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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

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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**



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, August 30, 2026:
Jer 20:7-9/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 223 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Annette Lockhart

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 AM Cheryl Soucy

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Tara Sharma

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Felipe Porto (living intention)

6:30 PM Margaret Shamus

Please note that we will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, August 25.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, August 29.

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.

2nd collection **THIS** 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. **Bishop Bhaskar Jesuraj** will be here at St. John's this weekend to speak about this appeal.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEERUT, INDIA

The Catholic Diocese of Meerut was erected in 1956, 70 years ago. The Italian Capuchins, of the Tuscany Province of Italy, did the pioneering mission. We thank God for the dedicated missionary activities that the mission is growing. **An Overview of the Diocese:** The Catholic Diocese of Meerut, now has a Catholic population of 34,235, 61 Diocesan and 74 religious priests, 675 nuns, 34 religious brothers, 17 trained and 300 untrained catechists, 33 seminarians, 68 parishes and 65 substations/missions; a leprosarium, 10 orphanages, 8 homes for poor children, 11 hospitals – 5 dispensaries, and a minor seminary; 70% of Catholics are very poor and belong to backward class called *Dalits*; 112 schools from primary to senior secondary, 11 formation houses, 3 homes for differently-abled, 8 destitute and old age homes. The diocese is known as **Missionary-Diocese**. **Our Main Mission needs:** Although 70 years old, it is dependent on external sources for running its projects. Most faithful are poor and are not able to support the Church. Many churches/chapels in rural areas are in dilapidated condition and require constant repair and maintenance. 70% of Catholics are very poor, so the parishes are financially dependent on the diocese. The Catholics need to be strengthened by regular catechism and faith formation seminars. A very high percentage of people earn \$3 to \$4 per day, so, they can't afford proper treatment. They need financial help. The education of rural children is highly subsidized, as they can't pay a nominal fee. The youth are supported in higher education and professional training; this is where we show our concern and strengthen them in Catholic faith. We are surrounded by people of other faiths, so peace-building inter-religious dialogues are essential part of evangelization. Even the Bishop's House of the Diocese is on a leased property, and we are nearly forced to vacate. So, there is a need for a Bishop's House. Our socio-economic wing needs financial support for social work projects. We give priority to women education: health and hygiene, tailoring, knitting, social upliftment training etc. The Catechists are working for a meager salary. They deserve proper wages. Our medical centers/dispensaries need constant upgrade and renovation. Pastoral Center; for animation and faith building activities. For all these spiritual, temporal, social, developmental and empowerment projects, we humbly request your financial and prayerful assistance.

✠ **Bhaskar Jesuraj**
Bishop of Meerut

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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.

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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Check our website for dates and information on upcoming PGC sessions at St. John's.

"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. Contact Craig Martin at craigmartin403@gmail.com to sign up and order a book.



St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Bill to Ban Forced Abortions in Surrogacy Contracts

"Rep. Andy Ogles, R-Tenn., announced July 23 that he is introducing legislation barring federal courts from enforcing surrogacy contract provisions that force surrogate mothers to undergo abortions. According to a [press release](#) from Ogles' office, the Preventing Forced Abortions Act of 2026 would also require that courts enforce the surrogate mother's right to receive any agreed-upon compensation despite her refusal to abort the unborn child. **'No woman should ever be forced to murder a child because of a provision buried in a contract,'** Ogles said in a July 22 X post promoting the measure." <https://zeale.co/news/articles/tennessee-representative-announces-bill-to-ban-forced-abortions-in-surrogacy-contracts?>



Religious Education Online Sign-Ups For All Registered Students (Grades 1-10)

Our online Religious Education class sign-ups will take place on **Sunday, September 13, at 1PM and continue through Wednesday, September 16.** Families will receive a link via email the week before, so please check your email. For grades 1-6, there will be some choice of day and time. For grades 7-10, there will not be a choice of day, but signing up will allow us to know who will participate this year so books, subscriptions and supplies can be ordered. Remember, this sign up is for those that have participated in the Religious Education program last year, so if your child did not participate last year, and you plan on having them attend, please let us know so we can make them active in the system. **Also, if your child will be attending our program for the very first time, you need to fill out a registration form that you can get from our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) under the "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" tab. All this needs to take place before the sign-ups.**

Religious Education classes will begin:
Parent/student meeting for first year Confirmation preparation for Grades 8 & 9 is Monday Sept. 28, 7PM.
Grades 1-6 will begin the week of October 5
Grades 7-10 will begin the week of October 18.

Home schooling is an option for grades 1, and 3-7 (which you will be able to sign up for during online sign-ups). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x22 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.



O, Mary conceived without sin...pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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

On Saturday, August 22, we honor the Queenship of our Blessed Mother Mary with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as Queen of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all of us here in this world. Just as our Mother is queen of our hearts, the Holy Souls in Purgatory "feel" and understand in a more intimate and loving knowledge of Mary's love for them and their love for her. The Holy Souls are consoled with an ever greater joy and love for Mary, their Mother and Queen.

"Mary entered into glory because she welcomed the Son of God in her virginal womb and in her heart."

—Pope Saint John Paul II

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

AUGUST 23, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8;
Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20**

In the reading from Isaiah, the LORD says to Shebna, master of the palace, that Shebna would be replaced by Eliakim as master of the palace. In one line of the same reading in the new American Study Bible, the LORD says that Shebna has been a disgrace to his master's house. The Lord gave the key to the house of David (a symbol of authority) to Eliakim. The Lord declared that "when Eliakim opens, no one shall shut. When he shuts, no one shall open." Today's psalm declares that the LORD is exalted, yet he sees the lowly; but the proud he sees from afar. One might see that as warning to all who are in authority,

In today's reading from Romans, we are reminded that on our own we cannot fathom the fullness of the wisdom, knowledge, and power of the Lord. We look to Jesus, the Christ, who is the Word of God incarnate. In today's gospel we have the scene in which Jesus asks his disciples who the people say who Jesus is. They come up with many answers. But Jesus had to go deeper. These disciples who Jesus chose were not scholars, or people who were in authority. Yet Jesus, as he is with all of us, knew them, and he knows us and our potential more than we know ourselves. It has been said that God can do extraordinary things through ordinary people. So, Jesus pressed further, asking his disciples, who do you say that I am? The ever-rambunctious Simon answered immediately, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus declared that it was the Father who revealed this to Simon, and went further saying "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Jesus then gives to Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven and declares "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

In those times, it was the Pharisees who had authority. But they rejected Christ. And some of them misled the people; and some thought only of their power, possessions, and their lofty positions. They were the Shebna of their time; and they were replaced by Jesus with his chosen disciples and given authority and the keys to the kingdom of heaven.



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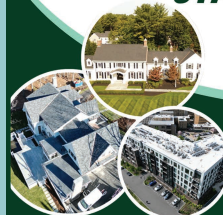
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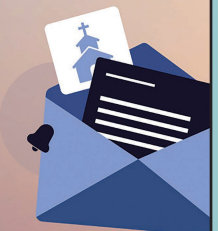
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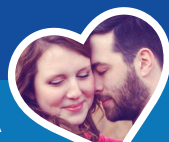
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