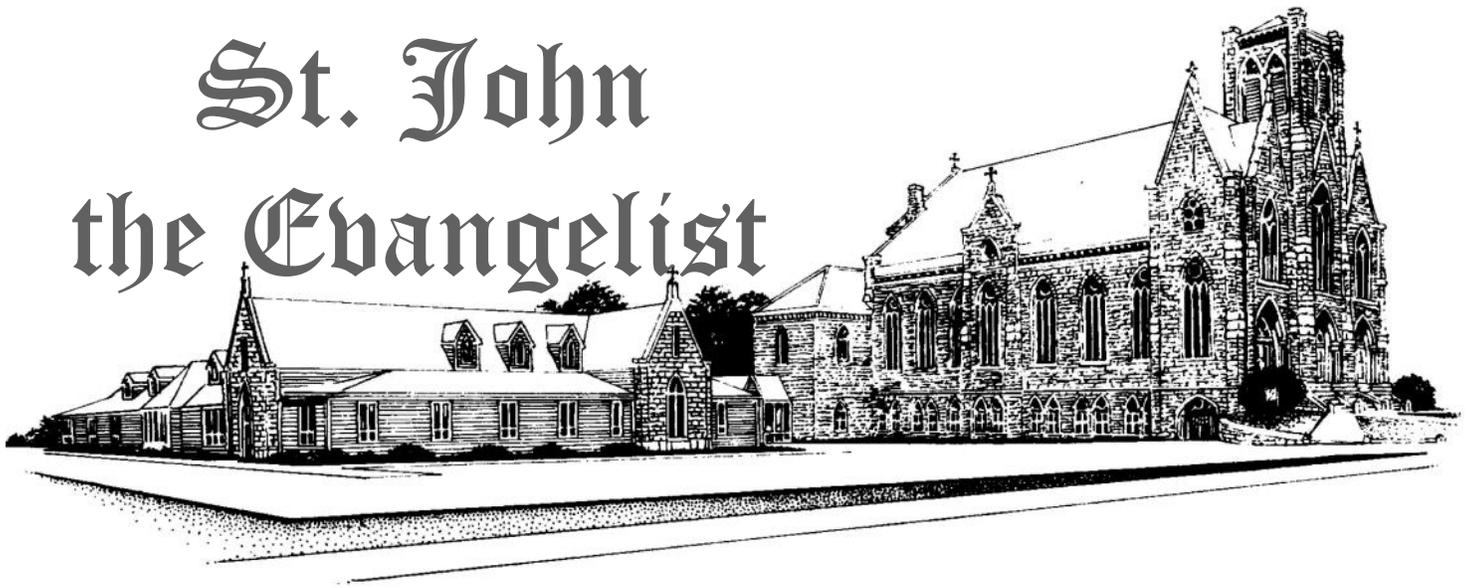


St. John the Evangelist



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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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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 parish center

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/MUSIC DIRECTOR

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



“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” - Lk 3:5-6

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

THIS Wednesday, December 8

Masses at 4PM on Tuesday, December 7 and
9AM & 7PM on Wednesday December 8
in the upper church

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 12, 2021:
Zep 3:14-18a/ Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7 /Lk 3:10-1



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 PM Pat Carmack and Tom Orr
(living intentions)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Scott Michael
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living intention)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM Carolyn & Thomas Keighley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM Joseph Chua and Joshua Chua
(living intentions)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Sr. Ursula Tisdall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Dominic, Mary & Donna Sicuso
10:00 AM Special Intention
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
5:15 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

2:45 PM Grade 6
4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3
7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30 PM Grade 2
6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

We will be having an Evening of Advent Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Tuesday, December 14, at 7PM** in the lower church. Confessions will be available.

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.

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.

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.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

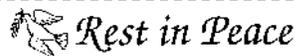
There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church**.

LIVING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Living Rosary on **Wednesday, December 15 at 7PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (101 Summer Street, Holliston). Led by Deacon Mike Mott, we will pray the rosary while in the gorgeous Christmas setting of the Fatima Shrine. Immediately following we will go inside for hot cocoa and cookies. Please join us in this wonderful prayer event. If you have any questions please contact chris.alicandro@comcast.net.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church**
NEXT Saturday, December 11.

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.



James M. Riley

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.

