

St. John the Evangelist



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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**



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Mt 14:28-30

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 16, 2026:
Is 56:1, 6-7/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 215 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AM Eva Garcia

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Sandy Nipper

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Edwin Leyva

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 AM For an increase in devotion to The Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 PM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM George Carlino
 6:30 PM Muriel Lacroix

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

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



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Saturday, August 15**. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday.

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.

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**.

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Urge Gov. Healey to Veto the Radical Late-Term Abortion Bill

"On July 31, 2026, after lawmakers suspended the chamber's rules to expedite its passage on the final day of formal legislative sessions, the Massachusetts Senate approved legislation that would remove the state's current 24-week [6 month] abortion limit and allow abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy, including on viable unborn children." "Massachusetts Citizens for Life president Myrna Maloney Flynn has said that the 'abortion-up-to-birth' bill permits one physician to subjectively decide that any unborn infant can be killed in or outside of a hospital, even babies capable of surviving outside the womb and feeling pain within it."

https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/legislative_action_center
https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-bishops-of-massachusetts-condemn-gravely-immoral-late-term-abortion-bill/?utm_source=digest-2026-07-30&utm_medium=email

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.

Birthright of Framingham

Needs Help Finding a New Home!

Birthright of Framingham is looking for a new location for their Framingham office. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they must vacate their current rental space by the end of summer. The ideal space would be 700-800 sq ft, easily accessible for pregnant women and parents with small children, situated in a vibrant part of Framingham that is easy for their clients to find, and have access to nearby parking. Access to laundry would be a perk. If you have any leads or know someone who could help identify a new space, please reach out to St. John's parishioner, Bill Muench at 508-259-3382 or contact the Birthright office at (508) 620-0657. Birthright is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to provide friendship, love and support to women distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. At Birthright, they believe that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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 (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.

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 stjohnhopkinton.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

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.

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.

AUGUST 9, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

1Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 85:9-14;

Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Elijah took shelter in a cave on Mount Horeb to hide from the wrath of Queen Jezebell. He had been on the run for forty days and nights. The Lord spoke to Elijah and told him to come out and to stand on the mountain because the LORD would be passing by. There were strong winds, but the Lord was not in the wind. Then there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah went and stood at the entrance to the cave, having covered his face in his cloak.

While it was natural and understandable for Elijah to run away from the trouble with the Queen, the Lord had other plans for Elijah. The Lord has a plan for each of us. With the gift of free will, we have been allowed to choose what we think are the right paths for each of us. But sometimes the Lord has other plans. Sometimes things do not work out as we had hoped for the paths we decide to take. Sometimes, such obstacles are the Lord's way to guide us toward another path that he knows is better for us. Nothing to fear, because the Lord is about kindness, truth, justice and peace. He is not about fear, violence, or catastrophes. But he does give us the grace to persevere, and the invitation to look up to him, knowing we cannot do anything good without his help and guidance along with faith, perseverance and obedience. In today's reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul prays that the Lord's chosen people, the Israelites would be part of the new and eternal covenant of Christ, something that Paul himself was against, but by the grace of God, he ceased his persecution of Christians and became Apostle to the gentiles.

In Matthew's gospel Jesus had told the apostles to cross over by boat to the other side of the sea, and he would meet them on the other side. But a strong storm ensued with strong winds, rain and waves. The disciples were fearful. Then Jesus appeared to them walking on the water toward them. Thinking it was a ghost, they became terrified. Jesus spoke to them and told them that it was He, Jesus. The ever-daring Peter stood up and told Jesus that if it was really him, to command Peter to walk on the water. The Lord did so. But Peter was paying more attention to the wind and the rain than he did to Jesus. At Peter's request, Jesus saved Peter. When back in the boat the waves and the storm subsided. The lesson for Peter (and for us) is to look up to the Lord for help to strengthen our faith. It is the Lord who gives peace and shelter to our frightened hearts and souls. Look to Him, not to the world!



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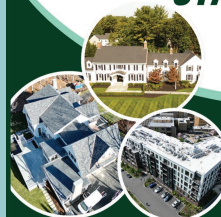
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