

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

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
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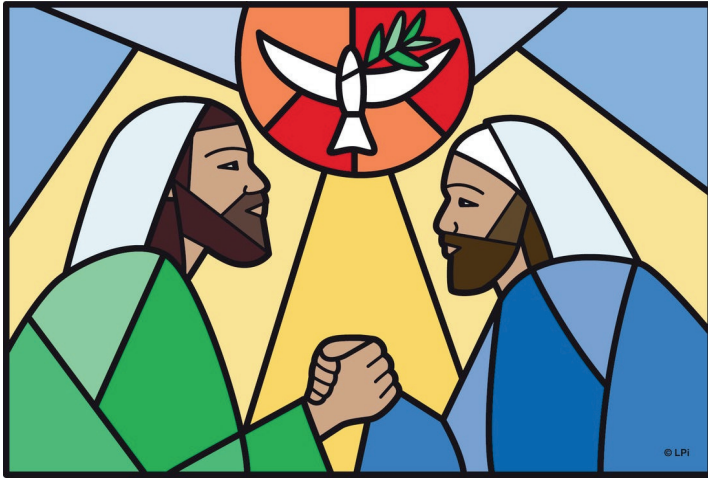
WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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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**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God."
- Mt 5:3, 9**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 8, 2026:
Wis 6:12-16/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
1Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13

**The readings for this weekend's Masses begin
on page 246 in the pew missal.**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (Fr. Bouton)
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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (Fr. Washington)
9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
7PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Fr. Bouton)
9AM Dorothy Pyne

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (Fr. Steele)
9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (Fr. Bouton)
9AM Max Aronson (living intention)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
9AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8AM Special Intention
4PM Louise Kehoe

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8AM Parishioners of St. John's
10AM Stanley and Teresa Curley
6:30PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**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.**

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.



On **All Souls' Day, THIS Monday, November 2**, in addition to our 9AM daily Mass, we will also be having a Mass in the **lower chapel at 7PM** in commemoration of all the faithful departed.

Adult Religious Education Classes

Classes for adult Catholic faith formation will resume on **Tuesday, November 3, at 7PM in the parish center library**. This catechetical instruction is offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. Classes are held weekly on Tuesdays at 7PM in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

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.

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**.

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, November 6, at 7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."

—St. Mother Teresa

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, November 7, 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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, November 7.**

ALL SAINTS DAY

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

Signature Campaign

to Repeal Current Full-Term Abortion

"In the past, Massachusetts generally limited abortion after 24 weeks to four situations: to save the mother's life, to protect her physical or mental health, a lethal fetal anomaly, or a grave diagnosis incompatible with sustained life outside the womb without extraordinary intervention. Abortion before Chapter 188 also had to be done in a hospital, except in an emergency and receive medical review. Chapter 188, signed August 10, 2026, struck those four conditions. After 24 weeks, the statute now says an abortion may be performed 'based upon the professional judgment of the physician.' It also dropped the hospital-only rule and the medical-review check. The campaign's view is that this is abortion through nine months with no statutory limit tied to the baby's viability or the mothers' medical crisis." Repeal188.com

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of her short life, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.

— Father John Muir

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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 have not yet picked up your child's/children's homeschool books, please come by the Rel. Ed. Office. The books are on a table outside the Rel. Ed. Office. If there is a balance due, you can pay online or leave a check in the mail slot in the Rel. Ed. Office door. (Checks can be written to St. John's.) 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 picking up homeschool books. If there is a financial situation, please contact the Religious Education Office at dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 7, 2026

St. Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA
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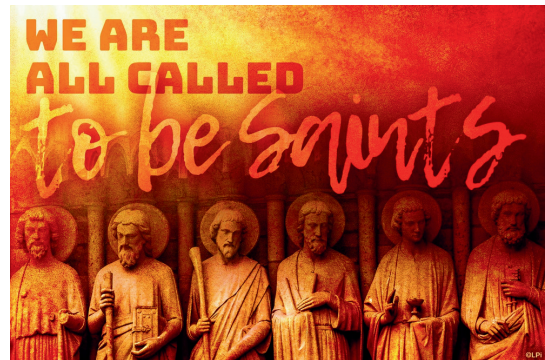
Theme: Strength & Dignity are Her Clothing

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.

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.



ALL SAINTS



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

PURGATORY—THERE AND BACK AGAIN

NOVEMBER: Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is traditionally given over to prayers and fasting for the holy souls. The most powerful form of prayer for the souls in purgatory is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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 the final purification of the elect which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned."—Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030-1031

What is All Souls Day?

All Souls Day is a special day of prayer, fasting and sacrifices for all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith."

What does the church teach about Purgatory?

1. There is a Purgatory.
2. The holy souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace; and are sure of their eternal salvation.
3. They suffer to satisfy the justice of God for past sin which has been forgiven but has not been sufficiently atoned for. **Rev. 21:27; MT. 5:8**
4. The souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Lord said to me **"Enter Purgatory often, because they need you there."** O My Jesus, I understand the meaning of these words which you are speaking to me, but first let me enter the treasury of your mercy.

--Words of Jesus to Saint Faustina #1738

What is Jesus' "Treasure of Mercy"? The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is this Treasury!

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.

"Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what it means on the church's teaching on Purgatory."

—Pope Saint John Paul II (General Audience, August 4, 1999)

Love should not die at death

Love Lasts Forever

"Praying for one's departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget them; they do not stop needing my love."

—Pope Benedict XVI

NEVER TOO LATE

For God is all present: for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive 'too late' since God by His very nature knows no before and after. Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.

—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author



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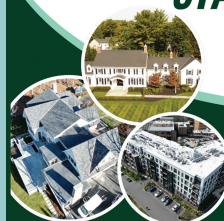
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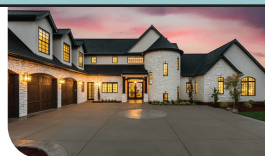
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