

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
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ORGANIST

Bernadette Nadeau

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



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 13, 2020:
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/
 1Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00 PM Sr. Ursula Tisdall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM Fr. Walter Ciszek

7:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM All living and deceased members of the clergy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM For the coming triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Eileen O'Brien and Maureen McIntyre

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Justine Murray

6:30 PM Sr. Ursula Tisdall

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THIS Tuesday, December 8

Mass at 9AM & 7PM Tuesday, December 8

From the Archdiocese of Boston:

Holy Communion must be distributed in a way that is safe: The priest and/or extraordinary minister must disinfect his or her hands before distributing Communion. The priest and/or extraordinary minister must wear a mask while distributing Communion. The communicant must wear a mask while receiving Communion. After the minister has moved on to the next person, or after the communicant has stepped aside, they should remove their mask, consume the Host, and put their mask back on before returning to their seats. **The norm must be that communion is given in the hands.** In the case of a person insisting on receiving on the tongue, if the priest feels comfortable doing so, he can disinfect his hands, give the communicant Holy Communion on the tongue, disinfect his hands again, and continue distributing Communion. This is an exception, and must not be the norm in a parish. Some priests, because of their own health vulnerabilities, may decide that they are not comfortable giving a person Holy Communion on the tongue even as an exception, and their concerns must be respected.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

During the penitential season of Advent, extra times of parish confessions will be made available. **In addition to Saturday mornings at 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will be offered Monday, December 7, and Monday, December 14, from 7-8PM in the parish center** which has been set up for social distancing.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: (Thurs. 12/24) 3PM, 5PM & 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: (Friday 12/25) 8 & 10AM

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

Thursday 12/31 at 4PM and Friday 1/1/2021 at 10AM

Our Christmas Mass schedule has changed for this year. We have added extra Masses on Christmas Eve afternoon for your convenience. **Please make a reservation on our website (stjohnhopkinton.com) to guarantee a seat at Mass. Sign ups will begin on Monday, December 7 at 8AM.** You will not need to arrive early this year as you will have a reservation. Please note that there will be no Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please call or email the parish office (508-435-3313x203, stjohshopkinton@verizon.net).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, December 12.

SECOND 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.



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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Your Help

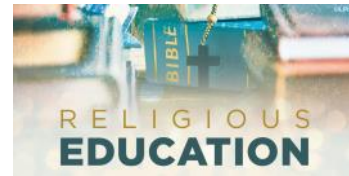
St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Christmas help with the following: 40 grocery store gift cards of at least \$50 each, Target gift cards, and families to play Santa to a few Hopkinton families. Please call Colleen at 508-497-9144 for info on playing Santa. Please put gift cards in an envelope addressed to St. Vincent de Paul and drop in the offertory basket or at the parish office. Thank you for your continued support of our mission! Your generous cash and gift card donations are all being put to good use.

Dignity Matters

Dignity Matters thanks the St. John's community for its support, especially during this difficult year. The need for free feminine hygiene items and undergarments has skyrocketed as the COVID-19 virus and its financial impact has disproportionately impacted low-income women of all races. Thanks to the outpouring of support, Dignity Matters has more than doubled the number of women and teen girls served each month. We now meet this critical need for 8,750 women and girls each month throughout MA. We have distributed 1.3 million items this year.

Media Kiosk

Please stop by and check out our restocked media kiosk in the parish hall. This week we are highlighting: Journey through Advent: Liturgical Cycle B Get the most out of Advent by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks these profound scripture readings. The homilies presented on this CD will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas: **Advent Week 1:** Isaiah 63: 16-64:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37; **Advent Week 2:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8; **Advent Week 3:** Isaiah 61:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-28; **Advent Week 4:** 2 Samuel 7:1-16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38



REMINDER: Grade 10 confirmation Zoom meeting **THIS Sunday, December 6, 5-5:40PM**

REMINDER: Grade 9 confirmation Zoom meeting **THIS Monday, December 7, 7-7:40PM.**

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Ashland/Hopkinton Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest open to children aged 5-14. This fun contest will allow our parish youth to demonstrate their artistic skills on the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A prize will be awarded for the best poster in three age categories (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14). Everyone will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift for participating. All posters need to be on an 11"x17" sheet of paper and be accompanied by an official entry form. Deadline for entry is December 18 with judging between Christmas and New Year's. For more details and an entry form please contact your religious education instructor or contact Mary Pawela, (mpawelastjn@gmail.com), Debbie Lysik (dlysikstjn@verizon.net) or Bill Maginnis (billmaginnis@verizon.net). We look forward to everyone's participation. Last year's winners were: age 5-7 category, Ava Harris; age 8-10 category, Kayla Pappalardo; and age 11-14 category, Ashwath Sri-dhar, who also won the Knights of Columbus state competition.



St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.

DECEMBER 6, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85: 9-14; 2 Peter 3: 8-14;
Mark 1: 1-8**

It is the Second Sunday of Advent. How are we doing so far? Are we preparing room in our hearts for receiving the Lord? Are we spreading the good news that God became man, dwelt among us and that he desires to dwell in us? Today's readings speak for themselves; and they call on us to think and pray about salvation. Especially in these tempestuous, restrictive, and dangerous times, we need to slow down a bit and reflect. This is all about a promise made and a promise kept by our God that he would send a savior, that he himself would save us, that he would tend to his flock, and gather the lambs to his bosom. Like John the Baptist, we should not fear to spread the good news of the coming of the Lord.

When a priest or a deacon prepares the chalice, he says this prayer: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." A share in His divinity is what he offers. How great is that?! While we prepare to commemorate His first coming, we also prepare for His second coming; and he patiently gives us the time to accept Him, to work on being holy, to accept His offer to live with him now, and then later in the new heavens and new earth where "righteousness dwells." He brings kindness, justice, truth, and peace.

I have heard it said that these days we should lower our expectations of what Christmas will be like this year, and to treat it more like just another day so that we are not too disappointed in the smaller gatherings, and not being able to see some loved ones. I say the opposite. Expectations should be high because of the underlying message. Maybe the smaller scale is a gift to reflect more quietly on the true meaning of Christmas. Let our Savior speak to you in prayer every day during Advent, and thereafter. I suggest (as I have in the past) that we quiet ourselves and listen to what he is telling us: "Be still and know I am God. Be still and know I AM. Be still and know. Be still. BE! Then go forth and spread the good news, and "Prepare the way of the Lord..."

