

1866

150th Anniversary

2016

St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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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.

PASTOR

Rev. Richard E. Cannon

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6
Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8
Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
please call: 508-435-3313x207

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM
No Mass on Thursday
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon
Please call for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brendan Kenney

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

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Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 6, 2015:
Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-6/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00 PM Maria Guzman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Kunjachan Abraham

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM Kyle Murphy (for healing)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM Mary Murphy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM Regan Family and Mitchell Trefry

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Shirley Rose

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

*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.*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8

Masses at 4PM on Monday, December 7 and 9AM & 7PM on December 8 in the upper church



Rest in Peace

Mariann Cosmo

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Year of Mercy

Starting December 8, The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will be celebrating The "Year of Mercy." Pope Francis has announced this is a holy year for Mercy which Catholics are invited to focus on Christ's command from Luke 6:36. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful".

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

There will be an Advent evening of prayer **THIS Thursday, December 3, at 7PM** in the lower Church led by Fr. Lacombe of the Diocese of Providence who will speak about mercy. The hour will include a Benediction and an opportunity to attend Confession. Please join us in thoughtful prayer and reflection as the Advent season begins.



CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Friday, December 18, 6:30-7:30PM

Monday, December 21, 6:30-7:30PM

During the penitential season of Advent, extra times of parish confessions will be made available. In addition to Saturday morning, confessions will be offered Friday, December 18, and Monday, December 21, from 6:30-7:30PM.

Confessions are heard in the lower chapel.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Thurs. 12/24) 4PM (x2*), 6PM & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY (Fri. 12/25) 8 & 10AM

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Thurs. 12/31) 5PM

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Fri. 1/1) 9AM

***There will be 2 Masses offered at 4PM on Christmas Eve. One will be in the upper church and the other will be in the Parish Center.**

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.

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 welcomed.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, December 7.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.**

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

The first Catholics in Hopkinton were Irish, and the first record of any Irish person in Hopkinton occurs on a town death certificate dated 1828. There "A foreigner from Ireland" is noted as having drowned. According to a 1964 Master's Degree thesis by Kathryn E. Fair, "The word 'foreigner' indicates the uncomfortable atmosphere the Irish were faced with when they arrived. It also indicates how hard it was for the townspeople to accept any person who was not born in Hopkinton or around these parts." Kathryn Fair suggests why: "Hopkinton had begun as a 'church-town community.' At first, newcomers were expected to receive permission from the town's 'freemen' before settling here. In order to preserve unity, 'foreigners,' especially those worshipping differently, were not welcome." This is the challenging backdrop of the story of our parish.

The Giving Tree – Global Mission Apostolate

The Giving Tree is a wonderful Advent tradition here at St. John's. This year's gifts will support the poor in Africa, Haiti, the Philippines, as well as the homeless here in Worcester. A document describing all the missions and gift designations is located on the table with the Giving Tree at the back of the church. Gifts may be brought through January 3rd. Gifts for The Mustard Seed are preferred by Friday, December 18th to allow for delivery before Christmas, although donations will still be happily accepted after that time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thanks to all who participated in the St. Vincent de Paul frozen turkey drive. 33 turkeys have been delivered to St. Joan of Arc Parish in Worcester for distribution with Thanksgiving meals.

Christmas Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Christmas help. We need people willing to play Santa to Hopkinton families in need, and we are also in need of Target and gas gift cards. If you can help, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144.

World Youth Day (WYD) Krakow, Poland 2016

Twelve of our young adults and four chaperones will be attending the World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland, next July. During the next few weeks, they will be kicking off their fundraising drive to help defer the cost of this trip. Please consider lending your support to our young adults.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Drop N' Shop: Saturday, December 5, 12-4PM for 4 year-olds through Grade 4.

Do you need to get some Christmas shopping done? The HS Youth Group will be hosting a Drop and Shop on **Saturday, December 5, from Noon-4PM** in the church hall. Children who are 4 years old (trained) through 4th grade are welcome to be dropped off and will be wonderfully cared for by St. John's High School Youth Group. We will provide crafts, games, movie, snacks, and fun. Cost is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. Permission slips are available in front of the Rel. Ed. Office and on the Parish website/Youth Ministry/Next Event. Questions? email stjohnythmin@gmail.com. **Parents, if you plan to have your children attend, please get the form in by December 2. We do have a maximum of 50 kids.**

Mission Trip Information Night: Wednesday, December 16, at 7PM in the Parish Center

The mission trip is scheduled for June 26 through July 2, 2016 for current 9-12 grade students. Come hear about the upcoming trip.

High School students! Do you want to help plan future activities for the youth group? You are always welcome to attend any of the YLT meetings (youth leadership team). The meetings are held two Sundays a month at 7:15PM. **The next meeting is Sunday, November 29 at 7:15PM in the Parish Center. All high school students are welcome.**

St. John's Middle School Youth Group Thanks You!

Thank you to all that helped make the Bake Sale a huge success. We want to thank all those that baked, supported and helped plan. You all made this a wonderful experience for the students and parishioners. The money raised will help defray the cost of activities and scholarships if needed. Your support is what makes our Youth Ministry Programs grow.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children, their families and their catechists who are preparing for their first confession in January.

PERSONAL SAFETY CURRICULUM Personal Safety & Keeping Children Safe

The schedule for your child's grade indicates the dates these lessons will be taught. The lessons are available for viewing and questions any time – just ask Carol Zani

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

RENEW, RESTORE, REJOICE
St. John's Comprehensive Campaign

St. John the Evangelist Parish has embarked on an unprecedented project that will begin to address the current needs of our parish. Prompted by our 150th anniversary as a parish, the campaign priorities include:

- Repointing and restoring the church's right and left buttresses and rear wall;
- Restoring, in a modified manner, the original historical look of the church; and
- Enhancing ministry and operations.

In order to meet these needs, we have set a minimum goal of \$750,000 through pledges made over five years. To date, we have raised over \$300,000 for this effort at St. John's! This is an incredible accomplishment and our thanks go out to those who have supported such a successful endeavor. We have more to do though, as we have yet to receive a decision from EVERYONE at St. John's.

A group of dedicated parishioners serving on behalf of Father Cannon has worked hard over the past month, and will continue to work hard in the coming month, to reach out to as many parishioners as possible. Every family is invited to participate in this historic campaign. When that time comes, please consider your support with an open heart and pray for our success as we move forward.

On **December 12 and 13** we will have Commitment Weekend, which is the opportunity for every parishioner to learn more and contribute in their own way. We are well aware that Christmas is a month away. Please know that this is a 3-5 year commitment and families are able to begin their commitment after the New Year.

Sample Five-Year Gift Plans

Weekly Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice	Annual Sacrifice	Total Pledge
\$100	\$416	\$5,000	\$25,000 (5 years)
\$50	\$200	\$2,400	\$12,000 (5 years)
\$25	\$100	\$1,200	\$6,000 (5 years)
\$15 (\$2 a day)	\$60	\$720	\$3,600 (5 years)

We are grateful for the leadership of our Campaign Executive Committee in this endeavor. In addition to Father Cannon and the Parish Office, please reach out to any one of these parishioners to discuss any questions you may have about the campaign and your participation:

Janet Ceddia
Peter Kniaz
Bill Maginnis
Thomas Shambo
Paul and Denise St. Jean

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!