

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your family or marital situation,
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,
No matter what your personal history, background, race or other,
No matter what your own self-image or esteem,
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John's.

EUCCHARIST:

Lord's Day Mass: *Saturday* 4:00 pm, *Sunday* 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Mass: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday at 8:00 am & Wednesday at 6:00 pm | Adoration: Wed. 12:00 - 6:00 pm

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm, Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 pm, or by Appointment.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE: To be arranged at least one year in advance. Please call the parish office.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Is available in the Confessional every Saturday or see Father after Mass. If you or a loved one needs Father to come to you, please call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION: Takes place in 11th Grade, please contact the Director of Religious Education to enroll in classes. If you are an adult and need to make your Confirmation, please contact the same office and ask about the RCIA program.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please call Fr. Pierz at the parish office, or call the Office of Vocations at (413) 452-0811.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *We are a Roman Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by sharing, growing and spreading God the Father's love through our parish ministries, and by coming together as a community in meaningful prayer and worship to celebrate that love.*

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 3, 2021

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The prophet speaks of God's divine presence in his love for Jerusalem. As children in Christ, we are to be lowly and poor in spirit.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday - Closed

Pastor: Fr. Michael Pierz

sje.priest@gmail.com

Parochial Vicar: Fr. John Hurley

sje.curate@gmail.com

Deacon: Deacon Dave Picard

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Office Manager: Andreana Perkins

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Patricia Brown, Shirley Cusluski

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Pre-School Ministry: Claire Riberdy (Interim)

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sje.musicdirector@gmail.com

Maintenance Supervisor: Beth Thomas

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Private Line: (860) 386-6009

Finance Council:

David Ross (Chair)

Cecile Fragoso

Ted Muszynski

Dale Marie Breault

Suzanne Lamkins

Pastoral Council:

Cecile Fragoso (Acting Chair) Megan Baillargeon

Luke Hollwedel

Jeffrey Kraus

Dorota Maliszewska

Leo Marinak

Jessica Pokora

Jane Seaver

Jane Trevethan

Cara Waterman

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Email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com

Thoughts from the Rectory ...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Now and Forever!

Indeed our Blessed Lord is praised and glorified as we have joined together in rejoicing and celebrating Him together with all those who have crossed our church's threshold over these past 75 years! Last weekend's festivities commemorating the anniversary of the Mass of Dedication on September 29th, 1946 were a most splendid affair!

With hundreds of faithful raising voice in prayer and song with Bishop Byrne at the 10:30 Mass, gathering and conversing in the fresh air and activities of our picnic, and sharing good words of greeting and congratulations throughout these weeks, we certainly have much to give thanks for! To one and all, thank you and happy anniversary!

In a most special way, let us give thanks to the members of the Family & Human Life Commission, as well as the men and women of the Pastoral Council, and so many volunteers who have been working diligently to prepare for the 75th celebrations, to organize and facilitate the parish picnic, and to share the good news of St. John the Evangelist near and far.

Greetings and thanks go to Jane Seaver, chair of the F&LC, along with members Claire Riberdy, Mary Talarico, Agnes Bourque, Judy Cross-Donahue, Karen Mellen, Jessica Pokora, as well as Cecile Fragoso in the kitchen, Craig Bourque and Matt Riberdy at the grills, Trish & Al Brown, Aggie Bourque, Valerie Manning, Jack Seaver, Jane Trevethan, Ed Flebotte, Jack Goodfellow, Rachel Seaver, Adam Ross, Aiden Therrien, and Sandy Ross at the food tents, Tasya and Leo Marinak on music, and George Taupier with his marvelous 1946 Ford! Prep work and grounds beautification were done by Andreana Perkins, Beth Thomas, Cecile Fragoso, Katrina Perkins, Trish & Al Brown, Carol Komosa, Mary Kate Henle with children, Imre Hirsch, Tom Burns, Valerie Manning, Ed Flebotte, and Debbie Whitehead, all with brooms, brushes, and mulch in hand! Thanks to Ken Gotha for fashioning the crosses from the old church pews as tactile mementos of prayer with and for one another over the decades!

Together we have celebrated 75 years of the vibrant life of faith and works of Christ here on Main Street. Now it's up to us to keep up this vigor and passion in our own families, on our own streets, in our own day. Happy Anniversary, St. John the Evangelist Church!

