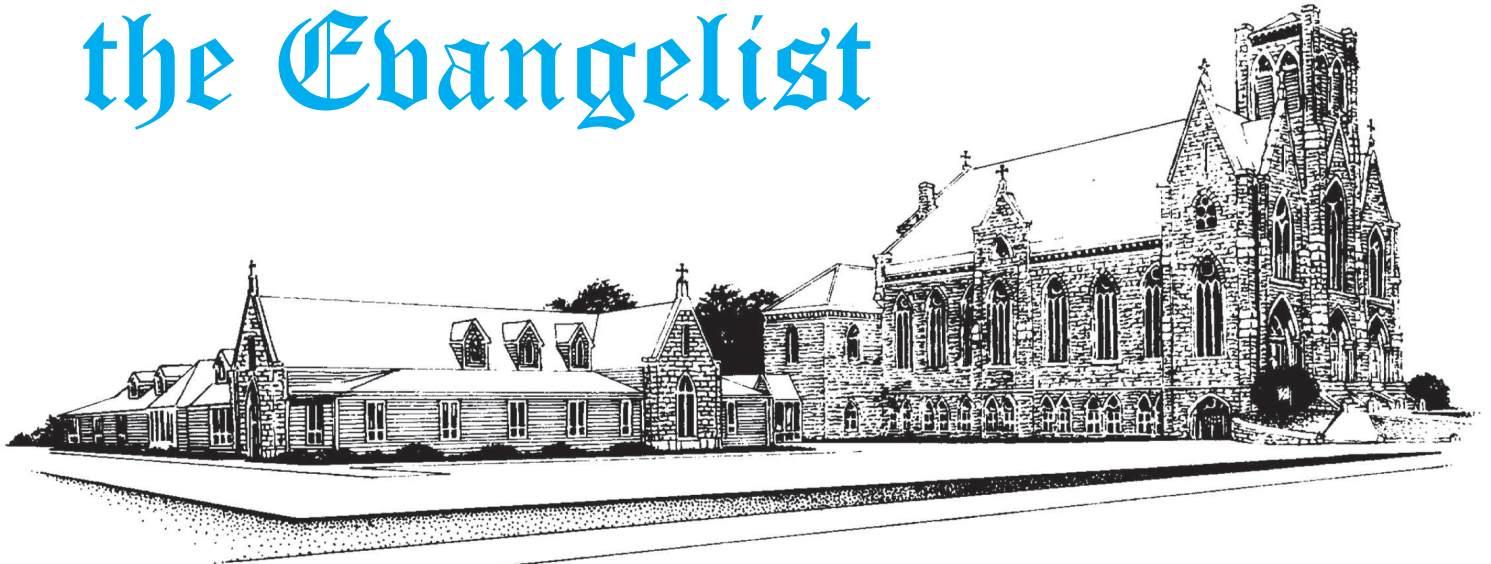


St. John the Evangelist



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
508-435-3313x201
rec55xp@outlook.com

DEACON

Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso
508-435-3313x206

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager
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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
bkenney@stjohnhopkinton.com
508-435-3313x214

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



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 22, 2017:
 Is 8:23--9:3/ Ps 27/ 1Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-17

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**
 5:00 PM Florencio Reyes, Jr.
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Jim Murphy and John Cashman
- MONDAY, JANUARY 16**
 9:00 AM Bernie Loell (for health)
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**
 9:00 AM Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**
 9:00 AM Joseph H. Murray
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**
 5:00 PM Eugene Flannery
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

Weekly Schedule

- SUNDAY, JANUARY 15—NO CLASSES**
- MONDAY, JANUARY 16**
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**
 4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
 6:30 PM Grade 7
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**
 4:15 PM Grade 2

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, January 21.

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to www.stjohnhopkinton.com and click on **ParishPay**. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (435-3313x202).


St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you from the St Vincent de Paul Society to those parishioners who played Santa to Hopkinton families, donated gift cards and donated cash. We were able to help 28 families with food and gift cards and 7 families received gifts. Your ongoing generosity is put to great use in Hopkinton.

