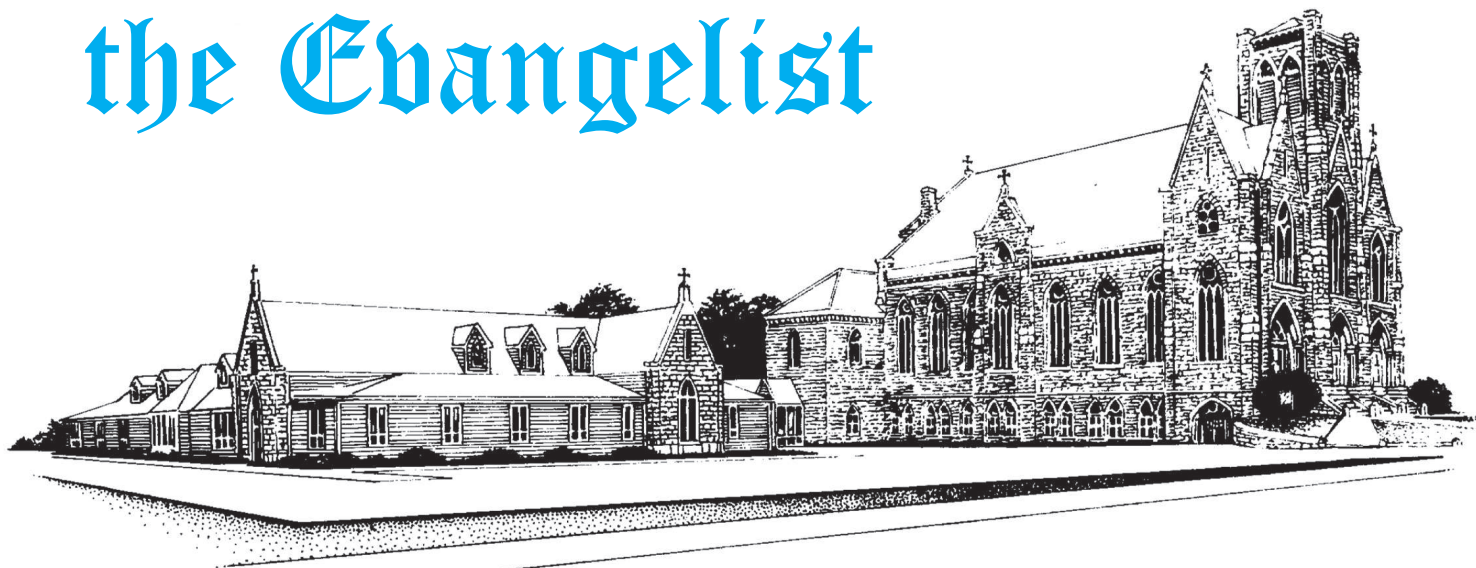


# St. John the Evangelist



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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**

**Rev. Richard E. Cannon**  
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### **DEACON**

**Deacon Anthony C. Sicuso**  
508-435-3313x206

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

### **PARISH CENTER**

**Maureen Belger, Manager**  
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 - 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**  
[bkenney@stjohnhopkinton.com](mailto:bkenney@stjohnhopkinton.com)  
508-435-3313x214

### **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



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 15, 2017:  
Is 49:3, 5-6/ Ps 40/ 1Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34



#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 AM Gene Zawatski

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM Lourdes Banson

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Kathleen Knight

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM don Michele Alessio

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 AM Deceased members of the  
Nealon/Click Family  
5:00 PM Florencio Reyes, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John



#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Grade 2 students & parents  
5:00 PM Grade 10 students & parents

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

2:10 PM Grade 6  
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5  
7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5  
6:30 PM Grade 8

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

4:15 PM Grade 1

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15—NO CLASSES

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you from the St Vincent de Paul Society to those parishioners who played Santa to Hopkinton families, donated gift cards and donated cash. We were able to help 28 families with food and gift cards and 7 families received gifts. Your ongoing generosity is put to great use in Hopkinton.