Ad Multos Annos! To many years!

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 2nd

4:00 pm—James Taupier †

Requested by His Wife

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00 am—Paul E. Bowler, Sr.—7th Anniversary

Requested by His Wife Elaine

10:30 am—Daniel Mattoon †

Requested by His Sister

Monday, October 4th—Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 am—Maria Waterman †

Requested by A Friend of the Family

Tuesday, October 5th—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00 am—Genowefa Nowak †

Requested by Family

Wednesday, October 6th—Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

6:00 pm—Fred Fitzner

Requested by the Breault Family

Thursday, October 7th—Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am—Alteles V. Frank Amato †

Requested by Daughter and Family

Friday, October 8th

8:00 am—Russell Morgan †

Requested by Church Chicks

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 9th

4:00 pm—FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday, October 10th

8:00 am—Stella Tyburski †

Requested by Her Daughter

10:30 am—Nazare Lopes †

Requested by the Francisco Family



FEAST OF SAINT BRUNO OCTOBER 6TH

THE AMBIANCE OF SOLITUDE, THE ABSENCE OF ANY DISTURBING NOISE AND OF WORLDLY DESIRES AND IMAGES, THE QUIET AND CALM ATTENTION OF THE MIND TO GOD, HELPED BY PRAYER AND LEISURELY READING, FLOW INTO THAT REST OF THE SOUL IN GOD. A SIMPLE AND JOYFUL REST, FULL OF GOD, THAT LEADS THE MONK TO FEEL, IN SOME WAY, THE BEAUTY OF ETERNAL LIFE.

SANCTUARY LAMP

OCTOBER 3-9

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

ED AND ANN HAYES

REQUESTED BY

THE HAYES FAMILY

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.



Please remember in your prayers:

Please pray for the sick and dying of our parish. Remember all who are in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. Pray for the hungry, the unemployed and under-employed. Pray for an end to abortion and a true respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Pray for peace. In a concrete way we pray for all those who have died and all the deceased members of our parish and diocese, especially Kathleen Renaud.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If you would like to include someone who has recently passed away, please call the parish office or email: sje.parishsecretary@gmail.com.

IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS PRAYER LINE:

If you have a serious intention that you need prayers for: surgery, sufferings, medical, illness, cancer treatment, a sick child, or anything like that, please give Pat (786-3023) or Mary (786-9671) a call and you will have countless rosaries and prayers.

If anyone else is interested in being a prayer partner, please call Pat or Mary.



BORN ALIVE BABY PETITION

With the passage of the ROE Act (Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion) last December, Massachusetts removed the existing state law mandating lifesaving medical care to be administered to a child who survives an abortion. The Massachusetts Catholic bishops are supporting a statewide signature campaign to place a question on the 2022 ballot ensuring life saving medical care for babies born alive after a failed abortion.

We will be collecting signatures after all masses outside of the Church on October 9 & 10. Thank you very much for helping to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Massachusetts
Newborns
Protection
Coalition



They need our help.

Little Sisters of the Poor to Visit St. John the Evangelist Church October 9th and 10th

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western

Massachusetts for more than 100

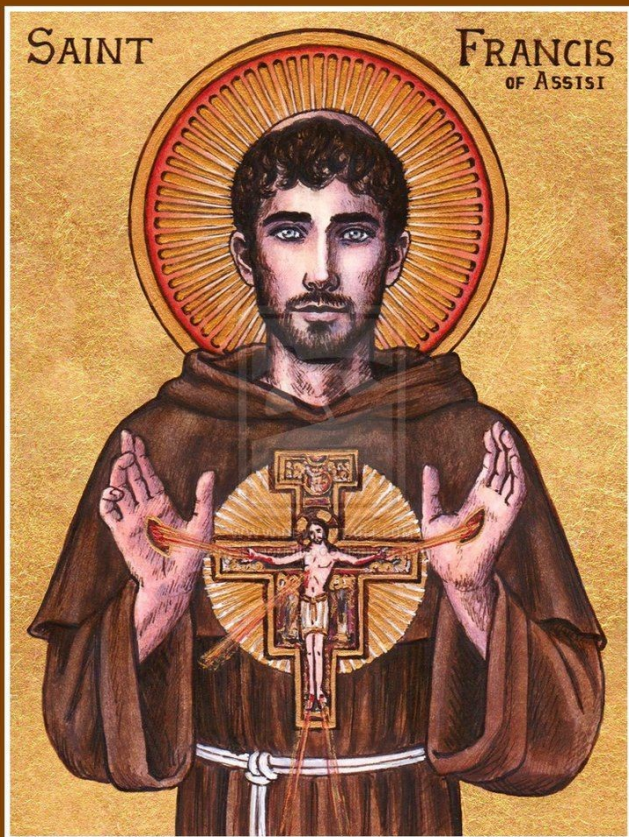
years. They will visit our Parish the weekend of October 9th and 10th to request financial assistance for their ministry. Please plan to donate to the Little Sisters of the Poor in a second collection. The weekend prior, special collection envelopes will be made available at the Church exits.



