

# 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**

Mary Pawela, 1-6  
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### **PARISH CENTER**

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508-435-3313x210  
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### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM  
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**

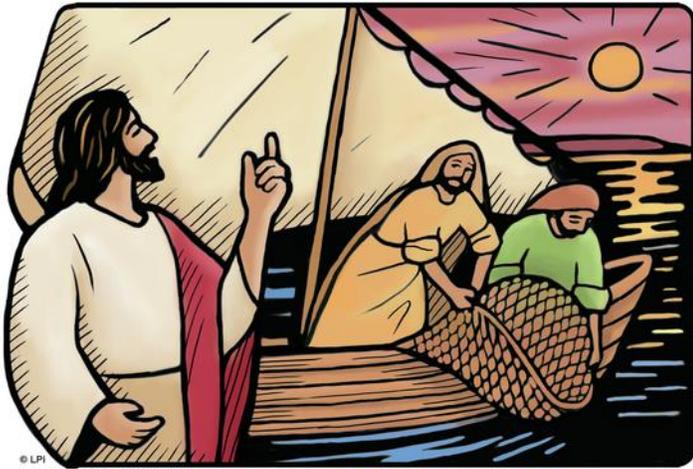
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### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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



As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:18-19

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 2, 2020:  
 Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-32



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

5:00 PM Special Intention

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista  
 (living intention—for healing)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

9:00 AM Denis Murray

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

5:00 PM Darren Hurley

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Doris Cyr

6:30 PM Robert Bagley

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

**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.



**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

4:15 PM Grade 2

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal (music room)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1—Grade 10 retreat**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place **THIS** Sunday at the 10AM Mass for children in grades K-2 and 3-5.

**BIRTHRIGHT Baby Bottle Project**

This 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. Please return the baby bottles this weekend. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main Street, Framingham, 01701. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

**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.

**First Friday Mass**

We will have first Friday Masses at **7PM in the lower church**, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

**Baptismal Ministry**

St. John the Evangelist parish is blessed to have a group of women who make baby blankets for each child baptized into our parish family. The blankets are made at home and the women say prayers for the child who will receive it. The blankets are knitted, crocheted, quilted, or no-sew fleece. This group has completed over 5 years of sharing their handiwork. However, the number of members has decreased and so we are looking for some help by others. Even if you can only make one or two over the year, it would be appreciated. If you are interested, please call or email Colleen Barnes (Colleenmbarnes@outlook.com or 774-292-1571). Thank you.

**Please Remember in Prayer**

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

**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, February 1**



## 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

St. John's parishioners made Christmas brighter for those who count on the Mustard Seed in Worcester for nourishing meals. We served a huge roast beef dinner and brought an SUV loaded with Christmas gifts from St. John's Giving Tree. All were very grateful!

## Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets at on **the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15PM** in the church library. We enjoy each other's company as we study our faith, share our stories and prayer intentions, and at the conclusion of the evening, we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the lower church. At our next meeting we will continue our in-depth reading of the first Psalm—"Happy indeed is the man..."—realizing how it describes the journey of the faithful in today's world. Please feel free to join us for an evening. For more information email [maryskniaz@gmail.com](mailto:maryskniaz@gmail.com).



## BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Bible Study resumes on **Thursdays at 7PM in the lower church area**. The topic will be "The Acts of the Apostles," and the presenter is Fr. Conrad Peceovich. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible. Come and enjoy our faith-sharing group and fellowship.

## Interior Delight of the Holy Souls

"Just as the pains of purgatory are severe, so the interior satisfaction and bliss enjoyed by the souls there must surpass anything we can imagine. How wonderful it must be for them when they feel themselves gradually being spiritually healed, gradually being freed from their remaining moral debt to God, and gradually drawing nearer and nearer to the joyful vision of the Blessed Trinity!"

—Saint Francis de Sales

"There is no joy save that in Paradise to be compared to the joy of the souls in Purgatory."

—Saint Catherine of Genoa

## COMMUNITY SUPPER

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting the January and March free monthly Community Supper, held at St. Paul Episcopal Church at 61 Wood St., Hopkinton, on **Wednesday, January 29, and Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30PM**. If you would like to contribute to the meal, water, fruit juice and lemonade are needed. Please call Colleen at 508-497-9144 to donate. Otherwise, please join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

## Middle School Youth Group

### Snow Tubing

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

When: **Friday, February 7, 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, February**

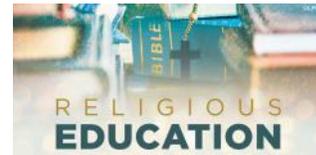
**4**. Sign up will be sent via email to parent email. Drop check, permission slip, medical form and Ward Hill waiver in box outside the Rel. Ed. Office. Parents drop off and pick up at Ward Hill. Chaperones needed. Questions? Contact Melissa Comiskey at [kandmhoptown@verizon.net](mailto:kandmhoptown@verizon.net).