St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"Sometimes I am challenged by critics of our pro-life work. They ask, "So you manage to change the mind of a woman, and she now has a new baby with almost no resources. What do you do to help her raise that newborn? What happens to that unwanted baby? Would it not be better to abort that baby to avoid a miserable life?" If we analyze the critics' questions, we should all be shocked. They are proposing that if a person can't be assured of a life without trouble, poverty, or hard knocks, then a 'doctor' should kill that person before birth....What's our solution? We are optimistic about mothers, including poor mothers of surprise babies.... We do many things for our clients like becoming the loving aunt that a desperate pregnant woman needs..." —Rod Murphy, Director of Problem Pregnancy of Worcester, Inc. (www.ppwdonations.org). Please give generously!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A tradition returns after a year of pandemic cancellations! The Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band extends a warm invitation to your family and friends to enjoy the concert band's Christmas concert. The Christmas concert will be held at St. John's Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 19 at 3PM**. A variety of music will be presented, including, portions of The Nutcracker, Christmas Festival, Christmas with Mozart, and others. The concert is free. Donations of socks and underwear for all ages is greatly appreciated. All donations benefit Project Just Because.

Knights of Columbus New Membership Drive

The Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank Father Cannon for allowing us to speak at the Masses on November 13 & 14. The council was pleased to see a number of men who spoke with us and expressed interest in joining or getting additional information. It is however never too late to consider joining our organization. If you want to be more involved with community, family and faith in action programs, helping others as we are called to do, then please consider getting more information on our local council. We think you will enjoy being a member of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Bill Muench, (william.muench@comcast.net) or Membership Director Bill Maginnis (billmaginnis@verizon.net).



Religious Education Classes

REMINDERS:

Grade 10 class THIS Sunday, December 5, 5:15PM with Mass at 6:30PM

Grade 9 class THIS Monday, December 6, 7-8PM

Grade 7 & 8 classes THIS Tuesday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

Grades 1-6 classes this week

Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Once again, the Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to be holding a poster contest for all children ages 5-14. The focus is the real story of Christmas and we encourage all children between these ages to participate and show off your creativity and love of the season. There will be awarded one winner from each of three age groups, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. The winners from each group will be sent to a divisional contest and possibly from there to a regional and state level for judging. In past years, including last year, St. John's has had great representation winning at the state level multiple times. Materials and rules will be handed out at upcoming religious education classes and are due back prior to the Christmas break. If you are not in the religious education program, you are still free to participate. Please contact Bill Maginnis at billmaginnis@verizon.net or 508-889-1343 for additional information or questions. Merry Christmas to all and have fun!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your past and ongoing donations of cash and gift cards are greatly appreciated and used to provide support to Hopkinton residents in need. The Society is now looking for help with Christmas food and gifts for those in need. Supermarket gift cards and Target gift cards are especially needed. Denominations of \$50 and \$75 work best, but any amount is helpful. Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the parish business office (20 Church Street). We are also looking for parishioners to play Santa for a few Hopkinton families in need. If you are interested, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Thank you all again for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission!

COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

In keeping with our mission, Knights of Columbus - Bishop Rice Council has placed boxes at the rear of the church between now and New Year's Day, collecting used clean warm winter coats for handling in the "Coats for Kids and Families" program sponsored by Anton's, Enterprise Bank and Jordan's. Donated coats will be brought by the Knights to collection spots where they will be professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through local service agencies. Last day for collection is January 2, 2022. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact John Belger at john.belger@outlook.com or 508-283-8423.

DECEMBER 5, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Baruch 5: 1-9; Psalm 126: 1-6;

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

In these troubled times we have a crisis in our dire need for true expressions of love, faith, hope, and trust. But in this upside-down world, such values are discouraged and sometimes are replaced with the abuse of power, with greed, violence, and suspicion. But today's readings give us reason to hope. As the Lord kept his promise to release his people from forty years of their Babylonian captivity, we celebrate our release from our captivity to sin in the promised coming of the Word Made Flesh. As John the Baptist was a voice crying in the wilderness, preaching repentance, we too are voices crying in the wilderness of a secular and violent world, trusting in the promise of a universal salvation for those willing to accept it. As in today's psalm, we are to do the demanding work of sowing the seeds of God's Word; and though we may be vilified and persecuted, we will be rewarded with the joy of salvation. Saint Paul prays for the Philippians that they will increase their love and understanding so that they can discern what is pleasing to God and discern what things are of true and everlasting value. We too are called to pray for one another. We prepare not only to commemorate the birth of our Savior, but to prepare ourselves and others for salvation at his second coming.

The things of this world never have and never will provide lasting joy. They are distractions from the things from above (such as love, faith, hope, and trust). In Advent we prepare, and prayer is vital to that preparation. "Prayer is the oxygen of the soul" (Saint Padre Pio). We are not discouraged by the world because we look to the light of Christ. "All the darkness of the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle" (Saint Francis of Assisi). We cherish what is of everlasting value: love of God and neighbor. "The things that we love tell us what we are" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

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 20 from 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM, 6PM & Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8AM & 10AM

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Sat., January 1 at 8AM