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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 chapel

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 Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. Lk 4:18

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 30, 2022:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1Cor 13:4-13 / Lk 4:21-30



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 PM Ivan Almeida

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

6:30 PM James Coffey

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 AM William and Todd Carey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 PM John Fernandes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Phyllis Moroney

6:30 PM George Winkler, III

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

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, JANUARY 23

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
 Grade 2 parent meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

4:30 PM Grade 2

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
 St. John's Pro-Life Initiative

MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate has been extended to March 3, 2022.

Second Collection Next Weekend

NEXT weekend (January 29-30), a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative. All proceeds will help support birth centers in the area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
7PM, Friday, January 28, 2022
 Lower chapel

Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

January 20 at 7PM

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service. Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction. "During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*, chap. VI

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, January 29.

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.

Rest in Peace

William Connor McInnis



Religious Education Classes

REMINDERS:

Grade 10 Confirmation retreat: Rescheduled for Sunday, March 13, 1-4PM, St. John's Parish Center

Grade 2 parent meeting Sunday, January 23 either 8:45AM in Parish Center or 11:30AM Zoom

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.

BIBLE STUDY

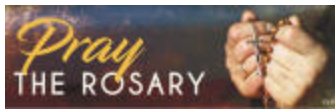
St. John's Bible Study

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.



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.

MUSTARD SEED CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The Christmas Giving Tree gave Price Chopper gift cards and many shopping bags full of new gloves, mittens, socks, hats, sweatshirts, coats, and other winter gear to the Mustard Seed. Over one hundred low income families and many homeless folks depend on Catholic Workers' Mustard Seed of Worcester for warm winter clothes and daily nourishing meals. Your generous gifts were very appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and know that you are making these difficult times a little easier.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the many extremely generous parishioners who donated cash and gift cards over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Due to your generosity, we were able to help 42 families with holiday meals and gifts. During the year we continue to help Hopkintonians (regardless of religious affiliation) with rent, utility payments, auto repair and other financial issues. Again, this is all due to your generosity and willingness to assist those in need. Thank you and God Bless!

St. John's Safe Environment Request (CORI Clearance)

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all staff and volunteers complete a CORI (criminal record check) form **each year**. This form applies to all volunteers 18 years of age and older ministering to children, youth, elderly, and the disabled serving within various ministries. The requirement is that each individual completing the CORI request form come to the parish office or parish hall to have their CORI Request **form verified in person** with a government issued picture ID. Please do your part to ensure that we continue to create a safe environment at St. John's. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Fitzgerald, Parish Center Manager at 508-435-3313 x210 or parishhall-stjn@gmail.com.

Holliston WINGS Winter Program

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) at St. Mary's in Holliston is pleased to present our 2022 Winter Bible Study via Zoom. **The Winter Season will begin on Wednesday, January 26, from 10AM-11:15AM and conclude on Wednesday, Mar. 2.** Building on the theme of Catholic Social Teaching which we began in the fall, WINGS has chosen Joe Paprocki's book *Amos/Hosea/Micah: A Call to Justice* as our guide. Books may be purchased through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or [Loyola Press](https://www.loyolapress.com). Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week. WINGS requests dues of \$20 per season (unless you have already paid for the year). All women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Checks payable to St. Mary's Parish can be mailed to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane, Holliston MA 01746. Email stmaryswings-secretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795. More details of the Winter Program will be announced on our Facebook Page. www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

On the 49th Anniversary of the Legalization of Abortion, January 22, 1973:

Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

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 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

JANUARY 23, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 8-10, 15;
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back in 2019 Pope Francis dedicated the third Sunday in Ordinary time to “the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God.” Also, he encourages us to make it part of our life “to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.” Also, we are encouraged to “strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity.” In other words, growing in our knowledge of the scriptures is to be a way of life that strengthens us and gives us joy that is eternal. It is good that we listen attentively to homilies that the word might feed us spiritually. But just as we learned to feed ourselves as adult human beings, we have a responsibility to feed ourselves spiritually by studying the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels.

In today’s first reading, and in today’s gospel we see two contrasting and complementary proclamations of Holy Scripture. In the first reading Ezra proclaims the law to about 5000 Jews who had remained faithful during the Babylonian captivity and were freed to return to Jerusalem. Ezra read aloud “from daybreak till midday.” The people wept but were encouraged to rejoice in the word of the law. About four hundred years later we see Jesus in today’s gospel, not long after his baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the word in the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus not only proclaimed the word, but he proclaimed himself to be the fulfillment of the scripture passage that he had read aloud, the anointed one of God, to be the Word itself made flesh. How would the people of Nazareth respond? Not well, as we shall see next week.

Study the Scriptures and rejoice in the word of God. As the many parts (the living stones) of the same Mystical Body of Christ (the Church which is the new Jerusalem), we each have a role to bring the word to each other and to the world, to bring glad tidings to the poor, to free those who are oppressed, to bring liberty to captives, freedom to the oppressed; and to respect and protect the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. For each of us to do our part it is necessary to know, to contemplate, to pray and to live the word of God.



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