### 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.

**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.**

### 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.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection. Many parish families are already enjoying the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. To join, please go to [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com) and click on **ParishPay**. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell (435-3313x202).

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

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, January 14.**

### St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.



*Rest in Peace*

Sara Moore  
Dr. John H. Duffy  
Tera Bates

## **THE EPIPHANY 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.**

### **MUSTARD SEED**

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's Confirmation students, the disadvantaged of Worcester had a brighter Christmas. Our students gave many, many gifts such as Play Doh, coloring books and crayons, bubble soap, activity packs, hair bands, bracelets, Match Box cars, as well as warm socks, gloves, hats and much more. All the gifts arrived at the Mustard Seed in Worcester in time for the Children's Christmas party. The children had a great party thanks in part to our Confirmation students.

### **WELCOME ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS TO AGAPE!!!**

**January 21 Agape Gathering, 5-7PM, location TBD**  
AGAPE (pronounced uh-Gah-pay) is a **Catholic High School Faith Group** that meets once a month to discuss issues facing the culture today and put them in relation to their Catholic faith through fun activities, videos and small group discussions. If you are interested in learning more about Agape or attending the gathering, please contact any of the following: Linda Lane ([lindalane13@verizon.net](mailto:lindalane13@verizon.net)), or Heather Petruney ([hpetruney@verizon.net](mailto:hpetruney@verizon.net)) or Meg Gaughan ([gaughan1family@gmail.com](mailto:gaughan1family@gmail.com)).

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners!**

The results are in from the annual Knights of Columbus' Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest at St. John's! Over 40 entries were received and the contest gave our young artists the ability to show the true meaning of Christmas. All entrants will receive an official certificate of participation, a crucifix and a "Keep Christ in Christmas" memento. Copies of the winning posters will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Parish Center. The winners of the three age categories were:

**Ages 5-7:** First Place (\$40 gift card): Anna Power  
Second Place (\$20): Isabella Gill,  
Third Place (\$10): Alex Nguyen

**Ages 8-10:** First Place (\$40 gift card): Ashwath Sridar  
Second Place (\$20): Ellie Power,  
Third Place (\$10): Holly Thompson

**Ages 11-14:** First Place (\$40 gift card): Sebastian Zani  
Second Place (\$20): Marisa Alicandro  
The Hopkinton/Ashland Knights of Columbus (Bishop Rice Council #4822) would like to thank all who participated and a special thanks to Carol Zani and Deb Lysik for rolling out the program to the religious education groups. For more information on the Knights of Columbus and other programs that benefit St. John's and our community as well as to learn how to join our ranks please contact Bill Maginnis, Grand Knight, at [billmaginnis58@gmail.com](mailto:billmaginnis58@gmail.com).



### **Middle School Youth Group**

Stay tuned for upcoming events.

### **High School Youth Group**

**Thursday, January 12, Sign-up Night for Mission Trip to the Adirondacks in Warrensburg, N.Y.**

7PM in the Parish Center. Bring completed paperwork and deposit of \$200. If you have any questions, feel free to email [stjohnnythmin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnnythmin@gmail.com).



### **First Communion Parent Meeting**

Parents will meet **THIS Sunday, January 8, at 9AM** while the children attend class with their catechists.

### **GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS**

**REMINDER:** Grade 10 Confirmation meets **THIS Sunday, January 8, from 5-7:15 PM.** This meeting is for both parents and students.

### **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.

### **PARENTS!**

If your child(ren) attends class Sunday mornings, you may want to stay for our parent session on the history of the Catholic Faithful In America with a focus on the history of our own St. John's Parish. The sessions are only 20 minutes, 9:10-9:30 AM, and will be offered until March. Even if you don't have anyone attending class at that time you are most welcome to join us in the Parish Hall. The next sessions are January 22, January 29, February 5, and February 12..

### **An Invitation**

**THIS Sunday, January 8,** at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 4 and their catechists will greet you, offer the gifts, join the choir in a song and wish you farewell.

### **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.

### **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.

***JANUARY 8, 2017***

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born. Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place? The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

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