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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, 7-10
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PARISH CENTER

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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



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, November 27, 2016:
Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-9/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 PM Arlene & Esau Olio

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Dan Hanlon
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM Ray Benoit

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 AM Helen Baratta (1 year anniversary)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM Gil Souza

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23—NO CLASSES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27—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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Morning Mass on **Thursday, November 24**, will be celebrated at **9AM** in the lower church.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church** **NEXT Saturday, November 26**.



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

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

BAKE SALE

The Middle School Youth Group is hosting a bake sale **THIS Sunday, November 20**, during coffee hour after the 10AM Mass. This is the one fundraiser we do all year. Please come and support the group.

RCIA Announcement

You are cordially invited to the celebration of the Rites of Initiation into our Catholic Church. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are to be bestowed upon Aaron Lawyer and Douglas Oliver **THIS SUNDAY, November 20**, at the 10AM Mass. A reception in the parish hall will follow Mass with cake and coffee hosted by the RCIA team and sponsors. Please come and welcome Aaron and Doug into our faith and meet your RCIA team.

Grand Annual Update

Thank you to the 81 families who have already made contributions totaling over \$23,000. Your continued support of St. John's is greatly appreciated!

BIRTHRIGHT Baby Bottle Project

The Birthright Baby Bottle Project will begin **THIS** weekend. 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. 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 on **Thursday, December 1, at 7PM** in the upper Church led by Fr. Robert Lacombe. Please join us in thoughtful prayer and reflection on the Advent season and the mystery of Christmas.

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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.**

Stories from Our Past

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish:

As the Church year and our celebration of St. John's 150th anniversary draws to a close, this column will come to an end. However, the timeless story of the origins of the Catholic Church in Hopkinton will not return to pages on a dusty shelf in an unused cupboard. It takes a place of dignity as a slim volume on our shelves, on the shelves of St. John's library, the Hopkinton Public Library, the town hall, and the diocesan archives in Braintree. Our archives, organized and expanded, will be safely stored in St. John's and made accessible to those who are interested. In addition, St. John's website will include a page devoted to our history. Meanwhile, I intend to continue my oral presentation of our early history. In January, I have been invited to present it to the Hopkinton Historical Society. Clearly, our story is an integral element of Hopkinton's story. What is my personal inspiration? The courage of priests and the laity who persevered in their faith, despite poverty and public intolerance, to establish the Catholic Church in Hopkinton. Their story is the universal story of the Church at work in the world. It is a story for our own time, for our lives. Thank you for having listened! Mary Kniaz, maryskniaz@gmail.com or 508-625-1990.

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.

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.

NO FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE THIS YEAR

St. Joan of Arc Parish in Worcester does not have storage for turkeys this year. They are hopeful that this will change in the future. Thank you so much for your past support.

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.

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group will be hosting a bake sale **THIS Sunday, November 20**, during coffee hour. Come support our youth and buy some treats for Thanksgiving.

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.

Attention Students Grade 8-12 & Parents

Jason Evert--"Romance Without Regret"

THIS Sunday, November 20, at 2PM, St. John's is extremely happy and lucky to be hosting Mr. Jason Evert. Jason is a renowned speaker on chastity. He has spoken to many groups throughout the country including many college campuses and church groups. The Archdiocese of Boston has been able to secure him again this year for various parishes. St. John's grades 8, 9 & 10 will attend this presentation as part of their religious education class for that week. Grades 11 & 12 are invited to attend as well. Jason strongly encourages parents to attend. Jason is engaging, funny and speaks the students' language. We expect a full house as we will also be welcoming St. Matthew's in Southborough, St. Cecilia's in Ashland, St. Bridget's and St. George's in Framingham, as they will be attending with their students. Parents if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lysik at 508-435-3313 x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.



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.

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

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.

**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion**

We are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help fulfill our responsibilities at the MetroWest Hospital in Framingham. Training is provided in our parish and at the hospital. Please prayerfully consider whether this might be something you would be interested in doing. "Extraordinary ministers must be Catholics, whose qualities of Christian life, faith and morals recommend them. In the Archdiocese of Boston, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be at least sixteen years of age and participate regularly in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. If the extraordinary minister is married, the marriage must be one recognized by the Church."—Archdiocese of Boston. For more information contact Deacon Tony Sicuso (508-435-3313x206). Thank you.

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.



PURGATORY CORNER

The Thought of Heaven and the Joys of Purgatory

What are the joys of the holy souls in Purgatory?

1. The certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace.
2. The holy souls can never again sin and distance themselves from God but can only draw closer to Divine Love.
3. The holy souls know they are in conformity to God's will and being made perfectly holy (**Mt. 5:48**) and will be God's guests of tomorrow. (**2Peter 1:3-4**)

"There is no joy save that in Paradise to be compared to the joy of the souls in Purgatory."

--Saint Catherine of Genoa; *Fire of Love*—
Understanding Purgatory

"Purgatory is the creation of the Mercy of God."

—Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen
Love should not die at death