History of Little Sisters of the Poor:

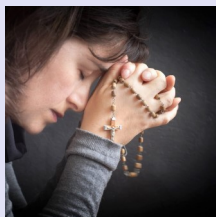
Since its inception in the 1800s, started by St. Jeanne Jugan in France, the Order has consistently served the needs of the very poor elderly. They continue to be dependent upon the generosity of friends and benefactors to provide a safe and caring home for the elderly whom they serve. Collections from individual parishes is a key fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield.

MEET THE
LITTLE
SISTERS
OF THE
POOR



Catholic Women's Club Rosary & Meeting

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will meet to pray the rosary *Tuesday, October 12, 6 pm* in the Church. Members are requested to arrive by 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join club members in this special devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary. The monthly club business meeting and refreshments will follow in the Parish Center.



Coffee, Fellowship and Q&A

**October 7th
After the 8:00 am Daily Mass
In the Father Joyce Room**

Join us for fellowship, and bring your Questions on Faith, Doctrine, and Liturgy, Life, and all things Catholic for this Q & A session!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

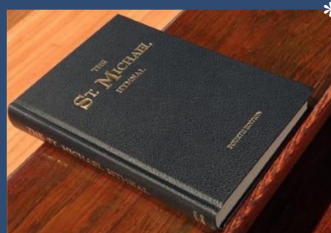
WILL YOU HELP US PURCHASE NEW HYMNALS?

Please prayerfully consider making a donation of \$25 for one of these beautiful new hymnals for our parish.*



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

Envelopes will be distributed in each pew and you may place them in the collection basket at the Masses or you may stop by the parish office.



* With your donation, you may dedicate the hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one. You may write this on the envelope provided.

To learn more about these beautiful St. Michael Hymnals, please visit:
www.stmichaelhymnal.com

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Daily Mass Times: 8 am (M, T, Th, F) 6 pm (W)

Confession Times: Wed. 4:30 pm, Sat., 2:45 pm

Monday, October 4th

4:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3)

Tuesday, October 5th

2:00 pm Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

5:15 pm Dance (PC3)

4:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

7:00 pm Spiritual Life Commission (FJR)

Wednesday, October 6th

10:00am Knitting Group (FJR)

4:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

6:30 pm Music Ministry (Church)

7:00 pm Diocesan Men's Group (Lower Church)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (FJR)

Thursday, October 7th

8:45 am Coffee Hour and Q&A (FJR)

4:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

6:00 pm Ladies Exercise (PC3)

Friday, October 8th

4:00 pm Basketball (Gym)

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am Adult Confirmation (FJR)

Sunday, October 9th

8:00 am Take and Eat (Kitchen, FJR)

6:30 pm Scouts (PC3)

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Church!

This card is one of the many ways we can get to know you. Please complete this card and return this card in the mail to our office or in the weekly offertory basket. Thank you and God bless.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____ Birthday: _____

☐ First time visitor

☐ Update information

☐ Would like a visit

☐ Please contact me

Weekend of September 26th

"Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father"

Weekly: \$4,032

Maintenance: \$199

Fuel: \$683

Loan: \$640 / \$74,777.64 / \$171,337.49

Loose: \$427.25

Online Giving: \$1,297

Total: \$7,278.25

Loan Update:

Original Loan Amount : \$275,000

Loan Repayment Collected this week: \$640

Loan Repayment Collected as of 8/31/21: \$74,777.64

Loan Balance as of 8/31/21: \$171,337.49

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration is open for Fall 2021 enrollment at St. John the Evangelist Church's CCD Program! A parent meeting will be planned for late September, and classes will begin October 7.



