

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
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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



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 30, 2018:
 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/
 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:00 PM Edward T. Manning, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Joseph and Eva Campbell
 6:30 PM Special Intention

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM Paul Campbell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM Special Intention

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Catherine Angermann

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



CHRISTMAS VACATION. CLASSES RESUME 1/2/2019

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.

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, December 29.

Rest in Peace

Margaret Ring
 Christopher Beaton

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Christmas Collection

This Christmas, our parish collection will again benefit the 580 active and senior priests of our Archdiocese in good standing who work tirelessly for us each day of the year. Amid these difficult times for our Church, our priests need your support now more than ever. This collection helps ensure our priests receive essential care as they live out their vocations. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of our priests.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Mon. 12/24) 4PM(x2*), 6PM & Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY (Tues. 12/25) 8&10AM
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Mon. 12/31 at 4PM and Tues. 1/1 at 10AM

*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.

YEAR OUT...YEAR IN

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Monday, December 31, from 11PM to Tuesday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2018, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2019.

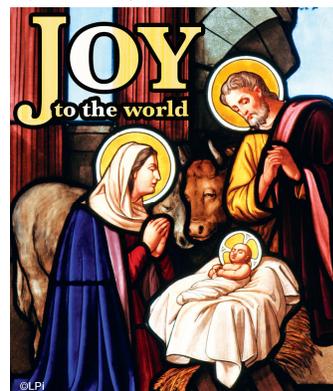
Most blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we the people of Saint John the Evangelist Church, entrust our families, our young and old, our needs and concerns, our sick and dying, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory to Your Divine Will. With great confidence we give ourselves to Your Most Holy Will which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

—Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

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.

**FR. CANNON AND THE ENTIRE STAFF
 HERE AT ST. JOHN'S WISH YOU ALL
 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



2019 calendars are available at the back of the church.

FOURTH 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.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Micah 5: 1-4; Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

It was promised in the Hebrew scriptures that an anointed ruler, the Messiah, would come from the humble little town of Bethlehem, the town where King David traced his roots; and that the Messiah would be in the line of King David. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born in humility in that little town. God came to us through Jesus to share in our humanity, and to offer Himself as the sacrifice which brought salvation, once and for all.

Jesus also came to teach us that it is not the sin offerings and holocausts prescribed by the old law that God wants. Jesus, God Among Us, would teach us that a sincere, humble and contrite heart is the sacrifice that is required. It is Mary, who in humility and faith, accepted the call to be the vessel, the perfect tabernacle, full of grace, to accept Our Lord into this world and to carry, nurture, and to bring the Messiah to others as she with her visit to her cousin, Elizabeth.

What have we been preparing for this Advent Season? Unlike Mary, we cannot be named "Full of Grace." Yet we are called to emulate Mary by preparing our souls to be more suitable vessels to carry the Lord, to bring Him to others, and in this way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas every day through the year. We have two days left to make the most of this Advent season by cultivating pure and contrite hearts. Have a "holly jolly" and merry Christmas. But let us also try to make it a joyfully holy and "Mary" Christmas by accepting our Lord and Savior as a resident of our beings on Christmas and every day thereafter.

AGAPE GATHERING

Welcome all High School students to the next AGAPE!!

**Saturday, January 12, 6:30-8PM at the Hedstrom home,
38 Connelly Hill Road, Hopkinton**

AGAPE offers all High School students an opportunity to continue their journey in their Catholic Faith in a way that is unique, relevant and FUN!! Each month's theme is aimed at teaching and inspiring you to respond to God's grace in circumstances of your daily life and ultimately bring you to a deeper, more dynamic relationship with God and the Catholic Faith. The group usually meets for two hours once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for pizza/dessert, fellowship, videos, activities, and large/small group discussion. We are delighted to be able to begin our 5th year with this program. It's designed to accommodate everyone's busy schedules as it is not necessary to attend every gathering in order to benefit! Come when you can and bring a friend or two!! If you have any questions, please contact: Meg Gaughan at hopagape@gmail.com, Heather Petruney at petruneyh@gmail.com, or Linda Lane at lindalane13@verizon.net.



Middle School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 11, 2019**. Stay tuned for more details to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 6 at 7:15PM in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

Students & Parents

REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets **Sunday, January 6 from 5-7:15PM**. This meeting is for both parents and students.

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.

An Invitation

Sunday, January 13, at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 4 and their catechists will be at Mass to greet you, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. We hope fourth grade students and their families will attend this Mass to participate.

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.

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.

The Giving Tree

Global Mission Apostolate

The Giving Tree is a wonderful Advent tradition here at St. John's. This year's gifts will support the poor in Haiti and Africa, as well as the homeless here in Worcester. There is also a special opportunity to contribute to the building of a new Church in Nicaragua. A document describing all the missions and gift designations is located on the table with the Giving Tree at the back of the church. Gifts may be brought through January 2nd.

DECEMBER 23, 2018

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

The St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, which was prayed for decades after every Mass throughout the Catholic world, up until 1964, will be resumed at St. John's after all the Masses: the spiritual and moral renewal of the Church warrants it. The prayer reminds us that there is an intelligent force of evil we call Satan or the Devil that actively seeks the ruin of souls (1Peter 5:8). This prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, also reminds us that spiritual warfare is a part of our Christian journey and further reminds us of our duty to engage in this essential struggle. We also make an appeal to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for special help and protection, as well as an invocation to St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church.

Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle.

Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
by the Power of God –
cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

--Pope Leo XIII

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us.

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P. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
R. Pray for us.

P. Good Saint Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

P. St. John the Evangelist,
R. Pray for us.

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite all families to come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In conjunction with the Feast of the Holy Family (12/30), the K of C would like all families to say a prayer to ask for aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother and Joseph who is a model for every father. Prayer cards will be available in the back of the church and handed out at selected Masses. The Knights ask that we all prepare by praying together as families, practice discipline in our minds, and go to confession. Each family is then encouraged to consecrate themselves on **December 30** by reading the prayer together as a family and dedicating yourselves to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.