



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." ~Jn 20:28-29

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, April 26, 2009**
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:00 PM Ruth Moseley

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:00 PM Thomas Bagley (10th anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM Frederick & Katherine Murphy
 10:00 AM Deceased Members
 of the Pineau Family

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, April 25



Calendar

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19 – NO CLASSES – SPRING BREAK
 CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

12:00 PM Baptism

SUNDAY APRIL 26 – RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUME

12:00 PM Baptism

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ascension Thursday May 21
 Confirmation (2 Masses) June 6



MUSTARD SEED

We thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please keep sharing from your abundance so that they may live. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity!



**ALLELUIA!
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Parish Support

OFFERTORY 4/12/2009\$15,067
 Good Friday\$1,308
 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



All are welcome to a Coffee Hour following the 10AM Mass **THIS Sunday** to congratulate and welcome our new Catholics, **Vera Parker and Timmy McGrath**, who celebrated the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil last weekend! The Coffee Hour is being hosted by the parish RCIA Team.

**MARATHON DAY – MONDAY, APRIL 20
 MASSES WILL BE AT 6:15AM & 8:30AM**

RUNNING FOR RESPITE

CHERIE TRIPP has contacted us and asked for our support as she runs the Boston Marathon for the support of the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center. What a great way to support our friends at the Respite Center. To donate, you can either put a check made out to "THE MICHAEL CARTER LISNOW RESPITE CENTER" in the collection, or go directly to Cherie's donation website www.firstgiving.com/boston09. I made my donation online. It was very easy. Fr. Paul

BEHIND THE SCENES...

Doesn't the church look beautiful? Cleaning the sanctuary, preparing altar linens and decorating for Holy Week all take time and great care. A big word of thanks and appreciation goes to **Maria Hermanowski, Liz and Emma Burke, Donna Deneen, Selina Paolucci, and Sue O'Keefe** for providing us with a springtime fresh worship space this Easter season.

Soul friends, best friends, girl friends, new friends, old friends... Come contemplate and celebrate the gift of friendship in your lives.

The Spirituality of Friendship: A Morning Reflection

St. John's Women's Retreat
 with retreat director Sandra DeRome
 Tuesday, April 28
 9:30AM – 1PM
 Parish Center
 Lunch provided

Pre-registration is required. Please contact:
 Marie Buckley (mbuckleystjn@verizon.net or 435-3313x206)
 Patti Cellupica (prcellupica@gmail.com or 435-0456)
 Debi Wasilauski (sjwasilauski@comcast.net or 435-7738)

Childcare is available (\$5 per child)
 Contact Maureen Belger prior to the retreat
 (mwb583@gmail.com or 508-686-2790)

Remember to Bring a Friend!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WINGS – Women in God’s Spirit

WINGS will not be meeting this week 4/21 due to school break. Happy Vacation Everyone!

St. John’s Child Sponsorship Program

Next Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26, St. John’s will launch our 2009 Child Sponsorship Program. This annual event is our major parish effort to help poor children in developing countries. The sponsorship weekend is organized and conducted by our parish’s Third World Apostolate. Next week’s bulletin will contain an insert explaining the projects offered and tables will be set up at the rear of the church with more information. The Child Sponsorship Program campaign will run for three weekends.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry Program is pleased to announce our 1st Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, May 16th from 6-10PM in the Parish Center. The theme this year is Mardi Gras and it promises to be a great night.

As you know, St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry Program is an important part of the parish and the communities of Hopkinton. Every program that is offered is open to every young person in high school. Youth Ministry works to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person; seeks to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community; and gives the world a sign of God’s Kingdom by challenging the young to work for justice and peace among the poor and the oppressed.

It is necessary each year for the Youth Ministry to raise funds for programs such as summer mission trips (this year to Honduras and Mississippi), leadership conferences for our young people, retreat experiences, scholarships, and to raise money to support the costs associated with running trips including necessary adult supervision. All proceeds from the auction go directly to support these projects.