Download a registration from our website,
www.stjohnnagawam.com
(click *About Us*, *Downloadable Forms*)

Mail in your completed form with a check to cover the registration fee, or drop off to the Parish Office.

\$55 per child, \$100 for two or more children.

If you are interested in volunteering your time as a catechist, please reach out to:

Claire Riberdy, Director of Religious Education
sje.religiouseducation@gmail.com or 413-786-8105, ext. 103

Pro-Life Corner

St. John's Pro-Life Coordinator:
Diane LeDoux (ledouxdt@gmail.com)

40 Days For Life

I have been involved with the 40 Days For Life campaign for five years.

At Planned Parenthood, I have seen tears and sadness as I watch women going into Planned Parenthood to end the life of their baby. They may be feeling overwhelmed or pressured to abort their baby.

We can offer them help.

I have also seen joy and hope when a woman chooses life for her baby. When she chooses life, many times it is because she saw someone praying for her baby. I have seen a baby saved because someone reached out to a woman before walking into Planned Parenthood. It is a fact that, years later, a woman will come back and thank us for saving her baby.

I am a grandmother who has experienced the loss of a grandchild because of abortion. I found out much later about the loss and could only mourn the loss of my grandchild. A baby that is aborted could be someone's grandchild, a niece, a cousin, or part of an extended family whose members will never have the opportunity to experience the life events of that child.



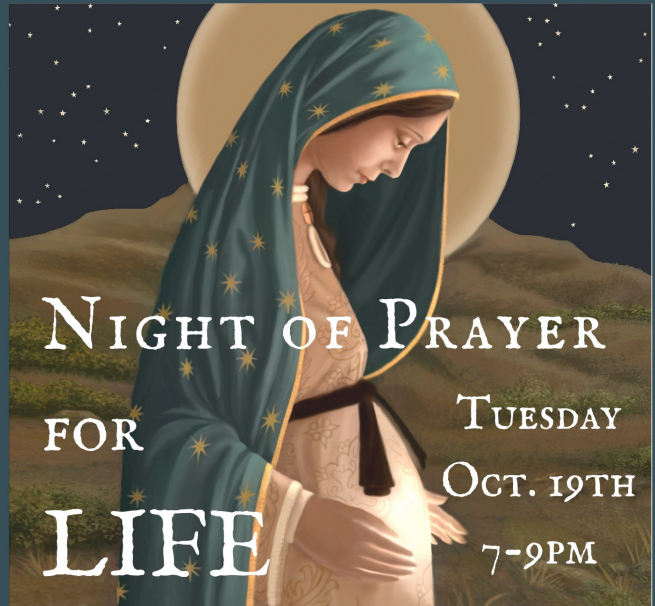
During these **40 Days For Life (Sept. 22-Oct. 31)**, please take the time to sign up to pray with me at Planned Parenthood: you could save a life. We have to be the voices for these babies. They have no one to speak for them. They are a precious gift from God. You can make a difference!

Pray at Planned Parenthood:

- Oct. 8th, 10-11 am (with St. John's parishioners)
- Oct. 18, 2 -3 pm (with St. John's parishioners)
- A sign-up sheet is available at the Church exits to sign up for a time that is convenient for you.

Please email me the date and time that you can pray with me at Planned Parenthood, also any questions that you may have at ledouxdt@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH INVITES YOU!



JOIN US AS WE ADORE THE LORD IN THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT AND PRAY FOR THE
UNBORN. WE WILL PRAY A ROSARY FOR LIFE, A
LITANY FOR LIFE, AND A DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET IN ADDITION TO PRIVATE ADORATION
AND REFLECTION. CONFESSION WILL BE
AVAILABLE. COME SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, 833 MAIN ST., AGAWAM

Calling Youth In Grades 5-8

Catholics In Action (CIA) Youth Group seeks to help participants, especially those in grades 5-8, grow in Holiness, embrace their Catholic faith, and help foster the Peace of Christ.

