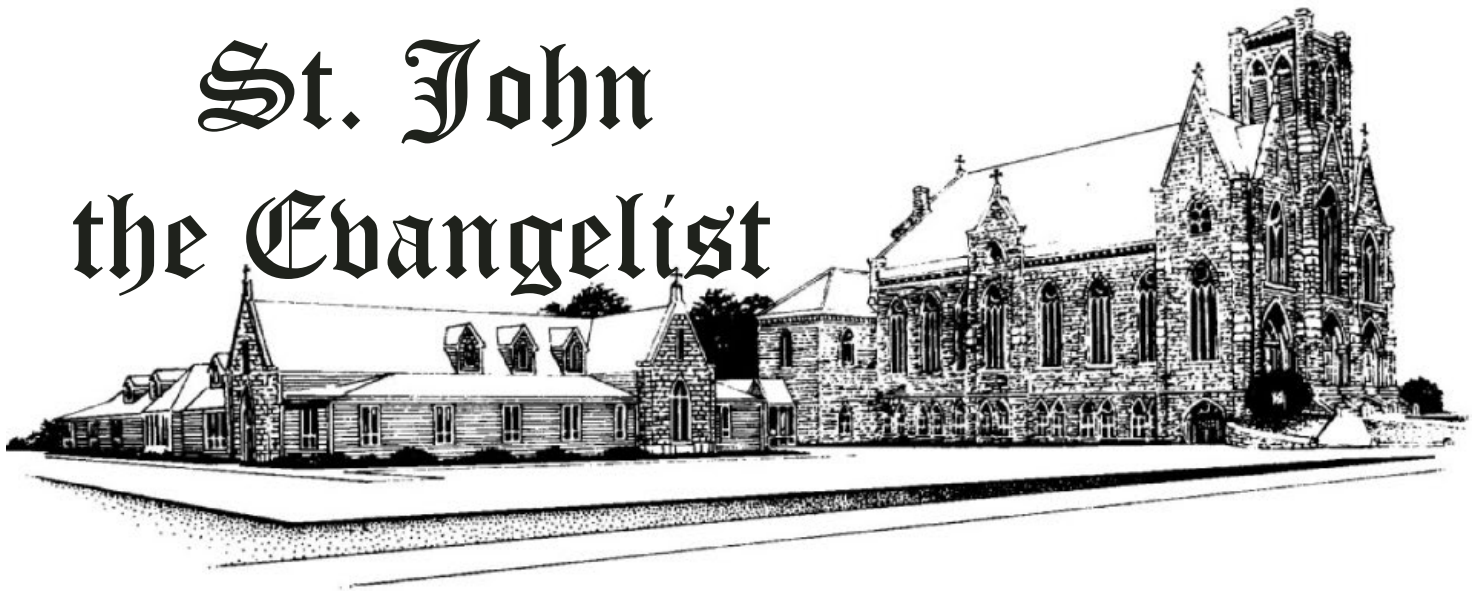


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Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

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:

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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

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For those that need a little help,
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“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:16-17

Readings for NEXT Sunday, April 28, 2024:
Acts 9:26-31/ Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/
1Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 180 in the pew missal.

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20	
4:00 PM	Mark & Pinky Abiog (living intention)
SUNDAY, APRIL 21	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM	Charles Jandrue
MONDAY, APRIL 22	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
TUESDAY, APRIL 23	
9:00 AM	Fr. Patrick J. McLaughlin
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24	
9:00 AM	Fr. Gregory J. Mercurio
THURSDAY, APRIL 25	
9:00 AM	Special Intention
FRIDAY, APRIL 26	
9:00 AM	Joseph & Elizabeth Malloy
SATURDAY, APRIL 27	
8:00 AM	William Rogers
4:00 PM	Special Intention
SUNDAY, APRIL 28	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM	Hank Allesio
6:30 PM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

Join Us For Coffee,
Donuts and Conversation
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.

EVENING CONFESSIONS

In addition to Saturday mornings, confessions will also be heard **THIS Tuesday, April 23, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

DIVINE MERCY AND PURGATORY

The message of Divine Mercy given through the scriptures, church tradition, and the writings of Saint Faustina is a message that extends to **everyone in need of God's mercy—thank you God for loving us!** This includes the souls in Purgatory. The spiritual works of mercy remind us that the seventh work is to “pray for the dead.” There are many ways we can bring Divine Mercy into our prayer life for the souls in Purgatory.

During her time of interior prayer, Saint Faustina asked Jesus who she should pray for. Jesus took her to Purgatory. Saint Faustina asked the holy souls their **greatest suffering**, they all answered her, **longing for God.**

My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it. Since that time, I am in closer communion with the suffering souls.

—Jesus' words to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #20

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **NEXT Saturday, April 27.**

Rest in Peace

Robert W. Morris

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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.

Holy Hour for Life

THIS Friday, April 26, at 7PM in the Lower Church

"...proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."

2Tim 4:1-2

Life is precious always and in every circumstance!

K of C "A Nite at the Races"

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council will host a "virtual" horse racing audience participation event, where actual races are shown and bet on to recreate the atmosphere of being at the race track, on **Saturday, May 4th, at St. John's Parish Hall from 6-10PM**. Admission is **\$20 for adults only** and the evening will include a buffet dinner, snacks, beverages (beer, wine, soda, water), 10 grand prize gift drawings, and 8 horse races to try your luck on. We will also award a grand prize for the "best" Kentucky derby hat. All admission tickets will be eligible for a door prize. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go online to <https://bishopricekoc.org/events>. If you have any questions, contact Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or at joealtman@verizon.net.

