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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

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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.)



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, January 10, 2016:**
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/ Acts 10:34-38/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**
5:00 PM Salvatore Chirco
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Thomas & Barbara Staley
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**
9:00 AM Jessie & John Dzerkacz
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**
5:00 PM Gene Zawatski
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**
8:00 AM John Cashman and Jim Murphy
10:00 AM Grade 4 children and their families
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John



- MONDAY, JANUARY 4—CLASSES RESUME**
2:15 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
6:30 PM Grade 7
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**
4:15 PM Grade 1

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.

**NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Our Three Kings Celebration

You are all invited to join us during the **10AM Mass on Sunday, January 3, 2016**, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Our religious education students, Quinn, Joey, Jack, and Danny have been preparing for their roles as either kings, shepherd or understudy. We want to thank them and their parents for their time and effort.

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

We still have a few 150th Anniversary ornaments available for sale in the parish office. The cost is \$20.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the St. Vincent de Paul benefactors this Christmas! Donations of Target gift cards and gas cards were appreciated by our families. 30 Christmas meals were distributed along with Target gift cards and six families received Christmas gifts from St. John parishioners. Again, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Child Advocacy (CAP) Training Date

A one-time child advocacy and protection training by Virtus is mandatory for all parish paid staff and volunteers that work with children and/or visit the sick. If you need, or are interested in attending a CAP training, please register for one of the following: **Saturday, January 9, 9AM-12Noon or Thursday, January 14, 6-9PM**. All trainings will be held in the Parish Center, Room 3. To register, please contact Tom Hermanowski at 508-435-0578 or email thermanowski@comcast.net.

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.

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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

Hopkinton became a parish with its own resident pastor in 1866, fifteen years after St. Malachi was built. Our first pastor, Father Barry, was assigned Westborough, Ashland, and Cordaville, as well. By 1872 the population of Catholics had exploded from a few hundred to nearly two thousand. That year, Fr. John P. Ryan, then 27 years old, was assigned pastor of St. Malachi. By 1876 he broke ground for St. John the Evangelist. Too small and dilapidated, St. Malachi was deconstructed. Its bell hangs in our belfry.

Scripture Cookie Recipe

6th grade students are learning about the Old Testament, and how to find scripture passages in the bible. Later this month they and their catechists will bake scripture cookies. You may want to try them too. The recipe follows: 6 cups (Genesis 18:6), 3 tsp. (Leviticus 6:10), 2 cups Psalm (55:22), 2 cups (Jeremiah 6:20) 2 (Luke 11:12), 2 tsp. (Wisdom 16:21), 1 tsp. (2 Kings 2:20). In a large bowl, cream together (Psalm 55:22) and (Jeremiah 6:20). Add (Luke 11:12) & (Wisdom 16:21). Mix well. Stir in (Genesis 18:6), (Leviticus 6:10), & (2Kings 2:20). Shape dough into large ball & refrigerate for 1 or 2 hours. Roll chilled dough with a lightly floured rolling pin. Use cookie cutters or cut into desired shapes. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Yield: 4 dozen delicious cookies.

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

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS

REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets **NEXT Sunday, January 10, from 5-7:15 PM. This meeting is for both parents and students.**

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.

2016 Calendars are available at the back of the church



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Thursday, Jan. 14, Sign-up Night for Mission Trip to Appalachia, West Virginia, 7PM in the Parish Center
Bring completed paperwork and deposit of \$200. Contact Jen Fairbanks (kenzkyle@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

THIS Saturday, January 9, 12-7:30PM:

Skating at Frog Pond in Boston and sock drive for the homeless, 12-7:30PM. We will be handing out socks, skating, and having dinner. Bring adult socks to hand out. **Permission slips need to be in the box by Rel. Ed. by THIS Wednesday, January 6.**



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children, their families and their catechists who are preparing for their first confession on January 23.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Parents will meet **NEXT Sunday, January 10 at 9AM** while the children attend class with their catechists.

Spotlight on Students!

You may have noticed at 10AM Mass that children don't always leave the assembly to attend Liturgy of the Word at another location. That's because Father Cannon wants an opportunity to preach to and interact with them during Mass. On November 8 and December 13, you may have been greeted or wished farewell by some students and their catechists. Some children brought up the gifts during the Offertory and many sang a song along with the Children's Choir. You're going to see more of this on January 10 as the students in grade 4 participate in this way. Students in grade 3 will be spotlighted in February and second graders will be spotlighted in March. Grade 1 will be spotlighted in April. We especially thank our catechists and the Children's Choir directors for the work they have done to prepare the students for these Masses. This has been very successful judging from the responses we hear from parents, catechists and other parishioners.

An Invitation

NEXT Sunday, January 10, at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 4 and their catechists will be at Mass to greet you, offer the gifts, join the choir in a song and wish you farewell. We hope fourth grade students and their families will attend this Mass to participate.

JANUARY 3, 2015

The Epiphany of the Lord

When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep, or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience. The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign-it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

**A Blessed
New Year**



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