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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.

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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**



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 2, 2026:
Is 55:1-3/ Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin
on page 211 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, JULY 25

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM Victor Zaragosa

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM Jean Scarlata

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM Edwin Leyva

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 AM Robert Herrick

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Our Lady,
Queen of Angels

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Arthur Deschamps
6:30 PM Special Intention

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.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you know St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection? Many parish families enjoy the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. Simply go to our website, www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the right side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x24. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

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.



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**.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, August 1, 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.

Do You Need Transportation to Mass?

The Knights of Columbus will pay for transportation to bring the homebound or those who may need a ride to Sunday Mass. Please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman for information at 508-380-0163 or joealtman@verizon.net.

Traveling this Summer?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, August 1.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x20 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

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

All About Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)

Abortion Pill Reversal, an updated application of a treatment used for decades to prevent miscarriage, offers a potential second chance for women who have taken the first chemical abortion drug and wish to try and save their unborn child. It entails prescribing bioidentical progesterone to counter the effects of mifepristone. If a woman who has taken mifepristone acts quickly enough it may be possible to save her unborn child. Results are best within 24 hours, but successful reversals have occurred as long as 72 hours after the first abortion drug was taken. All major studies show that using progesterone to counteract an in-progress chemical abortion (APR) can be effective. A 2018 peer-reviewed study showed positive results with 64%-68% of the pregnancies saved through APR, no increase in birth defects, and a lower preterm delivery rate than the general population. To date, statistics show that more than 8,000 lives have been saved thanks to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, a network of nearly 1,500 healthcare professionals, pregnancy centers and hospitals that administer the APR protocol.

<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/sometimes-all-someone-needs-is-to-know-they-arent-alone-grateful-mom-shares-aprs-incredible-impact>

Baptismal Blanket Ministry

St. John's baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John's. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life

"Truth About Choice" is Coming to You!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Free and open to the public 9AM-5:30PM in St. John's Parish Hall. A memorial to the 49,450 in Massachusetts who lost their lives to abortion within a single year. The project is the state's first-ever display of life-like preborn babies lost annually to abortion. The "Truth About Choice" memorial, a traveling exhibit, was successfully launched at Amherst on April 12, 2026. Geared for ages 10 and over, attendees are asked to view the displays with reverence and maintain a solemn and respectful tone throughout their visit. For more information email parishhallstjn@gmail.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN IN THE SUMMER

Please Note: The Religious Education office is open in the Summer except for a couple vacation weeks. Please reach out with any questions or concerns to dlysikstjn@verizon.net or 508-435-3313 x22. Please know that if you do leave a message it goes right into the email for dlysikstjn. Your message will be returned immediately.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:

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 (stjohnshopkinton.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.

ALREADY IN OUR PROGRAM?

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

St. John's Young Adults

St. John's young adult group (ages 20s-30s) is thriving. This July, we'll be hosting a coffee hour, holding another a cappella singing event, and continuing to meet frequently for prayer and discussion. Please join us! Check our webpage at stjohnshopkinton.com.

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

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.**

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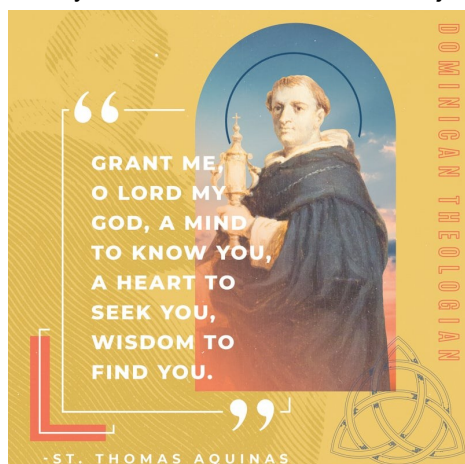
By Deacon Tony

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57,72, 76-77, 127-130;
Romans: 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52**

The Church teaches that the person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus, one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

In today's reading from 1 Kings, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon, was a son of David and was quite young and chosen to be the King of Israel. Though young, Solomon knew and admitted to God his weaknesses. He knew he needed more than the things of this earth. He knew he needed understanding so that he could deal with his massive responsibilities, to know right from wrong, to making correct and just judgements. The Lord was pleased that Solomon did not ask for riches, a long life, or for the life of his enemies. Instead, Solomon asked for an understanding heart. The Lord promised that he would give Solomon a wise heart and understanding greater than anyone had ever had, and that there would be nobody in the future who would be Solomon's equal.

It would only be the Christ, the Son of God, the Word of God made Flesh: God among us who would be something much greater, and the one we must emulate, the one we must turn to when we question ourselves and recognize our weaknesses. It is then that we can and must turn to Christ the Lord of All. It is then that we must remember, as Saint Paul reminds us that "all things work for good for those who love God, those who love the Lord's decrees and commands. Do not worry. Worry begets self-doubt, and doubt begets fears, and fears beget the chaos of anxiety. The Lord does not want this for us. Turn to Jesus who frequently said, "peace be with you." Love and obey his commands. Hand over your fears and doubts to Christ. Repent and rid yourself of anything that stands in the way of your relationship with Christ. Read the gospels and pray for wisdom; and learn from the Master the true difference between right and wrong. Be fair, just and kind to all. Encourage and affirm the good efforts of others. The parables of last week and this week's gospels seem hard. Yet they truly are merciful, because the Lord, in his mercy gives us time in our lifetime to repent, to change our hearts and souls, to be open and appreciative of God's mercy. We must do these things to be Christ-like, and to be among the good and worthy at the end of time at the final judgment.

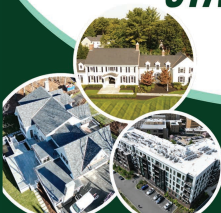


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