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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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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**



“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 6, 2026:
Ez 33:7-9/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 225 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM Arturo Cunin and Delfina Quizhpi
(living intention)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM Paul H. Smith

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 AM Margaret Markert

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM Patricia Bagley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM Deceased members of the Almeida,
Sharma and Lobo Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Annette Lockhart
6:30 PM Jean Strickland

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.

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 NOTE

Please be aware of scam emails purportedly from Fr. Cannon asking you to purchase gift cards to give to needy parishioners. Fr. Cannon will never email you directly asking you to purchase gift cards. If you receive one of these emails, please do not open or respond to it. Always feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions.

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, September 4, 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

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, September 5, 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, September 5.



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.

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

**Governor Healey signs into law
radically expansive abortion bill**

Boston Archbishop Richard Henning condemned a new state law allowing abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy and urged the faithful to remain steadfast in defending human life. In an August 11 post on X, Boston Archbishop Henning described the law's enactment as a profound violation of the sanctity of human life. "The passage and signing of a bill radically expanding abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," he said, "is a grave offense against the sanctity and dignity of every person." <https://zeale.co/news/articles/boston-archbishop-condemns-massachusetts-abortion-expansion-bill>

"Governor Healey and the Massachusetts Legislature have erased the final protections for unborn children who can feel pain and who could survive outside the womb," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "At the very stage when premature babies are receiving lifesaving care in neonatal intensive care units, Massachusetts will permit abortionists to end the lives of children of the same age—and even older. That is not compassion, and it is not health care"

<https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/national-right-to-life-blasts-massachusetts-abortion-up-to-birth-law?>

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.

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.

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.

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.

AUGUST 30, 2026

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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Knowing Them...Praying for Them...
Helping Them Get to Heaven!

What does the church teach about Purgatory?

1. There is a Purgatory
2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace; and are sure of their eternal salvation.
3. They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. **Rev. 21:27; MT. 5:8**
4. **The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

The Lord said to me **"Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there."** O My Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.

--Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina #1738

What is Jesus' "Treasure of Mercy"? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this Treasury!

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

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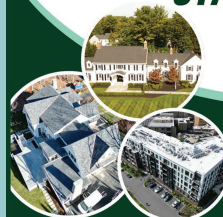
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