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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

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**All copy must be submitted in writing no later than
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ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**For those that need a little help,
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He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over--twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. - Mt 14:19c-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 9, 2026:
1Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 213 in the pew missal.

MASS+
INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Joseph & Eva Campbell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM Paul H. Smith

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM Susan Ditmore

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Sr. Anne Ferrucci
4:00 PM Totoy Reyes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Frank Ruccia
6:30 PM Deceased members
of the Neary Family

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

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.

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.

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.



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, August 7, 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

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.

EIGHTEENTH 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

40% of all babies born in U.S. last year were to unmarried mothers. "Despite positive recent trends for family stability, including increasing numbers of babies born to college-educated women who are married, the overall proportion of babies born to unwed mothers is not declining, according to a new data analysis. The report, published by Institute for Family Studies (IFS) pointed out that 40% of all births in the U.S. in 2025 were to unmarried women, amounting to 1,440,031 babies. Experts like Kendall Qualls, who is the founder and president of the nonprofit Take Charge, an organization dedicated to building strong families in inner cities, say that in order to encourage more fathers to actively raise their children and marry their mothers, communities and churches must purposefully recognize the value of fatherhood and promote it. "[W]e need to start recognizing the significance of fathers." <https://washingtonstand.com/article/-40-of-all-babies-born-in-us-last-year-were-to-unmarried-mothers-data-shows>

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.

St. John's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM** in the lower church area. All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

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.



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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AUGUST 2, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18;

Romans: 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

The Lord fulfills all our needs. The Lord knows the important things that we need better than we do. He gives us those things that last into eternity. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger; and the Lord is of great kindness and compassion. The Lord is just in all his ways, and holy in all his works. He hears all who call upon him. And he gives us what we need to persevere. But we each have a responsibility to heed his word, to conform ourselves to his will and his ways. It is one thing to read and listen to the Word of God, and quite another to heed His word by putting it into action in what we say, what we do, how we live, and how we help each other.

Saint Paul reminds us today that none of the powers, hardships, or dangers of this world can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord. The Lord is with us through all the hardships, obstacles, temptations, distractions, violence, and challenges of this crazy world.

Today's gospel is a demonstration of the Lord's love for us. The crowd followed Jesus to a deserted place. He pitied them who were hungry for food, and hungry for his words. His response was to cure those among the crowd who were sick; and then to miraculously feed them all with only five loaves and two fish, thus demonstrating that nothing is impossible for God. And the love of God is more powerful than anything this planet has to offer, and Christ, the Word of God Incarnate, IS the Bread of Life! There is nothing to fear if we surrender our souls to Him.

He is always with us because we have been chosen to be part of His mystical body, the Church. And we are the living bricks of the one, holy, Catholic (Universal) and apostolic Church. We are called to be temples of the Holy Spirit; and we have a responsibility to proclaim and be examples of the love of God. We must not allow ourselves to be overcome by false ideologies which always have failed in the past, and which cause misery and persecution all around the world. Remember the words of Saint Paul: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Let us remember the wisdom of GK Chesterton: "We do not want a Church that changes with the world. We want and need a Church which changes the world."



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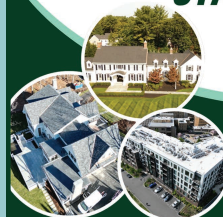


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