We plan to meet every First Saturday in the gymnasium of the Pastoral Center for First Saturday Mass, fellowship and adventures.



Participants have the opportunity to lead devotions, sit with peers at Mass, have faith-based discussions over dinner, prepare meals, enjoy/lead activities, lead fundraisers to benefit charities, and go on pilgrimages as a group.

Interested families can contact the parish office or approach parishioner Ben Kronlund.

NOTE: At least one more parishioner is required to begin CIA. Please consider chaperoning.

St. John the Evangelist Church Celebrates 75 Years on Main Street!

On September 26, 2021, Bishop William Byrne, on his 57th birthday, presided at the 75th Anniversary Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. Parishioners then celebrated with a picnic on a beautiful Fall afternoon. Father Michael Pierz, Pastor, offered a blessing of the food. The Agawam Fire Department showed support and even brought trucks for the children

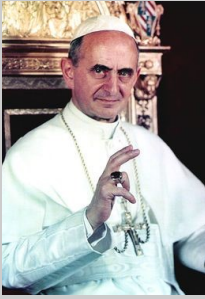


to explore.

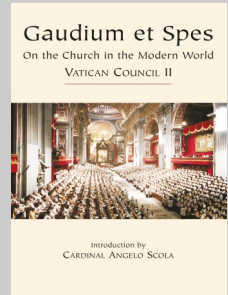
The Family and Human Life Commission are to be commended for a job well-done with food preparation, ticket sales, and entertainment.

Here's to another 75 great years on Main Street!





PASTORAL CONSTITUTION
ON THE CHURCH IN THE
MODERN WORLD
GAUDIUM ET SPES
PROMULGATED BY
HIS HOLINESS
POPE PAUL VI
ON DECEMBER 7, 1965



PART II, CHAPTER I: FOSTERING THE NOBILITY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

CHAPTER II: THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE

53. Man comes to a true and full humanity only through culture, that is through the cultivation of the goods and values of nature. Wherever human life is involved, therefore, nature and culture are quite intimately connected one with the other. The word "culture" in its general sense indicates everything whereby man develops and perfects his many bodily and spiritual qualities; he strives by his knowledge and his labor, to bring the world itself under his control. He renders social life more human both in the family and the civic community, through improvement of customs and institutions. Throughout the course of time he expresses, communicates and conserves in his works, great spiritual experiences and desires, that they might be of advantage to the progress of many, even of the whole human family.

Thence it follows that human culture has necessarily a historical and social aspect and the word "culture" also often assumes a sociological and ethnological sense. According to this sense we speak of a plurality of cultures. Different styles of life and multiple scales of values arise from the diverse manner of using things, of laboring, of expressing oneself, of practicing religion, of forming customs, of establishing laws and juridic institutions, of cultivating the sciences, the arts and beauty. Thus the customs handed down to it form the patrimony proper to each human community. It is also in this way that there is formed the definite, historical milieu which enfolds the man of every nation and age and from which he draws the values which permit him to promote civilization.

SECTION 1: The Circumstances of Culture in the World Today

54. The circumstances of the life of modern man have been so profoundly changed in their social and cultural aspects, that we can speak of a new age of human history. New ways are open, therefore, for the perfection and the further extension of culture. These ways have been prepared by the enormous growth of natural, human and social sciences, by technical progress, and advances in developing and organizing means whereby men can communicate with one another. Hence the culture of today possesses particular characteristics: sciences which are called exact greatly develop critical judgment; the more recent psychological studies more profoundly explain human activity; historical studies make it much easier to see things in their mutable and evolutionary aspects, customs and usages are becoming more and more uniform; industrialization, urbanization, and other causes which promote community living create a mass-culture from which are born new ways of thinking, acting and making use of leisure. The increase of commerce between the various nations and human groups opens more widely to all the treasures of different civilizations and thus little by little, there develops a more universal form of human culture, which better promotes and expresses the unity of the human race to the degree that it preserves the particular aspects of the different civilizations.

