

St. John the Evangelist



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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 & 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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If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourselves.
We want to know and serve you. We hope you will
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Parish "News" Deadline: All copy must be submitted in
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Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."
- Mt 21:42ab, 43

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 11, 2026:
*Is 25:6-10a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-10*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 236 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 (Fr. Bouton)

4PM Henry & Ingrid Porto (living)

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 (Fr. Washington)

9AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM For the conversion of sinners

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 (Fr. Steele)

9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM Rosario Reyes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 (Fr. Lacombe)

9AM In thanksgiving for Fr. Abraham

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 (Fr. Steele)

8AM Patrick John Fitzgerald
4PM John and Carol Nimmo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8AM The Beavers Family (living) (Fr. Lacombe)
10AM Parishioners of St. John's (Fr. Bouton)
6:30PM Eva Garcia (Fr. Sullivan)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, October 10.

HOPKINTON



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
Fr. Henault--Haiti Missions

Fr. Henault Haitian Missions

Many of you are familiar with Fr. John Henault, Oblate Missionary of Mary Immaculate who has served in Haiti as a missionary for more than 62 years. Father is currently 90 years wise. He used to celebrate a 10AM Sunday Mass here at St. John's in August while he was here for his yearly family, medical and dental visit.

For the seventh year in a row, Father was not able to visit his remaining family or us at St. John's because it is unsafe to travel in Haiti due to gangs and kidnappings. Consequently, he was once again unable to make his usual visits to local parishes for fundraising in support of his "St. Damien's Clinic" for Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). Because of this, St. John's is now one of the very few means of support for his clinic and without our help, his clinic will be forced to close.

St. John's Global Mission Apostolate has worked with Fr. Henault for many years. We want to continue to support Fr. Henault and are asking for donations to support him, his doctors, the clinic and their patients. Father's current mission is to work to get the clinic taken over by another organization as he knows he only has a limited amount of time while he is still healthy enough to manage things. A second collection will be held THIS weekend for this. Additionally, anyone wishing to make a donation by cash or check (made out to St. John's Mission Apostolate) at any time can place it in an envelope marked for such and drop it in the regular collection basket or mail it to St. John's Parish. Father is most grateful to receive your donations to support him in his missionary work.

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.

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Statewide Campaign to Suspend and Repeal Expansive Abortion Bill

Add your signature to the petition after Mass—We need 100k! Campaign ends October 23, 2026. Go to repeal188.com for more information.

From A Message from Archbishop Henning to Massachusetts Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful

"The Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act permits abortion throughout pregnancy for any reason, and it allows these grisly procedures—dangerous to mothers and cruel to their unborn children—to be performed in non-hospital settings. Laws function as teachers. This new law falsely teaches that human beings who are ill or inconvenient are not worthy of life; that motherhood can be incompatible with women's freedom, well-being, and flourishing; and that no viable alternatives to abortion exist in the face of difficult diagnoses."

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.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

In union with "America Needs Fatima", the rosary will be prayed on the Hopkinton Town Common on **Saturday, October 10, at 12 Noon** to pray for: reparations; sanctity of life; the safeguarding of marriage and family life; and the healing of our nation. We hope you will join us!



Religious Education Classes

For Grades 1-6:

Sunday classes for grades 1-5 will begin on October 4 from 8:45AM-9:45AM;

Monday classes for grades 1, 2, 4, 5 will begin on October 5 from 4:30PM-5:30PM;

Wednesday classes for grade 6 will begin on October 7 from 2:45-3:45PM

Grade 2 parent meetings will take place during the first class on opening week;

For Grades 7-10:

Grade 10 will begin Sunday, October 18, 5:15-6:25 with 6:30 Mass, students only

Grade 8 & 9 will begin on Monday, October 19, with students from 7-8PM;

Grades 7 will begin on Tuesday, October 20, with students only from 6-7PM.

Emails have gone out to parents with lots of information for all grades so please check your emails.

Homeschool books will be ready to be picked up by parents from Sunday, October 25 through Wednesday, October 28. 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 or picking up homeschool books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

Ashland/Hopkinton Knights of Columbus Council 4822 Receives Top Award

Knights of Columbus council 4822 Ashland/Hopkinton was awarded the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top honor for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

The council supports many programs in our communities including Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Special People's Field Day, Holy Hours for Life, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, Christmas creche setup and takedown, basketball free throw challenge, soccer challenge, tootsie roll™ drive, blood drives, youth scholarships, St Nick's pancake breakfast, missionary support, helping hands and more.

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OCTOBER 4, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;

Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

The Church instructs us about the meaning of today's readings in the ORDO: "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time, the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect."

In Isaiah, the master did all he could to give the vines of his vineyard what was needed to produce good grapes, but the vines produced only wild grapes. He had planted the choicest of vines on a fertile hillside and cleared it of stones: a metaphor for the house of Israel and the Lord's beloved people. With no good grapes, the master took down the whole vineyard: the consequences for not bearing good fruit. Psalm 80 tells us that after the Lord rescued the people from Egypt, He guided them and transplanted them into the promised land...and the Lord would look down at the people from heaven expecting them to bear good fruit, but it is suggested that the people had withdrawn from the Lord's ways and His great expectations for them. The promised land was in shambles and repented. But the people of the old covenant still had a way to go, especially the pharisees.

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches, the chief priests and the elders with another parable in which a master planted a vineyard. He leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When he returned, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. One was beaten by the tenants, and another was killed. When he sent other servants, they were treated the same way. The master sent his son because he thought that they would not harm his son; but the son too was killed. Jesus, knowing that He, the only begotten son of God would also be rejected. He warned the chief priests and the elders that the kingdom of God would be taken away from them and given to people who would produce fruit: the consequences for those who were not living lives marked by love and respect. The Lord has great expectations of us, the people of the new and eternal covenant as well! We are to look up, and seek what is true, lovely, excellent, gracious, to help and love one another. To live lives, as we have been taught, with love and respect. And, in our day and age, it is essential that we stand up for the sanctity of life. The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, has been given all that we need by the Lord to bear good fruit. And our parish is especially blessed with parishioners who are bearing good fruit, with the support of our Pastor. A quick look at the parish bulletin is proof of standing for love, respect, encouragement and LIFE! Carry on.



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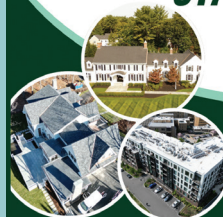
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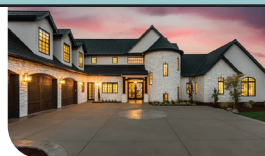
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