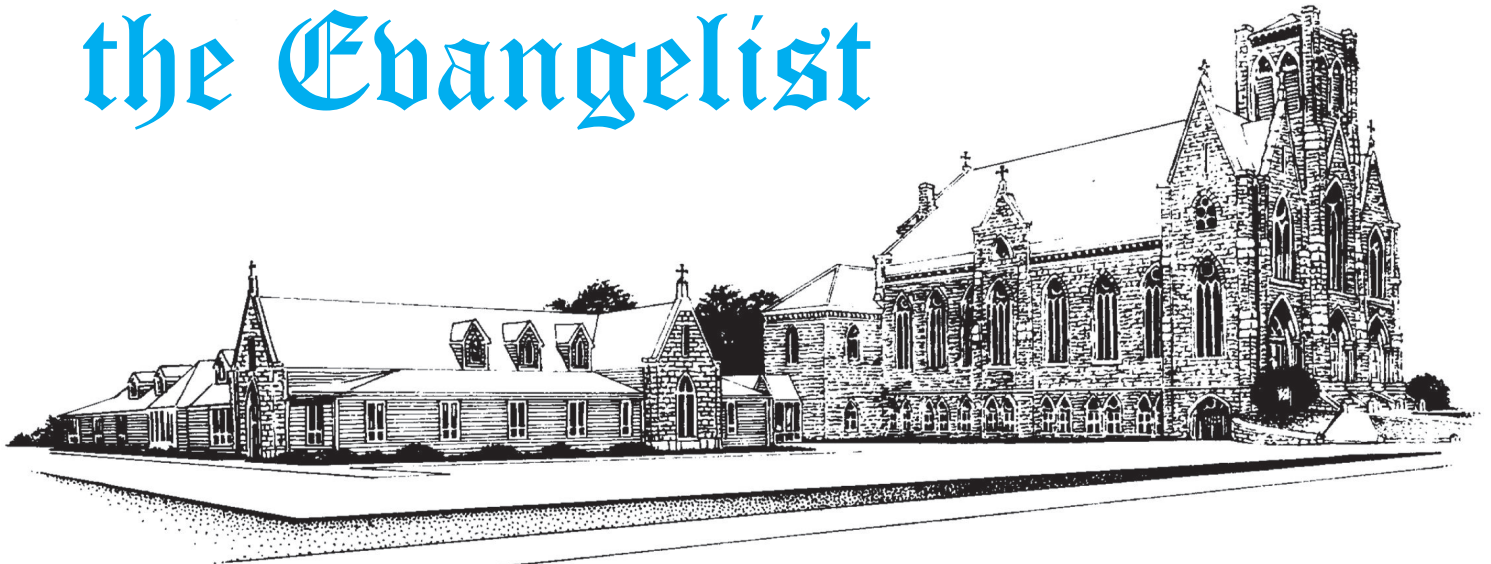


St. John the Evangelist



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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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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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
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you

also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:43-44

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 4, 2016:
Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Vincent Scully and Betty Galvin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 PM Mary Murphy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30—NO CLASSES

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 welcome.

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **NEXT Saturday, December 3.**



Rest in Peace

Tracey A. Clinton

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

2nd collection **THIS** weekend
Retired Religious Sisters

BIRTHRIGHT Baby Bottle Project

The Birthright Baby Bottle Project is in progress. The project funds Birthright of Framingham. The Birthright center is staffed entirely by volunteers who offer friendship, emotional support and practical assistance to women in a crisis pregnancy. Birthright does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Your support is deeply appreciated. Please return the baby bottles to the church. Simply pick up a baby bottle at the exits of the church, take it home, and over the next two weeks, fill the bottle with loose change and bring it back to church. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main Street, Framingham, 01701. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

There will be an Advent evening of prayer **THIS Thursday, December 1, at 7PM** in the upper Church led by Fr. Robert Lacombe of the Diocese of Providence. The evening will include a Benediction and an opportunity to attend Confession. Please join us in thoughtful prayer and reflection on the Advent season and the mystery of Christmas.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
A Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8
Masses at 4PM on Wednesday, December 7 and 9AM & 7PM on December 8 in the upper church



CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Monday, December 12, 6:30-7:30PM
Monday, December 19, 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 Monday, December 12, and Monday, December 19, from 6:30-7:30PM.

Confessions are heard in the lower chapel.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sat. 12/24) 4PM (x2*), 6PM & Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY (Sun. 12/25) 8 & 10AM, NO 6:30PM Mass
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Sat. 12/31) 5PM
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Sun. 1/1) 8AM, 10AM, & 6:30PM

*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.