55. From day to day, in every group or nation, there is an increase in the number of men and women who are conscious that they themselves are the authors and the artisans of the culture of their community. Throughout the whole world there is a mounting increase in the sense of autonomy as well as of responsibility. This is of paramount importance for the spiritual and moral maturity of the human race. This becomes more clear if we consider the unification of the world and the duty which is imposed upon us, that we build a better world based upon truth and justice. Thus we are witnesses of the birth of a new humanism, one in which man is defined first of all by this responsibility to his brothers and to history.

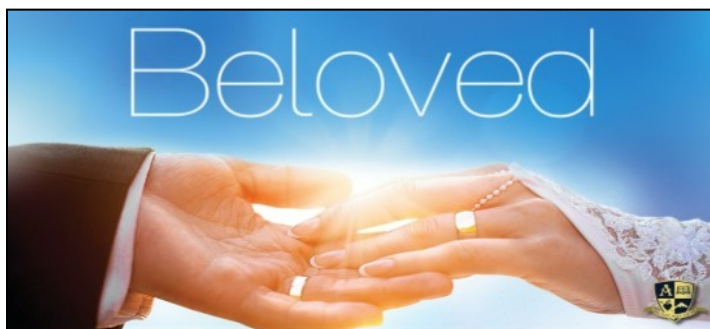
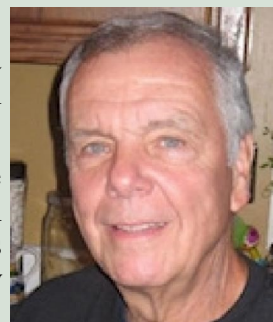
(*Second Vatican Council. GAUDIUM ET SPES. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 7 December 1965, 53-55)

Parishioner Generosity Flags the Parking Lot!

The 75th Anniversary Celebration on September 26th was held on a beautiful Fall day. The weeks leading up to the event included a great deal of volunteer hours on the grounds. You may have seen an additional visual in our parking lot—the beautiful flags.

These flags were made possible through a generous contribution in memory of a beloved husband and loving parishioner, Jonathan. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the intentions of his wife and family.

We are also grateful to Cara Waterman, our Evangelization Commission chair for the fantastic design and setup! Thanks also to our parish maintenance supervisor, Beth Thomas, Paul Broz, owner of P & S Tree Service, and volunteer Alex Zukowski. This team successfully raised the flags in time for the parish picnic and 75th Anniversary Celebration!



St. John the Evangelist Parish is offering

Beloved: A Marriage Preparation Program

Six sessions will be covered
in three afternoons:

Sunday, October 24, 1-4 pm
Sunday, November 7, 1-4 pm
Sunday, November 21, 1-4 pm

Sessions will be held at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001
Register through the Parish Office: 786-8105

Catholic but still wondering what we believe and how do we know it's true?



Come and join us any Saturday morning, 8-10 am, and learn along with those considering becoming Catholic or looking to be Confirmed as adults. Have coffee with us and be a part of our community as we learn together and be amazed at what God has done for us! It really is VERY GOOD NEWS!

Call the office 786-8105 if interested and a member of our Team will get back to you - invite a family member, a friend, ANYONE! We'll take it from there! All you'll need to do is open your heart to God and let Him in.



What's Happening around the Diocese and beyond...

Autumn Youth Retreats

This fall, *Youth Revolution*, an initiative of the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will offer eight in-person and virtual youth (ages 14-18) retreats across the diocese in October and November. Featuring dynamic speakers, small group time, and prayer each retreat will cost just \$5/student. For more information or to register, contact Claire Riberdy at St. John's, or go to youthchoosechrist.org.



Rosary Service in Honor Our Lady of Fatima, Mother of God

Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Pro-Life Committee, will be sponsoring a rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00PM, at St. Mary's Church, 42 Spring St. Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Gospel reflection, consecration to Mary, recitation of the holy rosary and benediction. Special intentions for this service include the following:

- to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion in this nation and throughout the world
- for the overturning of Roe vs. Wade
- the repose of the souls who have died from the Corona virus
- for world peace
- the healing for all who are afflicted with COVID 19, and an end to the Corona virus.



All are welcome to attend!

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

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SATURDAY, OCT. 16 | MONDAY, OCT. 18 | TUESDAY, OCT. 19

10AM-12PM | 6PM-8PM | 6PM-8PM

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-STUDENT-LED TOURS
-MOCK STM LESSON
-PARENT TESTIMONIALS

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St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow presents . . .

