

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 & fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

Sacrament of Marriage:
Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

PASTOR: Very Rev. Richard E. Cannon, V.F.
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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
talents. Please call the Parish Office to register
at 508-435-3313 x20.

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

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."
- Mt 21:32

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 4, 2026:
*Is 5:1-7/ Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 234 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (Fr. Michael Steele)

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**)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (Fr. Heni Washington)

9AM Michael J. Duffy (living intention)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (Fr. John Sullivan)

9AM In Thanksgiving for St. Michael

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (Fr. Michael Steele)

9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 (Fr. Thomas Bouton)

9AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 (Fr. Robert Lacombe)

9AM Thomas Bagley

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory (**Fr. Steele**)

4PM Henry & Ingrid Porto (living) (**Fr. Bouton**)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8AM Parishioners of St. John's (**Fr. Lacombe**)

10AM For the Sanctity of Life (**Fr. Bouton**)

6:30PM Special Intention (**Fr. Washington**)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, October 3.

HOPKINTON

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

2nd collection NEXT weekend
Fr. Henault--Haiti Missions

Thank You From Fr. Cannon

As many of you already know, I am away from the parish for six weeks following shoulder surgery, so I am unable to thank everyone individually for all of your well wishes on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I thank all those involved in the beautiful celebration. St. John's is a wonderful parish, and I thank all of you for your support and prayers and please know that you are in mine. I plan to return to the parish in early November. While I am away, 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 call the parish office if you have any questions.

New Pew Kneeler Pads

We hope everyone likes the new kneelers in the upper church. They were paid for by an anonymous donation from a wonderful parishioner. We thank them and all of you for your kind generosity to 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.

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.

Please note: There will be no First Friday Mass this Friday, October 2.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, October 3, 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.

Please note we will not be having Adoration while Fr. Cannon is away. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday, November 6 following the 9AM Mass in the lower church.

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 **October 2**. For details and to register, visit stjohnhopkinton.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative **Late Term Pregnancy Killings "legal" in Massachusetts by Dr. Robert Malone**

"...Because after 24 weeks we are no longer discussing an abstract possibility of human life sometime in the distant future. We are discussing a living, viable baby. At the gestational ages permitted by this law, premature infants are simultaneously being treated in neonatal intensive-care units, where physicians and nurses employ extraordinary skill and enormous resources trying to keep them alive...There is no requirement in the new statutory language that the fetus have a lethal abnormality...And, as we have discovered while trying to answer the most basic questions for this article, **Massachusetts cannot tell us how often abortions after viability involve healthy fetuses, because the surveillance data necessary to answer that question simply do not exist in adequate detail.**" Read the full article: <https://www.malone.news/p/late-term-pregnancy-killings-legal?>

Worcester 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

The Worcester 40 Days for Life prayer campaign to end abortion began with an opening vigil on Wednesday evening, September 23rd. Please keep the campaign participants in prayer. **The campaign continues 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.

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.



Religious Education Classes

We are currently working on class placement for those students that signed up for in-person classes this school year. **Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 4 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.

If you signed up to home-school your own child, you may pick up your book in the Parish Center on any of the following days/times: Sunday, October 25, 9AM-11:30AM; Monday, October 26, 9:30AM-Noon & 1-4PM; Tuesday, October 27, 9:30AM-Noon & 1-4PM; Wednesday, October 28, 9:30AM-Noon & 1-4PM.

We will send a reminder via email to those that signed up to home-school. Tuition can be paid by going to the parish website and clicking on online giving, scroll down to Events, click on Religious Education. Please note: tuition should be paid upon attending class and or picking up homeschool books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-435-3313 x22 (Debbie).



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 **THIS 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

CROSS ROADS
By Deacon Tony

**Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 25:4-9;
Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21:28-32**

As Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father, we too are called to be obedient to the Lord through living the Lord's commands and through the example of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity, and gives us an opportunity to share in his divinity, by looking out not just for ourselves, but for the good of others, as Christ did with faith in the Father with humility and obedience. It is one thing to listen to and to say yes to the will of the Lord. But it is quite another thing to practice and live the kind of life to which we are called by keeping the commandments, helping each other, and loving each other as the Lord loves us all. Being human, sometimes we stray, but be not afraid because the Lord is always ready in his mercy to forgive those who truly repent.

Saint Paul tells us today to humble ourselves by treating others as more important than ourselves. And Saint Matthew emphasizes the need to emulate Christ by saying yes and always living and acting on that yes. Faith, obedience, and humility are only useless words if we do not live those virtues in our life by the way we act, by what we do, by putting those virtues into action as Christ did. If we fall, we must rise as Christ did carrying His cross.

Let us pray that Christ send His Spirit to purify us so that each of us may be a stronger and more suitable dwelling for the Spirit, and that the Spirit bless us with the virtues of wisdom, repentance, obedience, perseverance, empathy, faith and love to help each other to live according to the will and ways of the Lord.

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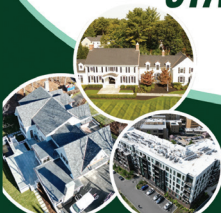


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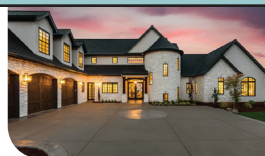
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