

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.

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**



And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:22, 24-25

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 23, 2026:
 Is 22:19-23/ Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
 Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin
 on page 221 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 AM Artemise Lucinda MacLaine

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 AM Muriel Lacroix

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM John and Carol Nimmo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 AM No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 PM Elaine Rosetti (living intention)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Donna Ruccia
 6:30 PM Jean Scarlata

Please note that we will not have Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament this week.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
 celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
 THIS Saturday, August 22.

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

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
 Mission Cooperative Appeal
 Catholic Diocese of Meerut, India

2026 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith office of the Archdiocese of Boston has invited the Diocese of Meerut, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish. **Rt. Rev. Bhaskar Jesuraj** will be here at St. John's next weekend to speak about this appeal.

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY AND HER CHILDREN— THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

On Saturday, August 15, we honor Our Blessed Mother Mary's Assumption into Heaven with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, joining all the Angels and Saints in Heaven and the holy souls in Purgatory who "feel" their Mother with an ever greater increasing love.

"Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way of life."

—Pope Saint John Paul II



St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Study Finds Abortion-Inducing Drug in Drinking Water of 3 US Cities

"Study co-author Elise Rose said the findings warrant concern. 'Because of the importance of progesterone for human and animal health, the presence of anti-progesterone in environmental and tap water poses potential health risks,' she said. 'Everyone should be concerned that we are possibly being exposed to an endocrine-disrupting compound without our consent.'...Students For Life of America President Kristan Hawkins said the study grew out of the pro-life organization's push for clean drinking water that is free from abortion-drug contamination. She urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand testing nationwide...'Not only does this show that we were right all along—some of us are drinking other people's abortions—but it also shows the EPA that there is a test for mifepristone, as that is one of the criteria the agency considers when adding something to a tracking list,' Hawkins said in the release." July 24, 2026 <https://zeale.co/news/articles/alarmed-study-finds-abortion-inducing-drug-in-drinking-water-of-3-us-cities?>

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.



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.

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.



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.

Join Us for

"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled"

**New Bible Study Begins September 14th
Mondays at 7:15 PM in the Parish Library**

Ever wondered what makes Luke's Gospel so central to our faith? Join us this fall for **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**, a warm and welcoming study from Ascension Press that walks through the story of Jesus as told by St. Luke—physician, historian, and companion to St. Paul. **No experience needed.** Whether you've never opened a Bible or have studied Scripture for years, you'll feel right at home. Each session combines engaging video teaching with small-group discussion, and all materials are provided. 8-week course. \$25 per person/couple to cover the cost of a workbook. Bring a friend, bring your questions, and come as you are.

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

AUGUST 16, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28**

In today's readings, beginning with Isaiah, the universality of God's call to all peoples to worship Him and to know His ways is a gift to all. Isaiah proclaims that we all are called to observe what is right, and to do what is just. As we have heard in the past, Jesus is the example of this, and he demonstrates this when he grants the request of the Canaanite woman in today's gospel. In today's psalm the emphasis is on all peoples worshipping and connecting with the one true God, His gift of salvation, and His mercy.

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul (the apostle to the Gentiles), proclaims that the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Even in the face of the disobedience of much of humanity, it is the mercy and love of God that conquer our weaknesses. Our job is to have faith in God, to pray, and to practice humility, because we are not entitled to anything. We are in the hands of God. When we humbly persevere in prayer, we open ourselves to receiving the Lord's gifts of mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

Today's gospel is an example of the importance of faith and perseverance in prayer. The Canaanite woman humbly begged Jesus to save her daughter who was suffering from the torments of a demon. The conversation that ensued, at first seems a bit harsh. But the woman was not embarrassed or argumentative, and Jesus did listen as the woman persevered in her faith in Jesus. And she humbly persevered in her request. It was a test, and Jesus awarded her with his proclamation of the greatness of her faith, and his curing of the woman's daughter.

May we always remember that we are part of the mystical body of Christ, the only One, Holy Catholic (universal) and apostolic Church, and the only Church founded by Christ himself; and that we proclaim and live appropriately in faith and humility subject to the Lord's will and the Lord's ways.



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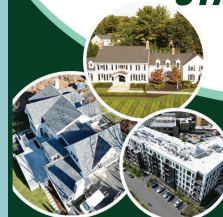
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