With the help of the St. John’s community providing donations, purchasing raffle tickets and attending the auction we are able to make a significant impact doing God’s work in the greater community. We thank you all for your support!



Our parish family welcomed 10 new members in the holy sacrament of Baptism in the past two months. We join their families in thanking God for these children and for the great gift of faith that we share with each one of them:

FEBRUARY

Kale Austin Martin Molly Jane LeBlanc

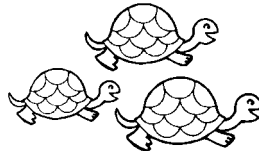
MARCH

Benjamin Michael Peshler Michael Anthony Sullivan
Teagan Elizabeth Resteghini Isabella Grace Resteghini
Abigail Kathryn Letcher Kate Donna Williams
James Leonard Sanda Marco Dario Carpena Linton

RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Wednesday.....9:30AM-Noon, 1-4PM
Thursday.....1-4PM

ATTENTION PARENTS

Students in grades 3-6 and their teachers have prepared projects to reflect their learning over the past school year. Their projects will be on display in the Parish Center during **Coffee Hour NEXT Sunday, April 26.** All families are invited to come see their work. It is truly incredible!



“CROCODILE” DOCK VBS

The dates have been set! We now need a Core Volunteer team. The dates are **Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13 from 9AM-noon** if enough Core Leaders volunteer to help.

We need leaders for:	Crafts	Outdoor play
	Pre-K	Lessons
	Snacks	Nursery

Before we order supplies, we must be sure we have a volunteer leadership team. If you can help, call Debbie (x208) or Carol (x209) at the Religious Ed. Office **by Tuesday, April 28.** We must order the program.

Attention Musicians

We are looking for musicians of all ages (drummers, guitarists, base guitarists, keyboard players, singers, choreographers and more) to help lead pre-schoolers through 4th graders at St. John’s Summer Vacation Bible School with some fantastic worship music. The camp is a ton of fun and will be held 9AM-noon on August 10-13. Check out the music at www.group.com/vbs/crocodiledock. If you are available and interested to share your talents, we will put them to good use. Please contact Ed Baumann (508-625-1186) or kathyneddy@aol.com.



Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we welcome 6 children into full communion with our parish community as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Congratulations to them and their families

Charles Baker	Samuel Cote
Mitchell DePaolo	Ryan Joyce
Dylan McBride	Robert Pagliuca

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been able to help many families this winter which has left our funds low. Please donate using the envelopes in the pews. Your generosity will help many local people. Thank you to all our donors.

APRIL 19, 2009

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



My brothers and sisters,

“HE IS RISEN!” “He is risen indeed! No one who spent any significant time at St. John’s in Hopkinton over the end of Lent, through Holy Week, and at Easter would fail to appreciate the power of this central mystery of our faith.

RESURRECTION, confessions by the dozen, the baptisms of Tim McGrath and Vera Parker, the amazing sung prayer shared by our choir members, Deacon Mike and the altar servers, the young students from Youth Ministry and Religious Ed. presenting 2 different Passion stories, hours of behind-the-scenes rehearsals and cleaning and assistance of all kinds, the huge numbers at Eucharist, the Solemnity of the Passion; Christ is alive!

He lives in the individuals here and in the parish as a whole. I thank you for showing that life so powerfully and so generously over these days.

The days ahead call us to continue to express that life of the risen Christ in these ways:

First Communions are starting and will run into June. Tim and Vera need to meet many of you and learn to pray with us the fullness of the Catholic Faith. Bishop Edyvean will be here to celebrate Confirmation on June 6. We will have a May Crowning this year. I’ve asked Deacon Mike to help lift this new effort forward and share it with the wider parish community.

Our Catholic Faith is something to celebrate. Let us proclaim to all the world our faith and joy in the Risen One.

Happy Easter!

In His service and yours,
Fr. Paul Clifford

