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.

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SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday 5:00 PM
8:00 and 10:15 AM and 6:30 PM
Please note: Beginning January 7, 2018, weekend Masses will be temporarily held in the Parish Center except for the 8AM Mass which will be held in the lower chapel.

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

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

*Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 14, 2018:*
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/ 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
5:00 PM Gene Zawatski
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Elizabeth Doherty
MONDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 AM Dr. Antonio Banson
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
9:00 AM Agnes Petzold
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
9:00 AM Lourdes Banson
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00 AM Kathleen Knight
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 AM Nealon family members
5:00 PM Florencio Reyes, Jr.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Jeff East

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 AM Grade 2 **students and parents**
5:00 PM Grade 10 **students and parents**
MONDAY, JANUARY 8
2:10 PM Grade 6
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5
7:00 PM Grade 9
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
4:15 PM Grades 3 and 5
6:30 PM Grade 8
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
4:15 PM Grade 1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14—NO CLASSES
MONDAY, JANUARY 15—NO CLASSES

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLEASE NOTE: Mass Changes

Beginning THIS WEEKEND, our Mass schedule will be as follows: **5PM Mass on Saturdays will be held in the parish center and Sunday Masses will be at 8AM in the lower chapel, 10:15 AM* in the parish center and 6:30 PM in the parish center.** We apologize for the inconvenience these temporary changes may cause our parishioners. ***Please note the time change of our 10AM Mass to 10:15AM.**

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 any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (508-435-3313x202).

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please pray for the following seriously ill young people in need of healing: Leah Davis, Anthony Khalife, Brody McDermott, and Sam Buttara.

MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) if your address and/or telephone number changes, OR if you are moving out of town. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish records up to date.

TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out www.masstimes.org from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

***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.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, January 13.

Rest in Peace

Angelo Spinosa
Stephanie Levandosky
Eleanor Muller

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.

Women's Group

Women of St. John's meet in the church library on the **first and third Tuesday mornings of each month from 10-11AM**. A group also meets monthly on the **first Wednesday evening from 7-8PM** in the church library. Both groups discuss a chapter of our current text, "That Nothing May Be Lost," followed by prayer in the lower church. Please feel free to drop in. No commitment is necessary and it is not necessary to have read the text beforehand. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kniaz (508-380-2358 or maryskniaz@gmail.com).

DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are DESPERATELY needed. Please donate: bras-new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

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, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

FREE GIFT FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

That gift is a **FREE subscription** to FORMED.ORG, a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio presentations and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. Would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and you want reach them but you just don't know how to? This is why our parish has invested in FORMED.ORG so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us. With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your television, phone, laptop, ipad, or Kindle, you can: prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday readings; enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining; enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program Beloved; and help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials.

OUR PARISH ACCESS CODE IS: BNZFH7

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Group

Save the date: Monday, January 15, 10AM-Noon
Martin Luther King Day of Service.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Group Meeting: January 7 at 7:15 PM in the lower church. All youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 11, Sign-up Night for Mission Trip to Houston, Texas
7PM in the Parish Center. Bring completed paperwork, copy of insurance card, and deposit of $400. Sign up is first-come, first-served. We will be able to take 84 students. Must be in grade 9 or higher. If you have any questions, feel free to email stjohnythmin@gmail.com.

Service, Saturday, January 21
Join the High School Youth Group as we travel to Boston Common to hand out "blessing bags" to the homeless. More info to come.

Donations Needed: MS Youth Group MLK Day of Service

Items needed: 10 Knifty Knitter Looms (14cm), fleece for baptismal blankets (solid and baby prints), masking or blue painter's tape. Please drop off anytime BEFORE January 8, 2018. There will be a box in the hallway of the parish center. Thank you for your help.

Donations Needed!

A box for donations of adult new socks, gloves, and travel size toothpaste is in the Parish Center. The high school youth group will travel to Boston Common to hand out blessing bags to Boston's homeless on Saturday, January 21. If you can help, please leave your items in the box in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets **THIS Sunday, January 7 from 5-7:15PM**. **This meeting is for both parents and students.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On January 10, 31 children will attend their First Reconciliation. Please pray for them, their families and their catechists.

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

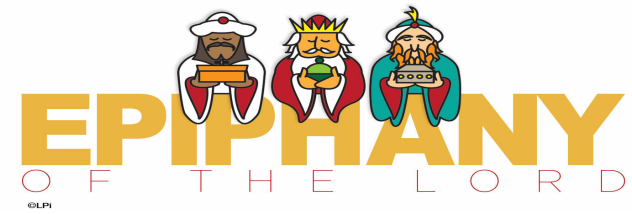
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8,10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

By Deacon Tony

Today we celebrate the revelation of the Lord to the world, including the Gentiles. In other words, we celebrate the revelation of the Lord to us. Isaiah speaks of the coming of a light that will dispel the darkness. The Psalm speaks of the coming of justice for the poor and the afflicted, redemption from extortion and violence. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, tells us that in the New Covenant, we all are part of the same body, the Church, the Mystical body of Christ. In Matthew's Gospel the visitation of the magi symbolically manifests, reveals the new King to the world, Jesus.

A great light led the magi to the Child King, The Light of the World. Light can warm us. Light reveals both the good and evil that exist. Every era has had its dark corners, its evils, its injustices, and sorrows. We have them in our times as well: illness, want, ignorance, deception, terrorism, violence, murder, and the lack of respect for life.

The magi brought gifts to Jesus: gold (kingship), frankincense (an incense burned to honor a god), myrrh (a burial ointment). But the greatest gift they gave was to return home by another route to avoid going back to King Herod. It helped to save the life of the Christ Child. Our gift is our lives to carry on the work of manifesting Jesus, The Light of the World, by what we do and what we say. It is up to us shed light on the redemption that is available to the world, and to alleviate some of the evils, injustices and sorrows listed above. So many here are involved in such endeavors here at Saint John's.

I suggest that all of us in our own ways, in word and deed, start with respect for human life (from the moment of conception to natural death); for disrespect for life is at the root of all the other problems of this world. Why? Because if, for instance, individuals, societies, and nations can rationalize things like abortion (the killing of the most innocent of human life), and assisted suicide as something "good," they can rationalize any kind of evil.

As our gift to the Baby Jesus, let us all reflect and pray about how, in our own lives, we can best reveal the Light of the Christ Child to each other and to the world.