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.**

Media Kiosk

We have replenished our media kiosk in the parish hall. Please stop by and see what new titles we have in stock. There is an assortment of books, audio books, and booklets.

PARISH NEED

Who am I? I was born in 1999. I have carried heavy loads. I have traversed more than 140,000 miles. I just celebrated my 16th birthday. I have a big inspection coming up, and I know I will not pass. That's right, I am the parish truck. Do you have a gently used or know of a gently used truck for sale or donation? Joking aside, we need to retire the parish truck. Please contact the parish office with any information (508-435-3313x203).

Poster Contest

The Ashland/Hopkinton Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest open to children aged 5-14. This fun contest will allow our parish youth to demonstrate their artistic skills on the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3^d places in three age categories (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14). All posters need to be on an 11"x17" sheet of paper and be accompanied by an official entry form. Deadline for entry is December 15. For more details and an entry form please contact your religious education instructor or email czanistjn@verizon.net, dlysikstjn@verizon.net or chris.alicandro@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS HELP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for people to play Santa to a Hopkinton family and/or donate gift cards. If you are interested, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144.

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, paying utilities, Holiday help? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313 x207.

DROP 'N SHOP

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 12-4PM. Do you need an afternoon to shop or get chores done? Here is your chance! We will provide games, food, music, crafts, a puppet show, face painting, and more for your kids in the church hall. Please make sure your child has had lunch before you drop them off. **Cost:** \$10 per child/\$20 family max, payable by check to St. John's Youth Group. **Sign Up:** [Google doc sign up](#). Bring the signed permission slip and payment to the door on the day of the event. **Questions:** Email stjohnythmin@gmail.com.



Middle School Youth Group

Stay tuned for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

On **Wednesday, December 14, at 7PM** in the parish center there will be an Informational meeting for the Mission Trip 2017. This meeting is for students and parents.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

PARENTS!

If your child(ren) attends class Sunday mornings, you may want to stay for our parent session on the history of the Catholic Faithful In America with a focus on the history of our own St. John's Parish. The sessions are only 20 minutes, 9:10-9:30 AM, and will be offered until March. Even if you don't have anyone attending class at that time you are most welcome to join us in the Parish Hall.

Jason Evert Presentation a Huge Success

Last Sunday 600 students from St. John's, St. Matthew's, St. Bridget's, St. George's, and St. Cecilia's were welcomed by Mr. Jason Evert. Mr. Evert is a renowned speaker that speaks about living a life of chastity and purity without regret. His witnessing challenged each person in attendance to look at love and relationships from a different view. All in attendance were engaged and captivated from beginning to end. He was funny and sincere. His endearing talk and subject matter encouraged the students to consider all the rewards of living this lifestyle. We would like to thank Mr. Evert for his dynamic, informative and heartfelt topic conveyed to all in attendance. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this a very special event for our students and families. The assistance with the preparation, set-up, clean-up and all that was needed in the church before and after Mr. Evert's presentation is so greatly appreciated. This was a large task that was shared by so many. Thanks again for all the hard work you all did to make this afternoon so successful. We are so fortunate to have such an awesome parish. For more information on this topic, check out www.chastity.com.

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.

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.

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent



"Stay awake! ... Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. When the ultimate Advent comes--when Jesus returns--we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field.

Advent is a time to pay attention. Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ? St. Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light hinders physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again--even like a thief in the night--he will find us ready and waiting.

150th Anniversary Commemorative Book

The official commemorative book depicting our Parish's long history has been compiled and presently is being designed. Preliminary drafts are very exciting. We anticipate publication prior to Christmas. The book will be available to all parishioners at no cost.—The 150th Anniversary Committee

Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council #4822 Participates in Coats For Kids 2016

As part of our annual Coats for Kids program, approximately 20 local kids received new winter coats. In 2015, 1,625 local councils distributed 79,320 coats to children in need throughout the United States and Canada. Since the program began in 2009, more than 306,000 coats have been distributed. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. For information about membership, contact Grand Knight Bill Maginnis at billmaginnis58@gmail.com or 508-889-1343.

AGAPE

Welcome all high schoolers. The next AGAPE gathering is Friday, December 2. Join us for a special Advent night of worship on **Friday, December 2 from 7-10PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston** with guest speaker Oscar Rivera. We hope to see Cardinal Sean O'Malley there as well. **AGAPE** (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a **Catholic High School Faith Group** that meets once a month to discuss issues facing the culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith through fun activities, videos and small group discussions. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or joining us for the Advent night, **please RSVP by November 28** to lindalane13@verizon.net, hpetruney@verizon.net or gaughan1family@gmail.com.