

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
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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

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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.)



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 20, 2015:
 Mi 5:1-4a/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/ Heb 10:5-10/
 Lk 1:39-45

Mass  for the
 Intentions  Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:00 PM Arlene & Esau Olio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Grade 5 children & their families
 6:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Arokkia Rajendran
 (living Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Charles Poirier

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Justine & Edward Murray



MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

2:15 PM Grade 6
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
 7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
 6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:15 PM Grade 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.

Please note: There will be NO 9AM Mass on Wednesday, December 23.

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.

 Rest in Peace

John J. Lawler

Coffee Hour

St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the Schuster, Gallagher, and Jean Families.

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
 Parish Upkeep and Debt Reduction



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.

150th Ornaments/Paper Weights

 We will be selling 150th Anniversary paper weights and ornaments after Masses this weekend. The cost is \$20 for each. The ornaments will be available on December 18.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

During this, our celebration of our 150th year as a Parish, our Patronal Feast falls on a Sunday! On December 27, our Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Typically, the Sunday following Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family; however, because St. John is our patron, our Parish is able to elevate his feast to a Solemnity which outranks the Feast of the Holy Family. Look for more details in next week's bulletin.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, December 19.

THIRD 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

In 1849 an historic meeting took place at the Mt. Auburn Street home of John Wilson. Twenty-two Irish Catholic men voted to build a Catholic church. Under the guidance of Father Farrilly of Saxonville, St. Malachi was build in 1851 on donated land roughly across the street from the current post office at what was then the end of Cedar Street. A wooden structure, it measured 60 by 40 feet. Land for the first Catholic Cemetery in Hopkinton was negotiated at the same time. The Wilson Street Cemetery is the burial place of many Irish Catholic men, women, and children who made their homes in Hopkinton after fleeing Ireland.

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.

A BRAND NEW JESSE TREE

*"...a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from its roots a bud shall blossom." Isaiah 11:1*

Thank you so much to Chris Taylor, who handcrafted a wooden tree, and the sixth grade students and their teachers who researched scripture passages from the bible to make ornaments that decorated the bare branches in order to create the "family tree of Jesus." Be sure to take notice of it when you're in the Parish Center.

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 20, at 3PM

Featuring Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band and St. John's Children's Choir at St. John's Parish Center. You may bring a donation of hats and mittens for toddlers or new in-package underwear for all children's ages to benefit Project Just Because. Everyone is welcome, especially families and little ones.

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.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Mission Trip Information Night: THIS 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.

World Youth Day (WYD) Krakow, Poland 2016

World Youth Day (WYD) is so close and yet so far away: 8 months! The hearts of the youth around the world begin to stir in a mixture of joy and anticipation, as they long to experience this special encounter with Christ. WYD is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. The last WYD was celebrated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 2013; the next World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland in July 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. Our Pilgrims need your support. For just \$20 dollars you could own one of three different styled charm bracelets. Chubby Chico Charms Company is a minority owned business from Rhode Island and a recent winner of the Small Business Administration Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 Award. Chubby Charms Company is offering this wonderful fundraising opportunity to our Pilgrims.

Grade 5 Students at Mass

THIS weekend at 10AM Mass, students in grade 5 and their catechists will serve as greeters, offer the gifts, join the choir in a song and wish you farewell. Families of 5th graders are encouraged to attend this Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

For those parishioners on our offertory envelope system, you will notice a Flower Offering envelope in your packet. (Flower envelopes are also available at the rear of the church.) These envelopes provide an opportunity to donate to the flower costs and other altar supplies during the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons. These donations can be made in memory of loved ones. They can be put in the regular collection or sent in to the office anytime between now and Christmas. Thank you.

Christmas Lighting Display

All are invited to come and enjoy the Annual Christmas Lights Display at the Fatima Shrine in Holliston from **November 28 through December 27, 2015**. Open daily from 5-9PM. Hot chocolate and coffee are served in the Shrine Hall. Gift Shop will be open daily 11AM-9PM.

DECEMBER 13, 2015

MUSICA SACRA: THE MUSIC OF THE HOLY MASS

Gaudete Sunday: The Organ Within Mass

Brendan J. Kenney, Director of Music | December 13, 2015

In Catholic Churches across the world, it is clear that we are in waiting and preparation. The altar frontals and vestments reflect a deep, rich violet, decorations in the sanctuary are somewhat more sparse than usual, the Gloria is absent from Mass, and the readings speak of one who is to come. It is fairly common knowledge that the Church mandates these changes in the liturgy for our benefit for, without a deep Advent journey, how can we fully appreciate the joy of Christmas? However, it is not as commonly known that the church also regulates the *music* for the expectant and penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. What does the Church ask of its musicians to augment these seasons, and how might you see these changes in effect here in our Parish?

Since the First Sunday of Advent, you have no doubt noticed a different tone in the music of the Mass. Perhaps most notably, the use of the organ has been reduced substantially from its typical place within Mass during the other seasons. There is no prelude before Mass, no Postlude following Mass, and no solo organ music within Mass resulting in far more silence than most other Sundays; the Alleluia is chanted without accompaniment as is the Ordinary of the Mass (Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, and Agnus Dei); and when the organ *is* used it is much softer and more subdued than normal, fading into the background against the voices of the faithful. These changes, though sometimes interpreted differently by different Parishes and musicians, are called for as clearly as the color of the clergy's vestments.

There are a number of documents that are responsible for expressing the Church's expectations for Sacred Music within Mass. *Musica Sacra*, the Instruction on Sacred Music from 1967, states:

"66. Solo playing of musical instruments is forbidden during Advent, Lent, the Easter triduum, and at services and Masses for the dead."

Similarly, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, or GIRM, states:

"313. In Advent the organ and other musical instruments should be used with a moderation that is consistent with the season's character and does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord."

Although the GIRM uses less severe language than that of *Musica Sacra*, the modern document still affirms that there should be a distinct change in the music of Advent, and the former document provides a solidly traditional practice to achieve said distinction.

However, the traditional exceptions to these prohibitions are for Solemnities that occur within the penitential seasons (when even the Gloria is sung and festive vestments worn), and the "rose" Sundays of which today is one. The Third Sunday of Advent, known as "Gaudete Sunday" temporarily eases these restrictions to renew our hope in the coming of the Lord. Its counterpart, "Laetare Sunday," takes place on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Rose colored vestments are worn, the organ sings (though still in moderation), and the church sings "Rejoice!"

"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete...."

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice....

- Introit for the Third Sunday of Advent [Excerpt]