MUSTARD SEED

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's Confirmation students, the disadvantaged of Worcester had a brighter Christmas. Our students gave many, many gifts such as Play Doh, coloring books and crayons, bubble soap, activity packs, hair bands, bracelets, Match Box cars, as well as warm socks, gloves, hats and much more. All the gifts arrived at the Mustard Seed in Worcester in time for the Children's Christmas party. The children had a great party thanks in part to our Confirmation students.

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.

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.

 *Rest in Peace*

Eugene E. Flannery, Sr.
 Elaine McManus
 Charles Luciano

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.

Martin Luther King Day of Giving Back

On **Monday, January 16, at 10AM**, please join members of the Hopkinton Christian Service Connection at the MLK Day of Giving Back in the Brown Gym at the Hopkinton Middle School. Volunteers are needed at the table to assist those making Cancer Care Bags. If you would like to donate supplies for the bags, please check the website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca4a82ea20-mlkday>.

TESTAMENT Men's Retreat

February 17/18 at Betania II (Marian Center)

Need to get away this Winter? How about a break from it all-nearby, in a world apart! Come join us for a TESTAMENT Retreat Getaway from Friday, February 17 (3PM start) through Saturday afternoon Mass at Betania II in Medway. Fr. Bill Kremmel will again offer his enthusiastic insights into *"The Workings of The Spirit in our Daily Lives"*. Accommodations include a private overnight room (as available), along with three hearty meals, for a complete package cost of \$125/person. To reserve your spot in this guided spiritual journey, please contact Vin Lawler at vincentlawler@verizon.net or 617-899-2494 by February 10. Space is limited.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest.

Calling all basketball enthusiasts of all skill levels! The Knights of Columbus is holding its annual free throw competition on **Saturday, February 4**, at Keefe Tech High School in Framingham. Competition registration begins at 2:30PM and the competition starts at 3PM. The competition is FREE and is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and certificate of participation. Trophies and medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group for both boys and girls. First place winners advance to district finals and ultimately a chance to participate in state finals. Entry forms are available at registration or can be obtained in advance by contacting Chris Alicandro (617-335-6688 or chris.alicandro@comcast.net.)



Middle School Youth Group

Stay tuned for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group

Thanks to all the adults and youth who joined us on Sunday to hand out the Blessings Bags in Boston to the homeless. The next youth group meeting is **NEXT Sunday, January 22, at 7:15PM**. All are welcome.

Service! Service! Service!

On Friday, January 6, thirty-eight middle school youth came together to put 71 Blessing Bags together. The bags consisted of a sandwich, a hat, gloves, socks and a blessing. On Sunday, our High School Youth Group brought these Blessing Bags to the homeless on the streets of Boston. Some of the bags were also brought to St. Francis House. Corporal Works of Mercy are alive and well at St. John's.



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. The next sessions are January 22, January 29, February 5, and February 12.

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.

WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS TO AGAPE!!!

January 21, 2017 Agape Gathering, 5-7PM, location TBD
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 attending the gathering, please contact any of the following: Linda Lane (lindalane13@verizon.net), or Heather Petruney (hpetruney@verizon.net) or Meg Gaughan (gaughan1family@gmail.com).



JANUARY 15, 2017

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly. This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ. Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

**Keep Christ in Christmas
Poster Contest Winners!**

The results are in from the annual Knights of Columbus' Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest at St. John's! Over 40 entries were received and the contest gave our young artists the ability to show the true meaning of Christmas. All entrants will receive an official certificate of participation, a crucifix and a "Keep Christ in Christmas" memento. Copies of the winning posters will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Parish Center. The winners of the three age categories were:

Ages 5-7: First Place (\$40 gift card): Anna Power
Second Place (\$20): Isabella Gill,
Third Place (\$10): Alex Nguyen

Ages 8-10: First Place (\$40 gift card): Ashwath Sridar
Second Place (\$20): Ellie Power,
Third Place (\$10): Holly Thompson

Ages 11-14: First Place (\$40 gift card): Sebastian Zani
Second Place (\$20): Marisa Alicandro

The Hopkinton/Ashland Knights of Columbus (Bishop Rice Council #4822) would like to thank all who participated and a special thanks to Carol Zani and Deb Lysik for rolling out the program to the religious education groups. For more information on the Knights of Columbus and other programs that benefit St. John's and our community as well as to learn how to join our ranks please contact Bill Maginnis, Grand Knight, at billmaginnis58@gmail.com .