

St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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.
SENIOR DEACON: Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Pawela, Grades 1-6
Debbie Lysik, Grades 7-10
Ken Lysik, Grades 9 & 10

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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
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at 508-435-3313 x20.

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

For those that need a little help,
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"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, September 27, 2026:
*Ez 18:25-28/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
 Phil 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 232 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4PM David Bilodeau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9AM Kimberly and Ilayna Monson (living intention)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (Fr. John Sullivan)

9AM For the conversion of sinners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (Fr. Michael Steele)

9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9AM NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (Fr. Robert Lacombe)

9AM Our Lady of the Rosary of San Nicholas

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (Fr. Michael Steele)

8AM Muriel Lacroix
 4PM Vincent & Patricia Amatucci

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (Fr. Mark DeAngelis)

8AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10AM For the Benefactors of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
 6:30PM George Carlino (Fr. Heni Washington)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, September 26.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Congratulations Fr. Cannon!

With deep appreciation, we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. For four decades, you have faithfully answered God's call to serve His people. Throughout these years, you have shared the sacraments, proclaimed the Gospel, offered comfort in times of sorrow, celebrated in times of joy and guided us ever closer to Christ. St. John's parish family is especially grateful for all that you have given to our parish and to each of us for the past 14 years. Your faith, compassion, dedication, and love for God's people, have touched countless lives. May God bless you abundantly for your years of faithful service, renew your strength, and continue to guide you in your priestly ministry.

Fr. Cannon's Upcoming Shoulder Surgery

THIS Tuesday, September 22, 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. He is scheduled to 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.

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.

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.

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.

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

The Truth about Abortion Numbers After the First Trimester

"Abortion defenders have long attempted to downplay late-term abortions as rare bordering on nonexistent while opposing any attempt to restrict them. But the facts show otherwise. According to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute reviewed by the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI), while more than 90 percent of abortions occur in the first trimester, more than 50,000 a year take place after 15 weeks (almost four months into pregnancy), and approximately 10,000 after 20 weeks (five months). Further, contrary to pro-abortion narratives, most of these abortions are not even sought for medical emergencies. A 2013 Guttmacher report admitted "data suggests that most women seeking later terminations are not doing so for reasons of fetal anomaly or life endangerment," 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

Worcester 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

The Worcester 40 Days for Life prayer campaign to end abortion will begin with the opening vigil on **Wednesday evening, September 23rd**. It will be at 6PM on the sidewalk across the street from Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant Street in Worcester. All are welcome to attend and join us in reciting the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you are unable to attend, please keep the vigil and campaign participants in prayer. **The campaign runs from September 23 thru November 1**. Please contact Denise St. Jean at 617-794-2485 with any questions.

BIRTHRIGHT OF FRAMINGHAM

Birtheright of Framingham is pleased to announce our new office location at 475 Franklin Street, Suite 203, Framingham. As of September 12th, we are located in the medical office building directly across from Dunkin' Donuts, offering easy access and ample parking. On behalf of Birtheright's volunteer staff, thank you for your prayers as we searched for our new home. Birtheright remains dedicated to our mission of providing friendship, love, and support to women distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. We believe that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. We offer confidential, non-judgmental support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she might be, regardless of her age, race, circumstances, religion, or marital or financial status. As a charitable organization, Birtheright relies on the time and talents of volunteers. We provide monthly assistance with diapers and donated clothing for babies and siblings. In addition to meeting face-to-face with mothers, volunteers are needed for essential support tasks, such as office assistance and laundering donated clothing. If you feel called to volunteer a few hours per month, please call our office at 508 620-0657.



Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education online sign ups have closed as of this past Wednesday. If you missed it, please call or email us so we can place your child in a class. If you are planning on homeschooling (grades 1, 3-8) please let us know as we will be placing our order for books. Debbie Lysik (Gr. 7-10, 508-435-3313x22, dlysikstjn@verizon.net) and Mary Pawela (Gr. 1-6, 508-435-3313x23; mpawelastjn@gmail.com)

Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 5 for in person grade 1-6 and the week of October 18, for grades 7-10. Emails will go out pertaining to opening classes. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313x22 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

Home school books will be ready to be picked up by parents from Sunday, October 25 through Wednesday, October 28.



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.



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.

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

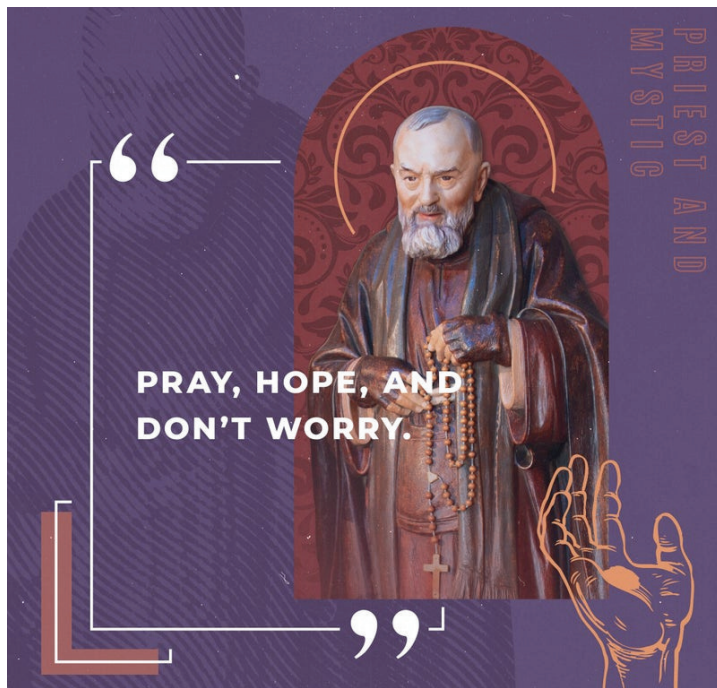
Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

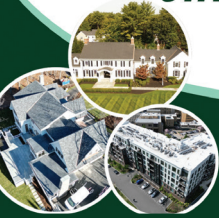
The will, the thoughts, and the ways of the LORD are so far above us that we cannot even imagine such things. Though we have been created in the image and likeness of God, our ways and thoughts are not his ways and thoughts. His greatness, forgiveness, and his generosity toward humanity are beyond us, and unsearchable on our own. But the Lord gives us hints and examples, the greatest of which is the Son of God, Jesus the Christ who was begotten to humble himself to live with us as God among us, who lived and died and rose from the dead so that he could be, through his sacrificial love for humanity, the Lord of the living and the Lord of the dead.

It is through him that we have a true example of the greatness, love, mercy, and kindness of the Lord, and his slowness to anger. In today's gospel parable, we learn that the Lord is equally generous and compassionate to all who open their hearts and souls to him as he invites us to be close to him and to live according to his will and his ways, to both those who are quick to respond to his invitation to conform to his will and his ways, and to those who are slow to hear his call.

To saint Paul Christ IS life both in this world and in eternity. Saint Paul yearned to move on to eternity. Yet, he continued to live and work for the good of others until he was called by the Lord to something much better: eternal life with the Lord.

May we all open our minds and hearts to the Lord and surrender our ways, to live according to the example of the Christ, to let go of the ways of the earth so that we can carry our individual cross and follow him, and thus conform ourselves in truth to his will and his ways, and surrender ourselves: body, mind, heart, soul, strength and weaknesses to him WHO IS THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE!



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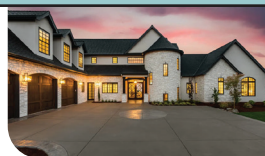
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