Date Nights for Catholic Couples

Enrichment Evenings for Married and Engaged Couples

"We ALL want OUR marriages to do more than just survive; we want them to THRIVE!"

Fridays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 15, 2021

November 5, 2021

December 10, 2021

January 14, 2022

February 11, 2022

March 25, 2022

Marriage is a vocation to Love. From our first days as husband and wife through our golden years, we have the awesome task of witnessing to God's faithful love to each other, to our children, and our society. No couple does this perfectly. We all have room to grow - whether we are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under our belts. Of course we sometimes run on autopilot, caught up in the daily tasks of creating a home together, working, caring for children, and serving others. Every relationship needs attention and care to thrive, and "Date Nights" are a perfect time to just focus on one another as a couple. Foryourmarriage.org

"Date Nights" are down-to-earth structured evenings that include an opening prayer, introduction of a theme, and a video highlighting an aspect of married life, followed by husband & wife private discussion time, a closing prayer and then light refreshments.

There are no group discussions.

All discussion and sharing is strictly between husband and wife.

Couples need **not** attend all sessions. Choose the session dates that work with your schedule, then come-join us!

Come take advantage of this opportunity to spend time together and focus on your relationship as a Christ-centered vocation! Your marriage deserves this kind of attention!

Note that the evening's set-up will provide for social distancing.

The evenings are free of charge and will be held at the St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center, 201 Hubbard Street, Ludlow. Entrance and parking lot are located behind the St. Elizabeth Parish at 191 Hubbard St. (via Oak and Walnut Streets)

For more information, contact Dick & DuAnne Pasquini at 413-610-0509 or email them at dewey@pasquini.net.

Divine Mercy for Women Retreat Day

Presented by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle
Author, Journalist and International Speaker

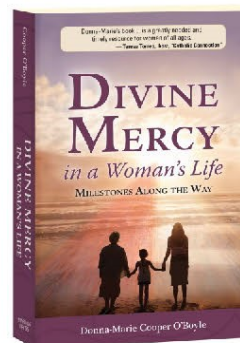
Most Recently, Donna Marie is the Author of

Divine Mercy in a Woman's Life: Milestones Along the Way

Donna-Marie will introduce you to St. Faustina, God's "Secretary of Divine Mercy," and will cover both blessings and burdens, surveying key moments in the lives of modern Catholic women to equip those looking ahead and help guide the reflections of those pondering the past to see all through the lens of Divine Mercy, and ultimately to discover their God-given gifts. Donna-Marie weaves in astonishing miraculous stories, sure to stir your heart. You won't want to miss this unique retreat for women!

Saturday, October 23, 2021

- 9:00 am Registration and Light Breakfast
- 10:15 am 1st Session with Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle
- 11:10 am Workshop
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm 2nd Session with Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle
- 2:10 pm Book Signing*, Confession
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 pm Holy Mass



Donna-Marie's many books, as well as her newest book (selling at \$18), will be available and autographed at the event. She'll also bring some signature Novena Bracelets and DVD's.



Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle is a Catholic wife, mother and grandmother. She loves teaching the Faith and has served as a Catechist for thirty years, is a retreat and pilgrimage leader, and an award-winning best-selling author of more than thirty books. She's also an award-winning journalist, International speaker, and the EWN Host and creator of three television series. Donna-Marie knew St. Teresa of Calcutta for a decade, received a special blessing on her writing from St. John Paul II, was invited by the Holy See to participate at a Vatican women's Congress and has appeared on many programs including Fox News, Zenit News, EWTN News Nightly, Vatican Insider, Rome Reports, Vatican Radio, The Choices We Face (with Ralph Martin), and At Home with Jim and Joy. She is a frequent guest on EWTN's Bookmark, Women of Grace, and Sunday Night Prime, as well as radio and television. Her memoir is entitled *The Kiss of Jesus*.
Learn more at www.DonnaCooperOboyle.com.

Register online at www.StJohnAgawam.com, or use this form:

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\$ _____ tickets (\$45 each)

\$ _____ additional donation to cover cost of event

\$ _____ total contribution



Divine Mercy for Women Retreat

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