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

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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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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:10b-12

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 15, 2026:
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ 1Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 248 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
9AM Lila Miles

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
9AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
9AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9AM Pam Duffy (living intention)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9AM For the conversion of sinners

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4PM Maria Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8AM Muriel Lacroix
10AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.
6:30PM Parishioners of St. John's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Tuesday and Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11:45AM followed by Benediction. Please feel free to drop in for a visit.

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 by St. John's High School Youth Ministry.

Second Collection NEXT Weekend

Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

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**.

Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts

On November 14 and 15, 2026, Maysoon Khair will visit St. John's, representing more than 100 Christian families in the Holy Land who support their families by creating beautiful hand-carved olive wood religious items. After each Mass, please visit the display featuring Nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, statues, and other religious carvings. Your support helps provide a livelihood for these families and helps preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity and support. God bless you! www.starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, November 14.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"There seems to be a misconception in pro-choice circles that says pro-lifers are either oblivious or indifferent to the suffering mothers may experience during pregnancy. I, and my babies, are the exception often used to justify abortion, yet I oppose it more vehemently now than ever. As my children and I faced death, abortion was proffered as a mercy that would end their suffering and send me safely home to my family. While I believe our doctors were well-intentioned, the offer was deceptive. Murder can never be mercy. Legally, it was permissible for us to have our son and daughter killed. We could have hired a doctor to stop their hearts and barbarically rip them from me. We didn't because, as human beings, their dignity is inherent and inviolable. Regardless of the laws, we had no right to decide when their lives would end. Tragedy does not negate the fundamental obligations of parenthood: to love and care for your children even when it requires great sacrifice. "
https://zeale.co/news/articles/how-surviving-the-exceptional-cases-made-me-more-pro-life?utm_campaign

KNOWING THEM...PRAYING FOR THEM... HELPING THEM GET TO HEAVEN!

What are the joys of the holy souls in Purgatory?
1. The certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace.
2. The holy souls can never again sin and distance them selves from God but can only draw closer to Divine Love. 3. The holy souls know they are in conformity to God's will and being made perfectly holy (Mt. 5:48) **to love and be loved.**
4. The holy souls will be God's guests of tomorrow. (2Peter 1:3-4).

"There is no joy save that in Paradise to be compared to the joy of the souls in Purgatory."
—Saint Catherine of Genoa

"Saved! **What joy there is in the word.** And this is indeed the song of Purgatory. Saved! The soul has passed through the troubled waters of life, has been buffeted by the winds and waves of passion and temptation, and now it knows the great calm of being safely in port."
—Archbishop Jean-Arthur Challet

YOU ARE NEEDED

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."
—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina (and to us too!),
Divine Mercy Diary #1738

How can we help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory?
The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered 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 (ccc 1471-1479). Offering up pain, self denials, and sufferings. Eucharist adoration. Offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

Love should not die at death

GRACES BEYOND BELIEF

At every Holy Mass, we enter into the timeless reality of the perfect and acceptable sacrifice of Christ to the Father for our sake. And from that sacrifice, immeasurable graces flow for all people and especially for those for whom the Mass is being offered. This is particularly the case for the faithful departed who may be undergoing purification in Purgatory to **prepare them for the joy of Heaven.** We can offer the Holy Souls no better comfort and solace than to attend a Mass for them, or have Masses said for them.
—Holy Souls Crusade

Faith FORMATION

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.

Parents, if you are homeschooling and have not yet picked up your child's book, please do so by November 18. After this date, books will be put back on the shelf, and we will assume that your child will not participate in Religious Education this year.



Advent Wreath Making Workshop

November 29, 2026
Come anytime between **1PM-3PM**
St. John's Parish Hall

Create Your Own Fresh Advent Wreath

All materials provided,
including assorted fresh greens and candles.
Please bring your own clippers if you have them.
$30 per wreath, payable by cash or check, at the door.
Refreshments will be served.
To reserve your wreath*
please RSVP by Monday, November 23rd to Jackie Condon (Jacquelyn.Condon@Bain.com or 617-794-3161)
***We order wreaths based on number reserved, so please reserve yours today!**

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus (KoC)

The KoC is accepting donations of slightly used coats for its annual collection Drive. There are 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.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Chesterton Academy of the Immaculata, a joyfully Catholic, classical high school, will host its **Admissions Curriculum Night** on **Tuesday, November 10, at 7PM** at the school at 25 Clinton Street, Framingham. For more information, visit chestertonimmaculata.org or call 508-834-9849.

SPARHAWK ACADEMY

Parent Formation Series
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NOVEMBER 8, 2026

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2, 3-8;
Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Lately we have heard many references to the end of times and our waiting for the return of Jesus. Today is not an exception. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking of such readings as morbid or disheartening. But they are far from that interpretation. These readings are truthful, and at their core, they are enriching, hopeful and packed with great advice. And if we were to give todays readings a title it could be "Be prepared."

There are many good things of this world, many of which we seek. But today's advice would be to seek God and His wisdom first, above all the things of this world. When we do this, we are enabled to keep vigil for the Lord while we await His return, and we will be ready. When we seek God and His wisdom first, we learn that the kindness of the Lord far surpasses anything that the earth can offer. And when we are prepared, we can be freed from care and worry.

Many of us will not run out of money or some of the other things of this world, but we all will run out of time. Do not lose heart! As Saint Paul tells us today, As Jesus died and rose, we too as the faithful will be risen by God through Jesus. But be prepared! For we do not know the day or the time. Look up and seek the Lord and Hs wisdom.

As Saint Augustine advises, "Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever, and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow!"

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

St. John's SVDP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing support. Our fiscal year just ended (9/30/26) and we have provided assistance to over 150 families, mostly with food, rent, utilities, car repairs and insurance. We anticipate that this need will continue to grow, especially as we are heading into the Holiday and winter season. **As Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching, we are in urgent need of cash donations and gift cards.** All gift cards are welcome but the most useful, in $50 denominations are: Market Basket, Price Chopper, Target, Walmart, and gas cards. You can bring them to the Parish office, drop them in the boxes in the rear of the church, or mail them to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748. Prior to the pandemic, we offered and distributed meals to our local "friends" through a heavily discounted program from St. Vincent de Paul Council of Boston. Now, without that resource available , we look to continue our parish support by providing a gift card or two per family for a more bountiful holiday meal. Thank you again!



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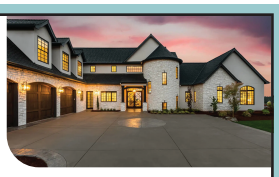
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