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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ORGANIST

Bernadette Nadeau

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.
- Mk 1:38-39

Readings for NEXT Sunday, February 14, 2021:
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ 1Cor 10:31—11:1/
Mk 1:40-45



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Noel Femia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM Fernand & Aurora Rouleau

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 AM Albert & Genevieve Krans

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM Fr. James Degnan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Christopher White (living)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Anthony Alves
5:00 PM Lucille White

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Sister Ramoan
6:30 PM Teresa & Jack Daly

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 5PM Gr. 10 Zoom meeting

New Deacon

We have been fortunately assigned a new deacon from Pope St. John the XIII Seminary, Br. Stephen Shanahan. Br. Stephen is a Trappist, stationed in St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. What an honor to have a Trappist monk assigned to St. John's!

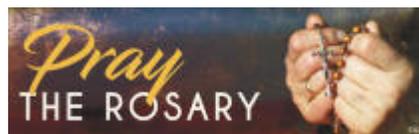
PLEASE NOTE: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

From the Archdiocese of Boston:

Holy Communion must be distributed in a way that is safe: The priest and/or extraordinary minister must disinfect his or her hands before distributing Communion. The priest and/or extraordinary minister must wear a mask while distributing Communion. The communicant must wear a mask while receiving Communion. After the minister has moved on to the next person, or after the communicant has stepped aside, they should remove their mask, consume the Host, and put their mask back on before returning to their seats. **The norm must be that communion is given in the hands.** In the case of a person insisting on receiving on the tongue, if the priest feels comfortable doing so, he can disinfect his hands, give the communicant Holy Communion on the tongue, disinfect his hands again, and continue distributing Communion. This is an exception, and must not be the norm in a parish. Some priests, because of their own health vulnerabilities, may decide that they are not comfortable giving a person Holy Communion on the tongue even as an exception, and their concerns must be respected.

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.



"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, She will save the world."

—St. Dominic's Prophecy of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Scapular, AD 1208.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, February 13.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.



St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.

AN ONLINE 6-WEEK LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION

The New World of Faith, a book by the late **Cardinal Avery Dulles**, will be the focus of a series of 6 weekly 1-hour Zoom sessions led by **Father George Evans**, pastor of Holy Name Parish in West Roxbury/Roslindale. The book presents a **readable overview of the essential teachings of Catholicism** for thinking readers who are not necessarily expert in theology. Each Zoom session will include: a short summary of the 2 chapters (25-28 pages) that all will have read, participants' discussion and questions, application of content to Catholic life and worship, as well as a brief preview of the following week's material. Reading the designated pages in advance of each session is essential. Sessions will be on the **6 Lenten Sundays (February 21-March 28), 7:45-8:45 PM**. The book is affordably available, used or new, through online bookstores. **Free registration** for the Zoom series needs to be arranged by **February 15**. E-mail: frevans@holynameparish.com.

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The holy souls need our help throughout the whole year. 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. 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 our pain, self denials and sufferings, Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REMINDER: Sunday, February 7, 5PM: Gr. 10 Zoom class

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FEBRUARY 7, 2021

CROSS ROADS

**Job: 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147: 1-4, 6-7;
1Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39**

Commentary on The Book of Job tells us that it is "...a literary composition, and not a transcript of historical events and conversations." It is a drama regarding the mystery of innocent suffering. The opening sentence of the Book of Job says, "In the land of Uz there was a blameless and upright man named Job who feared God and avoided evil." Nevertheless Job, a most prosperous and respected man in the area, is stricken with many calamities in which he loses everything: land, livestock, riches, family, friends, health, and respect. Today in chapter seven we see Job as a man who is overcome with grief, suffering, and hopelessness. With the help of God Job gets through it all, and even forgives his former friends who had become his tormentors. In the Epilogue to the Book of Job, God restores Job with twice as much as he had before. Job found hope in God. As today's psalm tells us, God is indeed gracious, a healer of the broken hearted; and He possesses wisdom greater than we can fathom.

In today's reading from 1 Corinthians, we see how Saint Paul empathized with, and became a slave for all, "so as to win over as many as possible." He preached the gospel (the good news). Everything he did was for the sake of the gospel, as he says, "that I too may have a share in it." Though he too would suffer innocently, Paul's hope was in the gospel, that is, in Christ. In today's gospel Jesus is in Peter's house with his disciples. Told that Peter's mother was ill with a fever, Jesus extended his hand and grasped hers. She accepted the hand of the Lord, as he helped her up; and the fever left her immediately. Into the evening the whole town, hoping to be healed, came to see Jesus (the ultimate innocent sufferer). He cured many and drove out many demons. The "good news" had traveled fast, and it was Jesus (God Among Us) who gave them hope.

There has been much illness, anger, discouragement, sadness, resentment, and loss going on these days. However, there is always hope if we are open to it. But if we are clutching our discouragement, sadness, losses, and resentments we make it difficult to take the Lord's hand. We must lay down our burdens, embrace the Lord, and accept the hand he offers to help us up. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Author and only dependable source of hope. The Lord may not take all our burdens away; but he proved on his road to the cross that he is willing to help us bear those burdens. Then, perhaps we can spread the good news and help to be a sign of hope to others.



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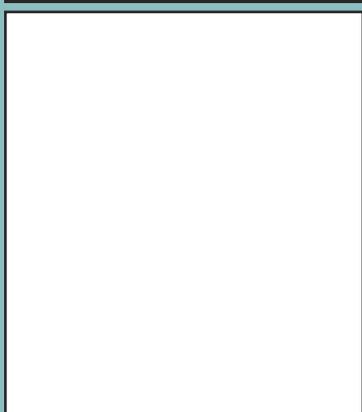


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