

# 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



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for NEXT Sunday, January 20, 2019:  
Is 62:1-5/ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1Cor 12:4-11/  
Jn 2:1-11



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

5:00 PM Gene Zawatski

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Jeff East

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM Florencio Reyes

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 AM Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM Amy Altman

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM Thomas Miller (for healing)

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM John F. Morrissey

5:00 PM Jack Morrissey

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



#### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

4:15 PM Grade 2

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20—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.

#### COFFEE HOUR

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

2nd collection **THIS** weekend  
Parish Upkeep and Maintenance

#### CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-11 or  
104: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10: 24-38 or  
Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7; Luke: 3: 15-16, 21-22

Liturgically, this is the last day of the Christmas season. The temptation is to move on. But, does anyone remember the scene in "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, when Ebenezer Scrooge is begging for a second chance at life, repents of his misdeeds, and pledges to live the spirit of Christmas all year long? To do that, one must live *in the Spirit*, that is, in the Holy Spirit of God.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist tells his followers that one was coming who would Baptize in the Spirit. After Jesus was Baptized, Jesus prayed (thus opening himself). The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended upon him with the gentleness of a dove. A voice from heaven then said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Would that we all hear that voice someday saying such words to each of us.

We are reminded today of why Jesus, the image of the living God, took on flesh, thus sharing in our humanity. He came to renew us and the face of the Earth. He came to bring peace (especially inner peace), justice, joy, healing, freedom from sin. He did this so that we could live temperately, justly, lovingly, devoutly, generously, thus renouncing obsession with the things of this world. He came so that we would learn how to bring all these qualities to bear on our own lives and on the lives of others. That is living in the Spirit.

This does not mean that there will not be problems. Jesus would be tempted. He would be challenged and resisted. He would be betrayed. He would die. We too will be faced with obstacles. But if we adopt the qualities of one *living in the Spirit*, with the gifts bestowed on us at our own Baptism, we can live in peace and joy in the face of difficulties. We can live the spirit of Christmas all year round. We can live in the Spirit of God and help to renew the face of the Earth.

**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 19.

2019 calendars are available at the back of the church.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Evening of Prayer for Our Children and Grandchildren

**Thursday, January 24, 7:15PM in the Lower Church**

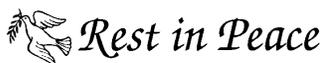
There is nothing more powerful or consoling than our voices united in petition to our Holy Mother on behalf of our children. We thank God for strong, truth-filled family relationships; when those relationships falter, we must turn for help to our Heavenly Mother. When our children embrace their Catholic faith, we rejoice; when our children stray from the Church, we plead for our Mother's intercessory prayers for their return. Come, let us kneel together and recite the Holy Rosary in thanksgiving and petition for our children. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Women's Group

**"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary"**

**--St. Francis de Sales**

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you to all those who helped the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christmas. Five parish families played Santa, giving gifts to 6 Hopkinton families. Many gift cards were received from parishioners and distributed. Thank you for your generosity!



William A. Mackin  
Emery A. McKenzie  
Robert M. Wallace



### Middle School Youth Group

#### Snow Tubing

Join us for a fun evening of snow tubing and hot chocolate

When: **Friday, February 1, 6-8PM**

Where: Ward Hill, 16 Winslow St., Shrewsbury

Who: St. John's MS Youth Group (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

Price: \$23 per child (checks can be made out to St. John's) Hot Cocoa will be served. Register by Tuesday, January 29 Drop check, permission slip, medical form and Ward Hill waiver in box outside the Rel. Ed. Office. Forms can be picked up outside of Rel. Ed. Office. Parents drop off and pick up at Ward Hill. Chaperones needed. Questions? Contact Melissa Comiskey at [kandmhoptown@verizon.net](mailto:kandmhoptown@verizon.net).

### High School Youth Group

**Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 27 at 7:15PM** in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

**Service, Sunday, January 27**

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!

A box for donations of adult new socks 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 Sunday, January 27. If you can help, please leave your items in the box in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.



### FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

### 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

**THIS 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.

### MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) or 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.

**JANUARY 13, 2019**

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**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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R. Have mercy on us.

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.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Anyone interested in participating in Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, please check out the following link. The Hopkinton Christian Service Connection is putting together care bags for people going through cancer treatment. You can participate by donating what goes in the bag and/or putting the bags together. All ages welcome. Great activity for a family!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CA4A82EA20-mlkday2>