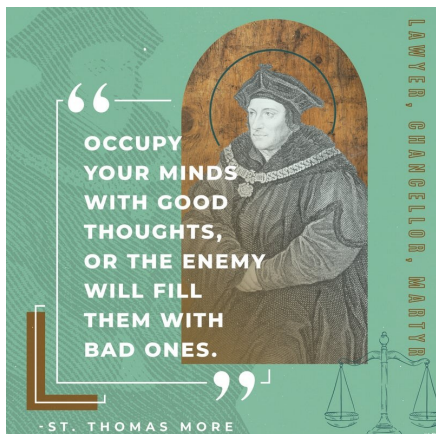
The Lord's might is the source of justice, yet he is lenient to all. The Lord shows his might when his perfect power is disbelieved. The Lord judges, but with clemency and lenience. The Lord is good and forgiving, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. But the Lord desires repentance for sins by all.

In today's gospel, we hear Parables about the kingdom of heaven: one of them is about a man who sowed good seed to grow wheat, but during the night the enemy (who represents the Devil) sowed weeds all through of the wheat. When notified of this, the master ordered that the weeds not be pulled, lest the wheat be uprooted. Thus, the weeds were allowed to grow with the wheat, the bad allowed to be among the good.

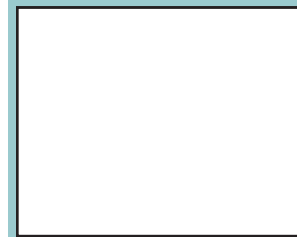
Then the parable of the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds; yet it grows into a large bush where birds of the sky come to dwell in its branches. Then there is the parable of the kingdom of heaven to yeast mixed with three measures of wheat flower until the whole batch was leavened. (it all became one as the Church is meant to be one).

What do we learn from these parables. Christ's disciples also wanted answers: The smallest of seeds could develop into a large bush, as the little, humble, and needy can be transformed into children of God who spread the good news. The unleavened can become leavened, and produce much, as the children of God who are open to the promptings and graces poured out by the Spirit can produce much.

The good seed (the children of God) can live among the bad (the children of the devil who sowed the weeds). By the love of the good for one another, and their mercy, kindness, and forgiveness of the bad, who may insult or harm them, the bad may learn to be righteous, to repent, to be forgiving, and kind. This does not mean there are no consequences for the bad. Repentance is required of all, or there will be consequences at the final harvest. Many have their battles with the tangle of weeds, at times sown by our own carelessness. But the graces poured down by the Spirit are available to all who repent. This is what the Lord expects of all of us: to love one another as he loves us, to pick up our individual cross, and follow our Lord and Savior! St. John Eudes wrote, "We are to serve one another out of reverence for Christ, to be missionaries of mercy sent by the Father of mercy to distribute the treasures of mercy to those in need." (the little ones).



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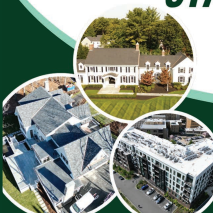
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