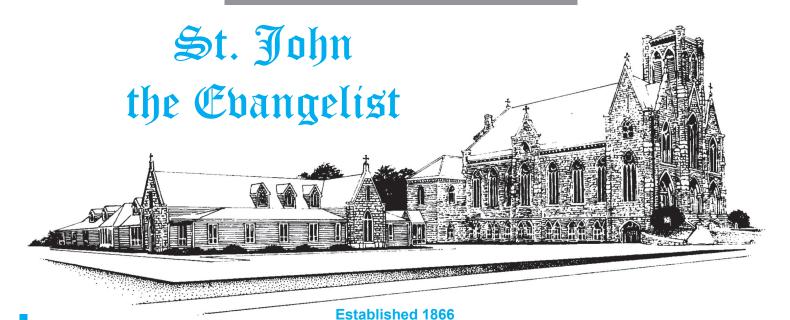
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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

PASTOR

Rev. Richard E. Cannon E-Mail: rec55xp@outlook.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6 Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8 Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help, please call: 508-435-3313x207

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 Kennev

PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."- Lk 4:18

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 31, 2016: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/ 1Cor 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



MONDAY, JANUARY 25

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27—NO CLASSES

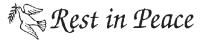
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday** from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church. All are welcomed.

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 30.



Florencio Reves



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

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

Please consider supporting one of the parish's community building activities, the St. John's Coffee Hour, by volunteering to host for just one Sunday morning. Specifically, we need volunteers to host Coffee Hour after the 10AM Mass between now and the middle of June. Coffee Hour volunteers can include individual families, groups of neighbors, community groups, parish ministries, religious education classes, and more. It is a simple process with easy step-by-step instructions. The parish provides the coffee and will reimburse you for the cost of donuts. If you are interested or have any questions, please Janet Ceddia at jbceddia@comcast.net/ contact jceddia@security-construction.com or 781-316-6359.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at <u>6PM in the lower chapel</u>, 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.

Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

The entire town, not only the parishioners of St. John's, mourned the loss of Fr. John P. Ryan, according to the *Hopkinton Banner* contemporaneous account of his death and funeral. "His death is a loss, great and irreparable, to those of all nationalities, all classes, all creeds. All are blended in one great humanity and one people, at their sorrow for his death. His pure, blameless character; his love for God and his people, and his devotion and self-sacrifice, form a more eloquent tribute to his life than any mere words can do; and the Church of St. John, typifying well in its grand, massive simplicity, his own character, is a more than kingly monument to which his name and his memory will ever cling." The town, draped in mourning, closed its businesses the Tuesday the people met Fr. Ryan's casket at the depot.

MOVING?

Please be sure to notify the Parish office (435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (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.

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.



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.

SEEKING PARISH CHOIR MEMBERS

Having just finished the glorious celebration of Christmas a few weeks ago, it seems hard to believe that it is already time to begin looking ahead to Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, but the Parish Choir has already begun preliminary rehearsals! We have just started to rehearse some truly excellent music, but we cannot do it without you! Although the choir has grown over the past months, we are still in need of additional voices. We are especially in need of lower-voiced men (Basses), and lower-voiced women (altos). Even if you do not regularly attend the 10AM Sunday Mass, you are welcome to join the choir for special occasions like Holy Week and Holy Day Masses. No prior experience is necessary. Please contact Brendan Kenney, Director of Music, by leaving a phone message or email with the Parish Office, or speak to him after the 5PM, 8AM, or 10AM Masses. You can also speak with any of our current choir members - or simply show up to rehearsal on Thursdays, 7:30PM-9:00PM. Thank you for considering your participation in this vital liturgical ministry.

WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Come join us for a Life Night on Saturday, January 30, at the Gross family home (3 Summit Way, Hopkinton) from 5-7PM. Agape (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a group of teens from local parishes that through activities, videos and small group discussions (and countless pieces of pizza, cookies and laughs), tackle hot-button issues facing the teen culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith. It is intended to supplement the programs of a local parish, NOT replace them. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or joining us on January 30th, please RSVP to Linda Lane (lindalane13@verizon.net), Heather Petruney (hpetruney@verizon.net), or Meg Gaughan (617-823-8696 or gaughan1family@gmail.com).



