

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

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For those that need a little help,
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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
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



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, October 25, 2026:
Ex 22:20-26/ Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/
1Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 241 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 (Fr. Steele)

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 (Fr. Washington)

9AM Daniel Mitchell and Daniel I Mitchell

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 (Fr. Steele)

9AM For the conversion of sinners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 (Fr. Lacombe)

9AM Charles & Kathryn Deering

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 (Fr. Bouton)

8AM In thanksgiving for St. Raphael

4PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

10AM David Aronson (living birthday) (Fr. DeAngelis)

6:30PM Margaret Shamus (Fr. Washington)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, October 24.

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 THIS weekend

Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

A Message From Fr. Cannon

Thank you all for the prayers and many well wishes. My shoulder surgery was successful and I am recovering and doing well. I look forward to returning to the parish in early November. I am thankful for the wonderful parishioners of St. John's and for the all the priests filling in during my absence: Fr. Michael Steele, Fr. Robert Lacombe, Fr. Mark DeAngelis, Fr. Tom Bouton, Fr. John Sullivan and Fr. Heni Washington.



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 **THIS 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.



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 June during his Apostolic Visit to Spain, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV delivered an appeal to defend human dignity and protect life from conception to its natural end...Just two months later, Massachusetts passed one of the most expansive and permissive abortion laws in the nation, telling us what kind of society they desire for Massachusetts: one which leaves its most vulnerable citizens—children in the womb and their pregnant mothers—at perilous risk. This law is a tragedy and the Catholic legislators who helped to enact it have caused grave scandal." "As Bishops, we call upon all to see the dignity of the poor, the unborn, the sick and the elderly. No one is expendable, no one is a burden. All have a sacred God-given dignity. The foundation of social justice is this inviolable dignity of the human person. The Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act unjustly condemns to death our most vulnerable children and pits a mother against her own child."

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.

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.



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.

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.

Baptismal Blanket Ministry

St. John's baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John's. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21**

In the first reading from Isaiah, Cyrus was anointed by the Lord and given a title that he did not earn. As Cyrus was anointed, so were we gifted by the Holy Spirit in our Baptism and became children of God, a title that we did not earn. As Cyrus was chosen, so are we chosen to use the gifts from the Holy Spirit to bear good fruit, to proclaim the one true God and his word for the greater glory of God, and to live his word with conviction of heart.

The one true God created us and the heavens, and he is the king of all humanity who he governs with equity and love. And as he gave us His Only Begotten Son, we are chosen to give ourselves to Him. Saint Paul reminds us today that we are chosen and called to spread the grace and peace that has been made available to us by God. And we can do this through the strength and perseverance we receive from the Holy Spirit.

In today's gospel from Matthew, the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by asking Jesus if it is lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar. Jesus understood that they were being hypocritical. He asked whose image was on the coin. They answered by saying that the image was of Caesar. Then Jesus answered by telling them to render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's. The implication is that the Pharisees were not doing their job. They were not giving of themselves for the people, or for the greater glory of God.

What does all this mean for us? Simply put, all humanity was created by God. More than that we know from Genesis, we all were created by God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in God's image and likeness. In other words, we belong to God; and we are chosen and called to give our very selves to God. We do this by prayer, example, by encouraging and helping each other, and in today's world to stand up for the greater glory of God, by standing up vigorously for the sanctity of life from birth to natural death; and by totally surrendering ourselves to God with (Body, mind, heart and souls, strengths, and weaknesses with courage and conviction)!

Prayer is essential and it gives us what we need for what we are expected to do. In the wise words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, "I used to think that prayer changes things. But now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things!"

**If you
correspond to
the designs of
God, He will
make a saint
of you.**

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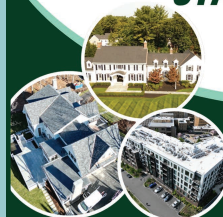
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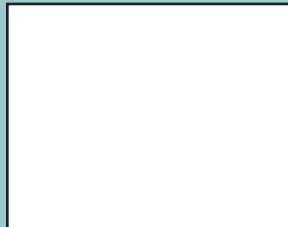
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