## High School Youth Group

**Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, February 9 at 5PM** in the lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

## HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans **THIS Saturday, February 1 from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The collections from these drives help fund the different activities for the HS Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mike Burdulis at [michael.burdulis@umassmemorial.org](mailto:michael.burdulis@umassmemorial.org).



Please pray for our 75 10th grade Confirmation students who will be on retreat Saturday, February 1.

## 10th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat is **Saturday, February 1**, from 10:45AM-5PM at the Marian Center/Betania II in Medway. Every student and parent has received a letter with the details of the retreat. Please be prompt in arriving. Questions? Please contact Debbie at 435-3313x208 or [dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net).

## 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.

## Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or [stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

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**CROSS ROADS By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 8: 23—9: 3; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14;**

**1Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23**

Pope Francis has decreed the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (today) to be “Sunday of the Word of God.” The Holy Scriptures are the Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Word Made Flesh, the Image of the Invisible God. Saint Jerome is quoted as having said that “Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” Pope Francis tells us that “without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible.” The Scriptures shed light on who Jesus is, what our priorities should be, and how we should live our lives. Reading and contemplating the Scriptures should be part of our daily routine, even if only for a few minutes. They are one way to welcome the Word to be a guest of our hearts. I often have read in the Breviary that “Those who welcome the Word as the guest of their hearts will have abiding joy.”

Today we heard Isaiah’s prophesy. In the Gospel we see Jesus as the fulfillment of that prophesy when he moved to Capernaum. We heard the psalm proclaim that God is our light and salvation. We heard St. Paul’s words of guidance to the Corinthians to be united in Christ, and his proclamation that his role was to preach the gospel. Today we also heard of Jesus’ call to Peter and Andrew, and to James and John and how they responded immediately to follow Jesus and abandon their old lives. We also heard about Jesus preaching and healing. Like the Apostles, we too are called to preach and enlighten by how we live, what we do, and what we say. What will be our answer?

As I write, it is only two days from the forty-seventh anniversary of Roe v. Wade. I would be remiss if I did not remind everyone that since the legalization of abortion roughly sixty million unborn babies have been killed in the United States. As Scripture asks us today: will we be united in Christ? Will we be stouthearted and courageous? Will we live the gospel? Will we, in some way, answer the call?

**The Art of Neighboring: A Small Group Study**

(sponsored by the Hopkinton Christian Service Connection)

All members and friends of Hopkinton churches are welcome. **Fridays at 7PM beginning January 31** at The Sanctuary at Woodville. Continues through Friday, March 20. Please note there will not be a meeting on February 21. In 2009, a group of 20 pastors in the Denver area met together with their local mayor and asked him a simple question: “How can we as churches best work together to serve our city?” He answered, “The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors.” He went on to say that relationships are more effective than government programs because they’re organic, personal and ongoing. After the mayor left the meeting, the pastors looked at each other embarrassed, realizing that the mayor had just schooled them in something they already knew. The mayor’s plan looked a lot like the practical plan Jesus had already given us. You see, when Jesus was asked to reduce everything in the Bible into one command, he said to “love God with everything you have and love your neighbor as yourself.” What if He meant we should love our actual neighbor, like the people who live next door? What would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? Is it possible that the solution to our society’s biggest issues has been right under our noses for the past 2000 years? Over the next few weeks we’re going to invite you to get back to the basics and to take the second half of the great commandment literally. But you won’t become great neighbors by just talking or thinking about it. Instead you’ll get there by taking small steps that lead you into a new way of living. Most of what we’re going to encourage you to do over the next few weeks will seem small and simple. The steps might seem repetitive at times, and that is intentional. If you engage each week, we are confident that you will form some new habits that will help you to live out what Jesus said matters most. Class to be led by Karen Coopridier. Please contact: Bill Coolbaugh [bcoolbaugh@aol.com](mailto:bcoolbaugh@aol.com) from the Sanctuary or Mary Overholt from Community Covenant Church [mmoverholt@gmail.com](mailto:mmoverholt@gmail.com).