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS LIST ADDITIONS

The following were inadvertently omitted from the Christmas Flower General Donations list: Joseph/Denise Antaki, Janet and Chris Ceddia, Matthew Cellupica, Andrew Chung, Louise Donohue, Patrick Egan, Ron/Marie Eldridge, George and Meg Gaughan, Diane Hayward, Robert McGuire, Mavis O'Leary, Daniel Osuch, John Petruney, Mary Prescott, Amanda Robichaud, Tom and Libby Skiba, Paul and Denise St. Jean.



Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

Youth Group Meeting

Thanks to all the adults and youth who joined us for our ice skating trip into Boston. The next youth group meeting is **Sunday, January 31, at 7:15PM**. All are welcome.

HS Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 9 at 6PM

This is the one fundraiser the High School Youth Group does. The money helps defray costs to our students and chaperones for many of the various activities. **We are desperately seeking adult volunteers.** Please contact stjohnythmin@gmail.com.



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.

2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Calling all basketball enthusiasts of all skill levels! The Knights of Columbus is holding its annual free throw competition on **Saturday**, **February 6**, at Keefe Tech HS in Framingham. Competition registration begins at 1:30PM and the competition starts at 2PM. The competition is FREE and is open to all boys and girls between ages 9-14. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and certificate of participation. Trophies and medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each age group for both boys and girls. First place winners advance to district finals and ultimately a chance to participate in state finals. Entry forms are available at registration or can be obtained in advance by contacting Chris Alicandro @ 617-335-6688 or chris.alicandro@comcast.net.

WE NEED YOUR BOTTLES & CANS! World Youth Day WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

Every Saturday 8AM-12Noon

@ Ice House Pond Depot, 50 West Main St.
Your donations benefit our parish youth who will be
traveling to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day, July
2016, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis!
Last Saturday we earned \$24. Thank you!



FREE COMMUNITY PASTA SUPPER

Wednesday January 27, 5:30-6:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 61 Wood St (Rt. 135, next to Highway Dept). Supported by the churches of the Hopkinton Christian Service Connection. The concept of this event is to provide a "restaurant-like" meal for families whose budget would not normally allow this experience. Families more financially fortunate could join their neighbors in the fellowship of this meal and contribute toward the food cost. Donations above food costs will benefit Project Just Because programs. The meal will feature pasta (gluten-free available), vegetarian tomato sauce, meatballs on the side, green salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Open to everyone: We hope you will join us for food and fellowship! For more information, call 774-253-4432. Postponed if major SNOW occurs.

Milford Catholic Elementary School Now Enrolling for Fall '16

When you send your children to Milford Catholic Elementary School, you do more than share your faith with them. You put your faith in us to provide your child with a strong academic and spiritual foundation. To learn more, make plans to attend one of our upcoming open houses on Wednesday, January 27, between 7:30-10AM, or Sunday, January 31, between 11AM and 1PM. To enroll or schedule a tour, contact us today at 508-473-7303.

HOLY NAME JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Name Junior/Senior High School will be hosting a Meet and Greet Information Night at St. Matthew's in Southboro on **Wednesday**, **January 27**, **from 7-8:30PM**. All families are welcome and refreshments will be served. Holy Name is a school of love and respect that continues to grow and add programs. Our STEM and Theater/Performing Arts programs are second to none, and we offer a wide range of academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. Come find out what all the buzz is about! For more information, contact Scott Anderson at Holy Name (508-459-3010 or scott.anderson@holyname.net).

Monsignor James J. Haddad Middle School

Monsignor Haddad Middle School, a St. Joseph Parish school located at 110 May Street, Needham, will host an **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 1PM** in the Middle School Dining Room. Please join us for a tour of the facilities and meet the teachers. MHMS is co-ed and serves 185 students in grades 6-8. For more information, please call the school at 781-449-0133x211.

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—Pope Francis