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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

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Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

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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.)



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Readings for **NEXT Sunday, January 3, 2016:**
 Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00 PM Rev. Thomas J. Barry, first pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM Joseph Kulesza and Betty Ann Wales
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John and Rev. Thomas J. Barry, first pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish
 6:30 PM Rev. Thomas J. Barry, first pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM Marjorie Knospins (for healing)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Todd Carey

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Clarence C. MacLaine

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



NO CLASSES—CHRISTMAS VACATION
CLASSES WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

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.

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.



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by St. John's 150th Anniversary Committee.

Holy Day of Obligation

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Thurs. 12/31)	5PM
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Fri. 1/1)	9AM

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.

Oops!

Please excuse our database problems with the recent RENEW, RESTORE, REJOICE Campaign. Many of the letters included only the husband's name or only the wife's name. We are working to correct this issue with our database and update our records. Thank you for your understanding.



Our Three Kings Celebration

You are all invited to come and 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.

DIVINE MERCY: YEAR OUT AND YEAR IN

There will be a holy hour of mercy in the lower church, **Thursday, December 31st, from 11PM to Midnight**, in thanksgiving for the many graces, blessings and mercies given to us here at St. John the Evangelist Church in 2015, followed by a holy hour of mercy, **January 1st, from 12AM to 1AM** asking for special graces through the year of mercy upon our parish and parishioners during our 150th Anniversary year of 2016. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, January 2

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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.**

150th Ornaments

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

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

Father Thomas J. Barry was the first pastor of our parish from 1866-1870 at St. Malachi on Cedar Street. According to a 1992 article by Gordon E. Hopper, Fr. Barry was born in Ireland in 1831, educated in Rome and ordained a Franciscan Friar when he was 24 years old. Apparently he had "a fine library, and he was a voluminous reader." From 1859-1862 he remained in "active service" at a college in Rome. He was then appointed a Vicar under Rev. Cuddihy in Milford until taking charge of St. Malachi. In 1870 Fr. Barry was transferred to St. Joachim Church in Rockport where he died in 1883. At his request, he was buried in St. John's Cemetery in Hopkinton, where a large monument was erected by the St. John's Catholic Temperance and Literary Society in 1878.



Giving Tree

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.

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.



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.

Save the date: 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 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 **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

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.

2016 Calendars are available at the back of the church

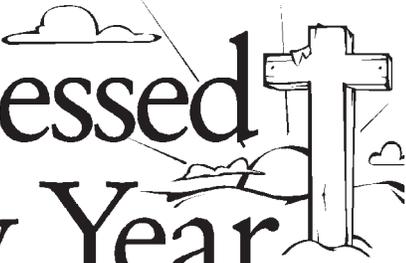
DECEMBER 27, 2015

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.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning

You may be wondering about the Archdiocesan pastoral planning process and how it involves St. John's. The Archdiocese, in an effort to maximize the effectiveness of a limited number of priests, has developed a pastoral planning effort titled "Disciples in Mission" which it began to implement in 2012. **This plan is not about closing parishes**, it is about clergy staffing issues and evangelization. Most parishes will team with one or two other parishes to form an administrative group called a collaborative. Each parish in the collaborative will remain a parish and so retain its own canonical status and financial assets. Each parish will remain its own independent financial unit. One pastor will be assigned to each collaborative. The planning efforts will be spread out over seven phases, with each phase taking about a year to implement. This year has seen the implementation of the third phase of "Disciples in Mission." To date of about 300 parishes or so in the Archdiocese, the planning effort has involved 33 collaboratives and 72 parishes. St. John's will eventually become a collaborative with St. Cecilia's in Ashland. At this time St. John's and St. Cecilia's have not been assigned to a particular phase, but the implementation of our collaborative should be sometime within the next five years. **Neither St. John's nor St. Cecilia's will be closing.** "Disciples in Mission" has its own website: disciplesinmission.com for those who would like further information. We will keep you posted on any updates from the Archdiocese in regards to their planning efforts.

A Blessed
New Year 
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