

# St. John the Evangelist



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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 parish center

## **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/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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



**the other contributors to the treasury.” - Mk 12:42-43**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 14, 2021:  
*Dn 12:1-3/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/  
 Mk 13:24-32*

## MASST INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 PM Maria Guzman

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 10:00 AM Donald Ward, Jr.  
 6:30 PM Special Intention

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 AM Jeffrey Cole (living birthday)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM Philip John McGrath

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 AM John E. Kszystyniak

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM The Alicandro Family  
 (living intention)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Special Intention

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00 PM Bob, Jackie, Maureen & Charlotte  
 Lavoie

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 AM Maria Guzman  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 6:30 PM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:45 AM Grades 1-4  
 Grade 2 Parent Meeting  
 5:15 PM Grade 10

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:45 PM Grade 6  
 4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3  
 7:00 PM Grade 9

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:30 PM Grade 2  
 6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:45 AM Grades 1-4  
 Grade 1 Parent Meeting

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend  
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

## Grand Annual Collection

Last week we sent a mailing to all parishioners asking for contributions to our 2021 Grand Annual Collection. The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. Last Fall we raised over \$60,000 for the operating expenses of the parish, and this year's goal is \$55,000. Please pray about what you can do and return your pledge or contribution by **THIS** weekend, November 6 & 7, which is our Grand Annual Weekend. Thank you very, very much for your continued support and sacrifice that you make in behalf of St. John's! It is very, very much appreciated!

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

## St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.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 Conversion of Sinners

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

**Winter Weather Notice:** Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

**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 lower church NEXT Saturday, November 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.

### **Called to the Culture of Life**

#### **St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative**

As the 40 Days for Life autumn campaign wraps up, we thank all who generously gave of their time and effort to stand in prayer every week across the street from Planned Parenthood. We believe in the power of their prayer and sacrifice! Thanks is due also to those who financially supported the campaign and who give generously year-round to pregnancy support centers across the state. Last, but far from least, we thank those who pray at home and at church, offering up Rosaries and Masses for the end of abortion. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new culture of life!

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

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

### **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

### **PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE**

**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

#### **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 assured 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, 48**
4. The holy souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, only the faithful on earth can help to shorten their time of purification by offering up works of penance, prayer, devotions, Eucharist adoration, gaining indulgences for them, but above all having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them. **2Mac. 12:43-46; CCC 958, 1471-1479**



### **Religious Education Classes**

We are looking forward to beginning our Religious Education year this week. If your child/children were assigned to a class, teachers are currently emailing parents to introduce themselves and letting you know the classroom they will be in. All safety protocols will be observed. Students and teachers will need to wear a mask during class time as well as anyone else entering the building. Please watch your emails for information from your child's teacher. Teachers are still needed for grades 3-8. Please consider witnessing your faith to our young people. Classes are twice a month. If you have any questions, please contact us at: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 ([mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com)) or Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 ([dlyskstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlyskstjn@verizon.net)).

### **At Home Faith Formation Resource**

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of food cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It has been determined that these meals will cost about \$75 per Hopkinton family. Generally, we help 30 families per holiday. If you would like to donate food cards from any local grocery store, please drop off with the parish secretary or business office. All help is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission.



### **Advent Wreath Making Workshop**

**November 28, 2021**

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.

\$25 per wreath, payable by cash or check, at the door.

Refreshments will be served.

**To reserve your wreath\***  
**please RSVP by November 17th**  
([parishhallstjn@gmail.com](mailto:parishhallstjn@gmail.com) or 508-435-3313x210).

**\*We order wreaths based on number reserved, so  
please reserve yours today!**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**1 Kings 17: 10-16; Psalm 146: 7-10;**

**Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44**

In today's readings we have three examples of the generous, providential nature of God which we are called to imitate: the widow of Zarephath in the reading from Kings, the widow in Mark's gospel, and Christ in Paul's letter to the Hebrews. In each of those examples the giving was from their substance, from their poverty. In the case of the widow of Zarephath, she used all that was left of her flour and oil to feed Elijah, and what perhaps would be the last meal for her and her son. In the case of the widow in Mark's gospel, the widow gave only a few cents; but it was all she had. Finally, God became poor for us when he humbled himself through Jesus Christ to live among us and give every ounce of himself for our salvation. All of these are examples of sacrificial giving. In each case they gave all that they had, while demonstrating enormous faith and trust in God's providence. We too are called to give sacrificially (financial resources, time, energy).

This does not mean that we must impoverish ourselves, particularly when we have a family for whom we must provide. Saint Paul warned against this in 2 Corinthians 8:13: "...not that others should have relief while you are burdened," and "As it is written, whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." We strive for a fair equilibrium. We give from our substance not just from our excess. We give up something of our resources to help others. We respond to needy. As a priest friend of mine used to preach, "We are to live more simply so that others may simply live."

Finally, Jesus warns us to "Beware of the scribes" for whom it was all for appearances, for places of honor, for recognition from other people, for privilege, while at the same time treating people unfairly. The scribes and Pharisees of our time do things to burnish their so called "*legacy*" in the minds of other people. We are to be prophetic and counterculture. The only legacy we are to strive for is to live up to what God expects of each of us that we might make good use of the opportunity for salvation and help others to do the same. We each have our own set of circumstances. Ultimately, our sacrificial giving will not be measured by how much we gave, but by how much we have left. As the Lord humbled himself to be one of us, we too must humble ourselves to give and serve as a way of life, not to win the esteem of other people.

*Thanks*

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

**THANK YOU**

The Knights of Columbus held its annual Tootsie Roll Drive during the Columbus Day weekend, and thanks to the generosity of St. John's & St. Cecilia parishioners, the Bishop Rice Council collected \$1,537. Your donations will provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life. For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Bill Muench ([william.muench@comcast.net](mailto:wiliam.muench@comcast.net) or 508-259-3382) or visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).



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