

St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES: SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM,

Saturday: 8:00 AM

**Holy Day Masses: See inside bulletin for Holy Day
Mass schedule**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday in the
lower chapel, 8:30 AM-9:15AM or by appointment

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

Parish "News" Deadline:

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than
Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead
time.)

PASTOR: Very Rev. Richard E. Cannon, V.F.
508-435-3313 x21

SENIOR DEACON: Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

508-435-3313 x22

Mary Pawela, Grades 1-6

Debbie Lysik, Grades 7-10

Ken Lysik, Grades 9 & 10

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bernadette Nadeau, momandberni@gmail.com

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Catherine Kniaz, 508-435-3313 x25

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 to register
at 508-435-3313 x20.

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For those that need a little help, please call: 508-435-3313 x27

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**Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 20, 2026:
*Is 55:6-9/ Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 229 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4PM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8AM Keith Regan
10AM William T. Watson
6:30PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9AM All the Holy souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9AM All the Holy souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9AM Beatrice Carolyn McMullen

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9AM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9AM Muriel Lacroix

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8AM Laura Isleib (living intention)
4PM David Bilodeau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8AM David Mello (living intention)
10AM Parishioners of St. John's
6:30PM Louis J. Nettle, Jr.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, September 19.



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 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

Fr. Cannon's Upcoming Shoulder Surgery.

On September 22nd, Fr. Cannon is scheduled to have a reverse shoulder replacement surgery for his right shoulder at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester and so will be away from the parish for 6 weeks and should return to the parish in early November. A number of different priests will be filling in, including: Fr. Michael Steele, Fr. Robert Lacombe, Fr. Mark DeAngelis, Fr. Tom Bouton, Fr. John Sullivan and Fr. Heni Washington. Please keep Fr. Cannon and his shoulder and his recovery in your prayers.

SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

William Huebner, a former parishioner of St. John the Evangelist, whose family moved to Connecticut, has recently entered St. John's Seminary to study for the priesthood. Please keep William in your prayers.

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.

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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, September 17, 7PM, lower chapel

For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy. Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction.



Rest in Peace

Kathleen "Kit" Fitzgerald

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

PGC at St. John's: Required for parish volunteers, PGC is a 3-hr training session that will be held at St. John's on **September 25 and October 2**. For details and to register, visit stjohnhopkinton.com.

"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

Who does our new no-restriction abortion bill really support?

President of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Myrna Flynn stated the following concerning the no-restriction abortion bill recently signed into law by Gov. Maura Healey: "As written, their 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. Women experiencing unimaginable, heart wrenching pregnancy complications absolutely deserve all the support they need, but that support is not what this bill provides. Instead, this bill ensures increased abortion industry profits and taxpayer-funded late-term procedures. The legislation promises that an already ominous shadow will grow even darker over the state of Massachusetts."

<https://www.masscitizensforlife.org>

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St. John's Religious Education Online Sign-Ups **For All Registered Students (Grades 1-10)**

Our online Religious Education class sign-ups will take place **THIS Sunday, September 13, at 1PM and continue through Wednesday, September 16**. All registered families should have received an email with the sign-up link, so please check your email. For grades 1-6, there will be some choices 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 September 28, 7PM. Grades 1-6 will begin the week of October 4, 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY (Youth Group)

Great News! St. John's has a new youth minister and we'd love for you to meet her. Carolyn Hernandez has accepted the volunteer position working with our high school students (Grades 9-12). Carolyn invites parents and high school students to an informational meeting on **Thursday, October 1, at 6PM in the Parish Center** to discuss upcoming events and how to participate. She looks forward to meeting you. If you have any questions, please email Carolyn at stjohnshym@gmail.com.



ST. CECILIA PARISH **ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**

St. Cecilia Parish Family Center

54 Esty Street, Ashland

Friday, September 18, 9AM-4PM

Saturday, September 19, 9AM-4PM

Sunday, September 20, 9AM-3PM

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

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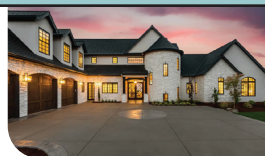
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