

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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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.)

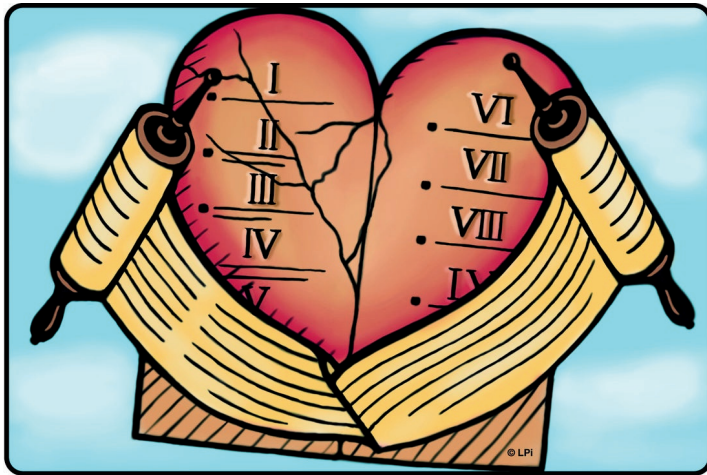
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He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 1, 2026:
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ 1Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 244 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 (Fr. Bouton)

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 (Fr. Washington)

9AM Susan Ditmore

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 (Fr. Steele)

9AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 (Fr. Bouton)

9AM The Duffy Family (living intention)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 (Fr. Lacombe)

9AM Robert James Kotosky

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (Fr. Bouton)

8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4PM John & Anne Ahearn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8AM Parishioners of St. John's (Fr. DeAngelis)
10AM John McBride (Fr. DeAngelis)
6:30PM For our Confirmation Students (Fr. Sullivan)

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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.

All Souls' Day

On **All Souls' Day, Monday, November 2**, we will be having a Mass in the **upper church at 7PM** in commemoration of all the faithful departed.

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 very thankful for the wonderful parishioners of St. John's and for 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.

YOUTH CHOIR

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 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.**

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.



Jeanne Taylor

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **THIS Saturday, October 31.**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

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

"Alternatives do exist. A 2023 peer-reviewed article published in the Cereus Journal of Medical Science found that 60% of women considering an abortion would choose life if they had more material and emotional support. We want to help women and families to choose life! We invite every expectant mother in distress to ask us for help. We ask that elected officials and healthcare providers—especially those whose consciences are rightly troubled by the new law—work to ensure that life-sustaining care for vulnerable children in utero and that mothers and fathers who feel alone and overwhelmed have all they need to welcome and raise their children with confidence."

The National Men's March

To Abolish Abortion and Rally for Personhood

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

Knights of Columbus Mass for Life: 8AM, Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Archbishop Richard Henning Celebrant
March from Planned Parenthood to Boston Common
10AM-11:45AM (for men and boys only)
Rally for Personhood at 11:45AM, Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common--open to everyone
For more information, including speakers, see
THEMENSMARCH.COM

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

What is Purgatory?

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

--Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030, 1031

How do we know Purgatory exists?

The existence of Purgatory follows two facts; our imperfection on earth and our perfection in Heaven. Rev. 21:27, Mt 5:8 "I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then one would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God?"

--Pope Benedict XVI

Who are the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

Most of us who die in the grace of God as His friends, but still imperfect and require a "purification" before entering Heaven. These Holy Souls want to go to Purgatory for that purification. They are called holy because they are not yet perfect, they are on the way to Heaven.

Why do the Holy Souls need our Help?

The Church teaches that the Holy Souls in Purgatory cannot help or pray for themselves. Only the prayers, sacrifices and sufferings of the living can bring relief and consolation in attaining their eternal reward.

What can we do to help the Holy Souls?

The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (c.c.c. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self-denials, and suffering. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works or mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

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

--Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

**O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.
Love should not die at death**



Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes have gotten off to a great start. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. A huge thank you to all our Catechists for giving of their time, talent, and sharing their faith with our youth.

If you signed up to home school your own child, Grades 1 & 3-7, you may pick up your book on any of the following days/times this week:

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

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.

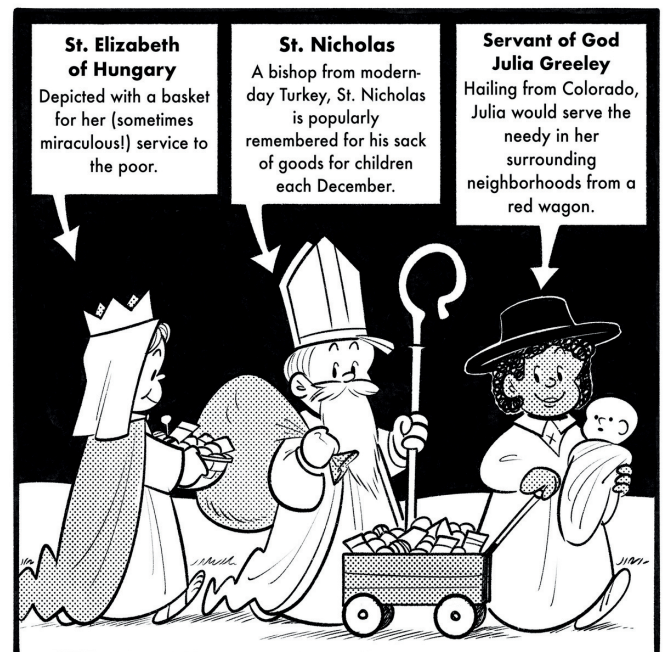


High School Youth Ministry Event

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.

Fun saints you can honor (who can also carry a bunch of candy!)



OCTOBER 25, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51;
Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40**

All the commandments depend on the two greatest of the commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." But who is our neighbor? Virtually everyone who lives or comes to live among us is our neighbor. We must not molest or oppress the aliens or strangers. Yet all, strangers included, must obey the law, be as generous and kind as we can. Nobody is allowed to take advantage of others. All are responsible for their own actions. Love is at the core of all things that are good. All have a responsibility to obey the law and be helpful to those who cannot help themselves or provide for their families.

All are called to love and help one another, to not take advantage of one another, and to be kind to one another. Yet all are required to obey the law. All are called to become models of the faith by becoming imitators of the Lord and to be Christlike. In our actions and how we treat one another. But remember that Christ had two criminals crucified beside Him. He did not, in his divinity, release Himself from the Cross even though His suffering was unjust. His mission from the Father was to sacrifice Himself for humanity. Nor did He, in his divinity, save the criminals beside Him. Because of the faith of one of them, Christ promised the criminal with faith and repentance that he would be with Christ that very day in paradise.

When we obey those two great commandments, it becomes part of us, as we are filled with the love of God, and it becomes unthinkable to wrong, oppress, or take advantage of others. May we obey these two essential commandments, imitate Christ, be models of faith, and be filled with the love of God!

**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 www.wcwconference.com. Carpooling available--contact Jeannette at jeannettekrans@gmail.com.

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Beginning on the weekend of November 1st, the KoC will accept donations of slightly used coats for its annual collection Drive. There will be donation containers at the back of the church. The KoC is seeking slightly used coats of all sizes (adult and child sizes) to support the winter needs of the local community. Coat collections will continue through Sunday, January 3rd. Thank you for your generosity! Should you have any questions or are aware of anyone in need of a coat, please contact Vin Lawler at (617) 899-2494.

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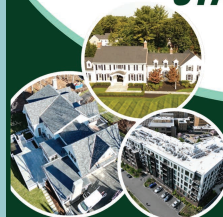


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