

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

E-Mail: rec55xp@outlook.com

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:

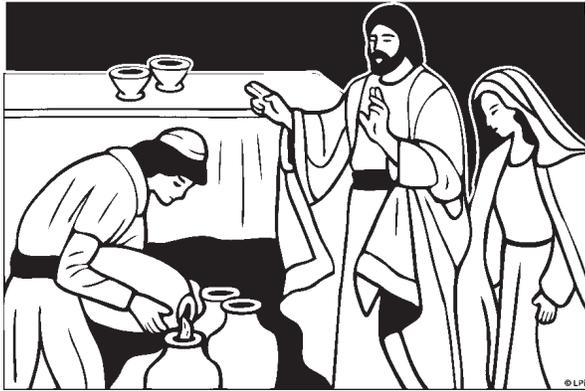
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ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brendan Kenney

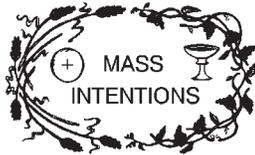
PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, January 24, 2016:**
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19:8-10, 15/ 1Cor 12:12-14, 27/
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



- SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
- MONDAY, JANUARY 18**
9:00 AM Florencio Reyes (for healing)
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**
9:00 AM Br. Paul Forster, O.C.S.O.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**
9:00 AM Florencio Reyes (for healing)
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



- SUNDAY, JANUARY 17—NO CLASSES**
- MONDAY, JANUARY 18—NO CLASSES**
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
6:30 PM Grade 7
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20—NO CLASSES**

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.

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.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

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.

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish:
Stories from Our Past

In January 1881, parishioners of St. John the Evangelist sent their beloved pastor, Fr. John P. Ryan, on a recuperative trip south. Three months later, on his return trip, he contracted spinal meningitis and died in St. Louis. In March 1881, an estimated 1500 parishioners marched through Hopkinton to the train station on Main Street where they escorted Fr. Ryan's coffin home. After his funeral the following day, Fr. Ryan's remains were interred beneath the altar in the lower chapel. There they remain, as indicated by the large metal plaque imbedded in the wall adjacent to the sanctuary: "Sacred to the memory of Reverend John P. Ryan/Born 1845—Died 1881/Who built this church in 1878/His remains repose in this sanctuary/May he rest in peace."

MUSTARD SEED

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's parishioners, the Mustard Seed Christmas party dinner was a real banquet. We served the disadvantaged of Worcester over 400 meals of ziti, meatballs, chicken marsala, antipasto salad, chicken tenders, rolls, and a variety of desserts. Many came back for seconds and thirds. Afterwards, they enjoyed selecting their Christmas presents that included the gifts from St. John's Confirmation classes, the middle school classes, and the Giving Tree. Among the gifts were many, many pairs of warm socks, gloves, hats, sweatshirts, coloring books, crayons, many toys and gift cards to Price Chopper and Payless. We filled up an SUV taking the gifts out to Worcester. Thanks again for sharing your Christmas spirit with those in need.

WE NEED YOUR BOTTLES & CANS!
World Youth Day
WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION
Every Saturday 8AM-12Noon

@ Ice House Pond Depot
 50 West Main St.

Your donations benefit our parish youth who will be traveling to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day, July 2016, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis!
 Last week we earned \$77.30. Thank you!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
 NEXT Saturday, January 23.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.**

MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Mark your calendars! The next AGAPE gathering is **Saturday, January 30, from 5-7PM.** We are looking forward to seeing the many high schoolers who attended our monthly sessions last year and are eager to welcome many other new faces! Agape (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a group of teens from local parishes that through activities, videos and small group discussions (and countless pieces of pizza, cookies and laughs), tackle hot-button issues facing the teen culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith. It is intended to supplement the programs of a local parish, NOT replace them. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or joining us on January 30th, please RSVP to Linda Lane (lindalane13@verizon.net), Heather Petruney (hpetruney@verizon.net), or Meg Gaughan (617-823-8696 or gaughan1family@gmail.com).

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF GIVING BACK

On **January 18, 2016**, you, your family and your friends are invited by Hopkinton Christian Service Connection for a rewarding day of caring. Come decorate and fill Cancer Care Bags for children and adults at the Hopkinton Middle School Gymnasium from 10:30AM-1PM. Pick 1, 2 or all 3! of the following ways to help: Decorate and fill cancer care bags, donate care items (sensitive skin body lotions, body wash, lip balm, all 3 oz. or less, fuzzy socks in adult and child sizes, small activity books, coloring or crossword), say prayers. Sign up by emailing Mary Overholt, at mmoverholt@verizon.net or use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca4a82ea20-martin2/17669385>.

Saint Bridget School, Framingham

Traditional Values, Academic Excellence,
Social Responsibility
Co-Educational and Catholic, Pre-K-8th Grade
Admissions Open House
Sunday, January 31, 2016
11AM-1PM
www.saintbridgetschool.info



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Thanks to all the adults and youth who joined us for our ice skating trip into Boston. The next youth group meeting is **Sunday, January 31, at 7:15PM.** All are welcome.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

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



WEATHER NOTICE

Any time the Hopkinton Public School District cancels school due to weather conditions, St. John's Religious Education Classes will also be canceled.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 30th, 2016 from 7:30AM-5PM

Marriott Courtyard, 700 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn

Keynote Speakers: **Ray Flynn:** Former Mayor of Boston and Ambassador to the Vatican; contributing writer to the Pilot, **Father Roger Landry:** Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations; contributing writer to the Pilot, **Father Eric Cadin:** Assistant vocation director for the archdiocese of Boston, **Scot Landry:** President of Good Catholic Leadership Group. Check out our web site: <http://ccmen.weebly.com> or find us on facebook: "**Courageous Catholic Men**", join the conference event and invite your facebook men to join.

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.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any Internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.



JANUARY 17, 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives. Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today's Gospel should restore our confidence; we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to "do whatever he tells" us. In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up "to the brim." In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.

