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,
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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 — *HOPKINTON*



"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt 25:19-20

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 22, 2026:
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/
1Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 250 in the pew missal.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
4PM Maria Guzman

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
9AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
9AM The Mystical Mothers of Priests Mission

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
9AM Josephine Des Champs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
9AM Robert Nute

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9AM For an increase in devotion to the Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4PM David Minkle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8AM Parishioners of St. John's
10AM Patrick and Karen Curley
6:30PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.



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

Second Collection NEXT Weekend
Retired Religious Sisters

Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts
THIS weekend, 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

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.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests
Thursday, November 19, 7PM, lower chapel
For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy. Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction.



Norma Lee Smith Macmillan
George J. McBride, Jr.
Arthur T. McMahon
James E. Hahesy, Jr.
David Zani

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, November 21.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"Lord, awaken us to a commitment to justice,
to the sanctity of marriage and the family,
to the dignity of each individual human life,
and to the truth that human rights begin
when human lives begin and not one moment later.
Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your heavenly kingdom;
May that make us all the more committed
to being faithful citizens here on earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen
From "Election Prayer for Life" Priests for Life

News from the Repeal 188 Signature Campaign

THE GOOD NEWS: Over 113,000 certified signatures—**more than twice those needed**—were obtained by over 1000 volunteers and delivered to the State House Nov. 6th, 2026. **49,716** signatures had been needed to put the issue on the 2028 ballot and to **suspend the full-term abortion law until then.** As our bishops announced Oct. 31st, "It is now certain that the issue of the repeal of the law will go before the voters in the fall of 2028."
www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life

THE BAD NEWS: November 6th, 2026, Governor Healey signed an emergency preamble on Chapter 188. Under the Massachusetts Constitution, **that one signature puts the law [abortion up to birth] into effect immediately and cancels the suspension that our signatures would otherwise have produced.**
https://repeal188.com/

THE RESPONSE FROM OUR BISHOPS: November 7th
"Having read the Governor's editorial defending her decision to override the results of the Repeal188 efforts, **we respectfully and passionately disagree that abortion, the taking of human life, may be considered health care. We also disagree that there is an emergency requiring the further expansion of the existing and already radically permissive law."**
Read their full response here:
https://iobserve.org/2026/11/07/massachusetts-bishops-release-statement-after-gov-healey-blocks-suspension-of-abortion-law-despite-petition-drive-success/

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

The souls in Purgatory are those who have some kind of disfigurement on their souls, a self-love, something they will not let go of which prevents the full saturation of the soul with divine love.

What are the sufferings of Purgatory?

1. The greatest and most intense suffering is that of not possessing God, the beatific vision. But the holy souls must first be purged of every stain of sin which they endure with total abandonment in God's fire of divine love. **Heb. 12:29**

2. The holy souls suffer a painful "holy sorrow" for all the pain and hurt they have caused others and themselves in their lives and there is nothing they can do about it. The full satisfaction involved in appeasing God's justice.

YEARNING FOR GOD

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

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.



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.

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

GOSPEL MEDITATION

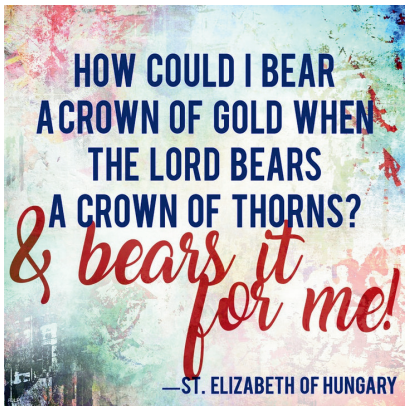
Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.
— Father John Muir
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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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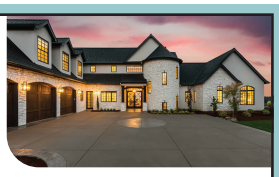
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