

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: Rev. Richard E. Cannon
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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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"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... 'Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast' " - Mt 22:2, 4bc

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 18, 2026:
*Is 45:1, 4-6/ Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/
1Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 239 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 (Fr. Steele)
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)**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 (Fr. Washington)
9AM The Knights of Columbus

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 (Fr. Bouton)
9AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 (Fr. Steele)
9AM George Carlino

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 (Fr. Bouton)
9AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 (Fr. Lacombe)
9AM Will and Mariah Schulzy (living intention)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 (Fr. Steele)
8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4PM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
8AM Parishioners of St. John's **(Fr. DeAngelis)**
10AM Peter Nute **(Fr. DeAngelis)**
6:30PM Our Confirmation students **(Fr. Washington)**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, October 17.

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.

Second Collection NEXT weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

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.

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.

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.**

YOUTH CHOIR

Beginning **NEXT Sunday, October 18** all children in **Grades 3 through 8** are invited to join the youth choir. **We'll meet in the side chapel following the 10AM Mass.** Practices will be in preparation for singing at the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, email Berni at momandberni@gmail.com.

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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.

THE ROSARY—LADDER TO HEAVEN AND THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

October is the month of the rosary. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the rosary is one of the most powerful means of helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The reason the rosary is so powerful to obtain relief for the Holy Souls is because of the indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479) attached to these prayers. Can you refuse this heartfelt devotion? Pray the rosary from the heart.

Dearest Mother and Queen of Purgatory, obtain relief and consolation for your children.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

Pro-Life

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
"In his Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo teaches: 'Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love...' There is no stage of development or characteristic which would render a child unworthy of life—even if that life will be short or require palliative care."

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.



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.



High School Youth Ministry Event **JACK-O-LANTERN JAM!**

Pumpkin carving, all supplies included! Just bring a friend and the Autumn Spirit! **ALL GRADES 9-12 WELCOME!** **Sunday, October 25th, 12PM-3PM** at St. John's Parish Hall. Sign up encouraged, but not required. To sign up email: stjohnshym@gmail.com

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 7, 2026

St. Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA
Richard A. Novak Gymnasium

Theme: Strength & Dignity are Her Clothing

Registration begins at 7AM, first talk is at 9AM--coffee and pastries available. **All are welcome!** Register online at wcwconference.com. Carpooling available--contact Jeannette at jeannettekrans@gmail.com.



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

For 10th, 25th, 50th or Milestone Wedding Anniversaries
Archbishop Richard Henning, Celebrant

Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 3PM

Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston

Family & friends invited!

To register, visit bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2026
For questions, email marriageprep@rcab.org

OCTOBER 11, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6;

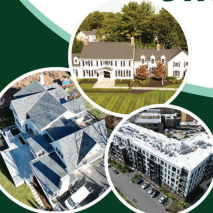
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

As the king in Matthew's gospel invites many to celebrate the wedding of his son, the Lord invites all of us to the feast of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and to commemorate the victory of His Son, Jesus Christ, and His victory over death by His own life, death and resurrection which opened the door to eternal life with Him. Let us rejoice in thanksgiving for this gift, which is extended to us on Sundays, holy days, and daily. Through His Church, the Lord gives us all the spiritual nourishment that we need to persevere in our efforts to live in a manner that conforms to His will and His ways. In this way He gives us strength to overcome the obstacles in today's world. In so doing, we need not fear or be anxious because He is our shepherd who guards us, feeds us and watches over us. When we accept His invitation, we accept His loving care, and the strength He offers through His Holy Spirit. In so doing, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can do all things, whether we live in humble or abundant circumstances.

The question for us, however, is do we accept His on-going invitation to the feast. Or do we, like many of the invitees in the parable in Matthew's gospel, find excuses not to accept the invitation, by giving in to the meager distractions and allurements of this world (chores, parties, ball games, etc.)? Another question we all should ponder is when we do accept the invitation, are we adorned correctly...not in the finery of clothing, but in the spiritual finery of sanctifying grace? He has given us the sacraments, especially Confession to help us to persevere in our efforts to be prepared as we walk through some of the dark valleys of this world and refresh our souls.

Let us be thankful and let us rejoice in the gifts that the Lord has given to us and accept His constant invitation to partake in the feast. And let us make good use of the Lord's constant loving presence with us.



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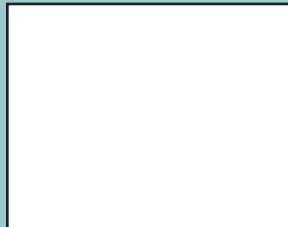
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