SPRING CLEANING?

DECLUTTERING? DOWNSIZING?

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Annual Rummage Sale happening in June. We will be accepting donations of clothes, household items and small furniture. Drop off will start in May. More info to come!

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up to receive donations using the sign-up chart located outside the parish secretary's office. Drop off will begin on Monday, May 20. Thank you!

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with undergarments and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**



Religious Education has come to an end for this 2023-2024 school year. A huge thank you to all our Catechists who gave of their time to witness their faith to our young people. May God reward them with many blessings.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Kennedy will be confirming 51 students and 3 adults here at St. John's on **Sunday, April 28 at 1PM**. Please continue to keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful celebration.

Rehearsal for Confirmation is:

Wednesday, April 24, 7-8:15PM

Meet in the Parish Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Communion rehearsal...**Wednesday, May 1, 4:30PM**

First Communion.....**Saturday, May 4, 11AM**

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate Mass & Dinner

High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Graduation Mass on **Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 PM** followed by a light meal in the Parish Center. Invitations will be sent soon to RSVP.

St. John the Evangelist

George R. Carlino Scholarships

In order to promote and foster the faith of our young people in the one true Church founded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Roman Catholic Church, two \$1,000 scholarships will be available to two graduating seniors from St. John's Parish, who have been accepted to a college, university or trade school.

--The applicant must be a Confirmed, practicing Catholic, i.e., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and have fulfilled their Easter Duty.

--Write an essay of not more than 200 words on the following topic: Cardinal Raymond Burke's nine-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. What is the novena about? What are the reasons Cardinal Burke has put forward for this novena? Are the reasons compelling? Why Our Lady of Guadalupe? Is this novena worth praying?

These scholarships are made available through the late Mr. George R. Carlino, who was a very prayerful and devout parishioner of St. John's. Mr. Carlino was concerned with the spiritual welfare of the parish's young people, in an age that can be so challenging to the principles of our Catholic faith.

Please see our website: www.stjohnhopkinton.com for the application form to accompany the essay. Applications should be sent c/o Debbie Lysik, St. John the Evangelist Religious Education, 20 Church Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748, and are due by **April 30, 2024**.

APRIL 21, 2024

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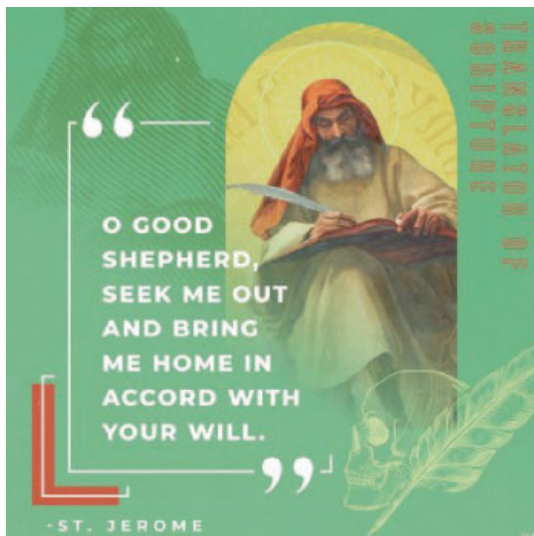
By Deacon Tony

**Acts 4: 8-12; Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29;
1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18**

In today's first reading from Acts, Saint Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims to the leaders of the people that Jesus Christ, the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. Peter stated that if he and others were being questioned because of a good deed done for a cripple, Peter proclaimed that the cripple was healed in the name of Jesus Christ who rose from the dead. Peter further proclaimed that only through the Lord Jesus Christ can there be salvation.

Jesus is the cornerstone of the universal Catholic Church through which, and through whom the Father shows his love upon us, that we may be called children of God, and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. In today's gospel Jesus proclaims that he is the good shepherd who has the power to give up his life, and to take it up again for us (his sheep) for the forgiveness of sins. Christ proclaims that he has other sheep to tend. He welcomes all humanity, and leads all of us into one flock, the Church.

Jesus opened the door of salvation to all. He mingled with sinners, tax collectors, and forgave sins. But that inclusiveness and respect of one's conscience should not be mistaken for tolerance or enabling of sinful behavior. Rather, it is an invitation to being righteous. There must be sincere repentance, a commitment to live and love as Christ did, for us to receive forgiveness and salvation, and to be true members of the one flock. As for conscience, as we are thinking creatures of God, it is our responsibility to rightly form and conform our consciences to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Like sheep, in our weakness we need our Good Shepherd to lead us. The Good Shepherd knows us. But for us to know Him and HIS voice we must go beyond our inclinations and wishes and be willing to be transformed to be more like him if we want to find real peace amid all the turmoil, challenges, and corruption of this world. The salutation, Shalom, means peace. When uttered twice, "Shalom Shalom," as Christ seemed to do when appearing in the locked upper room, it can mean "perfect peace." That is what Christ wants for us. As one flock, let us follow and be transformed by our Good Shepherd. Shalom Shalom!



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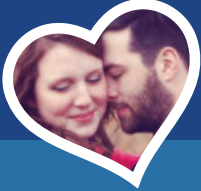
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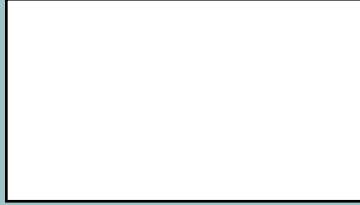
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