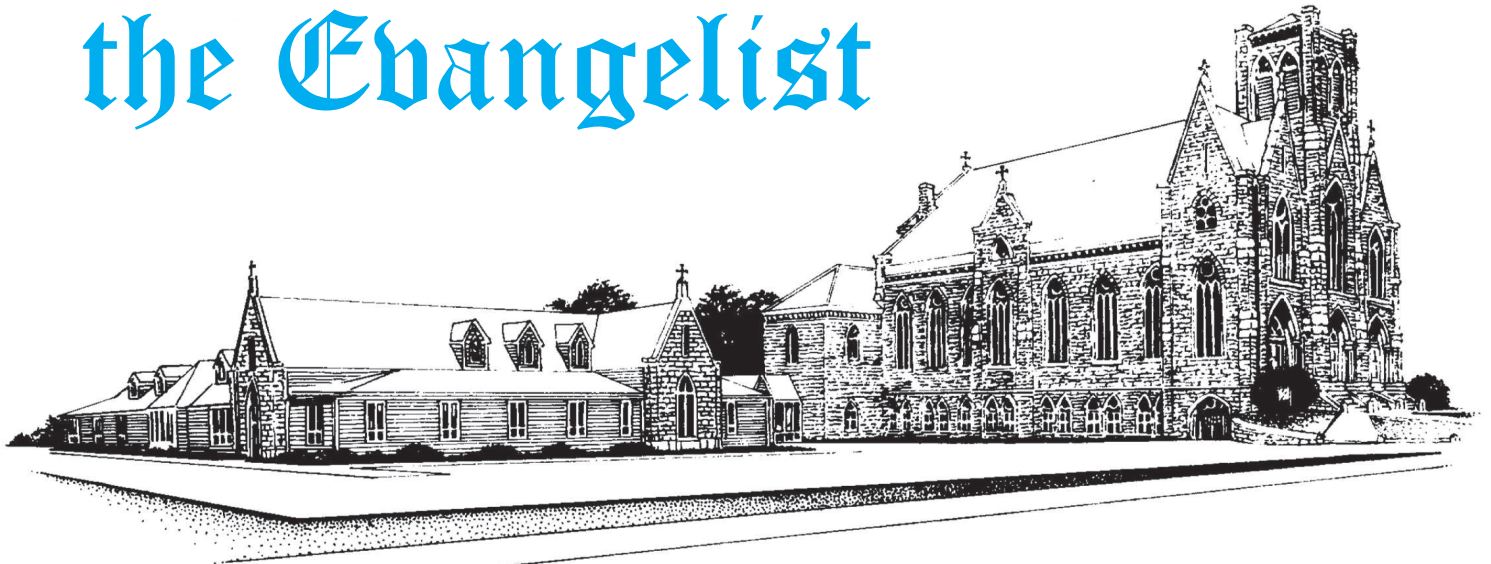


St. John the Evangelist



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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.

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508-435-3313x201
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Carol Zani, 1-6
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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



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" - Mt 5:33-34a, 37

*Readings for NEXT Sunday, February 19, 2017:
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/ Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1Cor 3:16-23/
Mt 5:38-48*



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00 PM Fr. Jim Degnan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Elissa and Katherine Ruccia

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 AM Suharto & Rina Reyes
(living intention)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM Matthew O'Leary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 AM Perpetua Socorro Wijangco

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM Veronica Collier
(1 year anniversary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Suharto & Rina Reyes
(living intention)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:15 PM Grade 2



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by Grace Roche's religious education class.



ASH WEDNESDAY

A Day of Fasting, A Day of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM MASS & ASHES
12:10 PM MASS & ASHES
4:30 PM ASHES (no Mass)
7:00 PM MASS & ASHES

All in the upper church

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday.....March 1
Easter Sunday.....April 16
First Communions.....April 29, May 13, May 14
Confirmation (2 Masses).....May 6
Ascension Thursday.....May 25

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, February 18.



Winston Chase

SIXTH 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.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

St. John's has installed an AED—Automated External Defibrillator. We hope that this life-saving device will never need to be used, but we feel that so many of us gather together so frequently, that this device was warranted. The AED is located in a white cabinet on the wall in the lower sacristy. The AED is designed to be used in the event of sudden cardiac arrest which can occur in anyone; infant, child, adult, male or female. Currently, we are working with the Archdiocese for training for staff but the device is designed to be used by anyone.

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Sunday, February 19, at 2PM, Mary Kniaz will present the early history of St. John's parish to the Hopkinton Historical Society. All are welcome to attend. The presentation will contain newly discovered details about Fr. John P. Ryan and the early years of our parish, obtained, in part, from a volume of newspaper clippings (1877-1879) preserved by the historical society. The clippings offer a fascinating glimpse into our town at that time. This excerpt--reprinted from the *Boston Sunday Globe*--appeared in *The Hopkinton News*, Friday, January 10, 1879: "Work on the new and elegant St. John Catholic church has been completed for the present, the extension being finished with the exception of the steeple to be built in some future time...."

ST. JOHN'S FLEECE JACKETS

We still have a few extra St. John's fleece jackets for sale in the following sizes/colors:

Men's 1/2 zip size medium in navy blue (1)

Men's 1/2 zip size medium in maroon (1)

Men's 1/2 zip size large in navy blue (1)

Men's full zip size L in maroon (1)

Men's full zip size XL in black (1)

Women's full zip size XL in navy blue (2)

The jackets are \$40. Please stop by or call the parish office (508-435-3313x203) if you would like to purchase one of these jackets.

Reaching Out To Today's Culture Answering the Four YouTube Heresies Bishop Robert Barron

In this highly relevant talk, Fr. Robert Barron shares observations from his dialogue with critics of his YouTube videos. He eloquently illustrates how well-equipped our Catholic intellectual tradition is to access and clarify the confusion that is so prevalent in our culture about matters of Christian faith and life. For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Hall.



Middle School Youth Group

SAVE THE DATE!!: Friday, March 24

Service project—We will be putting together Easter surprises for the Mustard Seed. More info to come.

High School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, March 18

Mystery All-Nighter. More details to follow.

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 8, at 6PM

This is the one fundraiser the High School Youth Group does. The money helps defray costs to our students and chaperones for many of the various activities.



THIS Sunday at 10AM Mass, 3rd grade students and their catechists will serve as greeters before Mass and as farewell wishers after Mass. Some students will offer the gifts at the offertory, and some may join the children's choir for the song after communion. Thank you to the catechists for helping to coordinate this event.

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The grade 10 confirmation retreat was held on Saturday, February 4. Eighty-five students attended and spent the day at Betania II in Medway. The retreat was well received by the students and teachers. A huge thank you to all our teachers/parents that gave a whole Saturday to assist and be present at this wonderful and important time in these young people's lives. St. John's is truly blessed.

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.

STEBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE

A group from St. John's will be attending the Steubenville East Conference this year. Would you like to join us? At a Steubenville Conference, teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. Teens will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyful! Check out the website: <http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east2/>. Here are some highlights: At UMass Lowell, **July 14-16th, 2017**, price is \$240. There will be national speakers and professional music. Mass, Adoration and Confession are staples of this conference and it makes for a very powerful encounter with God. If you think your child would be interested in attending, please contact Laura Connolly (lconnolly@comcast.net) to register. This conference sells out quickly!

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us! Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear. Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

