

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.

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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

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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



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 6, 2019:
Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Catherine Angermann

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM Clarence MacLaine
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM Phyllis Francis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00 AM Dzerkacz and Zocchi Families

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

This Week

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

4:15 PM Grade 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church NEXT Saturday, January 5.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD—A Holy Day of Obligation: Mon. 12/31 at 4PM and Tues. 1/1 at 10AM

YEAR OUT...YEAR IN

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Monday, December 31, from 11PM to Tuesday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2018, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2019.

Most blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we the people of Saint John the Evangelist Church, entrust our families, our young and old, our needs and concerns, our sick and dying, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory to Your Divine Will. With great confidence we give ourselves to Your Most Holy Will which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

—Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

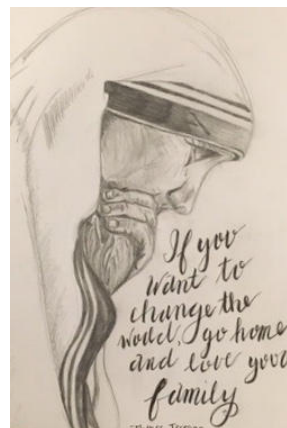
CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28;

Psalms 128:1-5 Or Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

Colossians 3:12-21 Or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52



There is a rich multiple choice of first and second readings, and Psalms today; but one Gospel. Yet, in the context of today's Gospel, all the readings are saying the same thing in different ways: we are called to holiness as individuals, as families, and as Church. A holy family is centered on Christ, filled with compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, mutual respect and reverence between husband and wife, children and parents. Husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters do not possess each other. We all belong to God, and as individuals and families our purpose

is to assist one another to discern what God intends for each of us; and to let it be.

After the Passover celebration, Mary and Joseph suffered the anxiety of having to look for their son for three days. When they found the twelve-year-old Jesus, they heard his puzzling answer to Mary's questioning why Jesus did this. She kept that experience in her heart; and Jesus obediently returned with them to "advance in wisdom and age and favor before the Lord and Man." Many years later Mary would face another Passover with her son and suffer losing him again for three days until his Resurrection. Don't we all occasionally lose Jesus as individuals and families only to find him again in Holy Mother Church and in each other?

This is important for us as families and as individuals; but also important to us as Church. Sister Lucia of Fatima revealed to the late Cardinal Caffarra that "the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and family." Saint Pope John Paul II said "As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world..." Perhaps, as others have said, "as the family goes, so goes the Church." I think we are living this reality here and now. Help each other to advance in wisdom and favor before the Lord. Be holy. Be family. Be Church.

2019 calendars are available at the back of the church.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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.

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 Masses in Honor of the Sacred Heart And Spiritual Reparation

Friday, January 4 at 7PM in the Lower Church

Why?: To make reparation for the sins of the clergy and failures in Church leadership; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God.

We will have first Friday Masses, 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 of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

AGAPE GATHERING

Welcome all High School students to the next AGAPE!!

**Saturday, January 12, 6:30-8PM at the Hedstrom home, 38
Connelly Hill Road, Hopkinton**

AGAPE offers all High School students an opportunity to continue their journey in their Catholic Faith in a way that is unique, relevant and FUN!! Each month's theme is aimed at teaching and inspiring you to respond to God's grace in circumstances of your daily life and ultimately bring you to a deeper, more dynamic relationship with God and the Catholic Faith. The group usually meets for two hours once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for pizza/dessert, fellowship, videos, activities, and large/small group discussion. We are delighted to be able to begin our 5th year with this program. It's designed to accommodate everyone's busy schedules as it is not necessary to attend every gathering in order to benefit! Come when you can and bring a friend or two!! If you have any questions, contact: Meg Gaughan at hopagape@gmail.com, Heather Petruney at petruneyh@gmail.com, or Linda Lane at lindalane13@verizon.net.



Middle School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 11, 2019**. Stay tuned for more details to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 6 at 7:15PM in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children, their families and their catechists who are preparing for their first confession in the coming months.

GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

Students & Parents

REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets **Sunday, January 6 from 5-7:15PM**. 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.

An Invitation

Sunday, January 13, at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 4 and their catechists will be at Mass to greet you, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. We hope fourth grade students and their families will attend this Mass to participate.

The Giving Tree

Global Mission Apostolate

The Giving Tree is a wonderful Advent tradition here at St. John's. This year's gifts will support the poor in Haiti and Africa, as well as the homeless here in Worcester. There is also a special opportunity to contribute to the building of a new Church in Nicaragua. A document describing all the missions and gift designations is located on the table with the Giving Tree at the back of the church. Gifts may be brought through January 2nd.

YOUTH GROUP

HOLIDAY BOTTLE/CAN COLLECTION

Entertaining this Christmas or New Year's Day? Lots of bottles and cans to recycle? We are here to help. Bring your bottles and cans to the St. John's Youth Group's monthly bottle & can collection on **Saturday, January 6th 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street near Golden Pond. Thank you for your support. The collection helps fund all our Youth Group activities. For more information contact Liam Maginnis at lmaginnis@hillers.org. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The St. John's Youth Group.

DECEMBER 30, 2018

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

The St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, which was prayed for decades after every Mass throughout the Catholic world, up until 1964, will be resumed at St. John's after all the Masses: the spiritual and moral renewal of the Church warrants it. The prayer reminds us that there is an intelligent force of evil we call Satan or the Devil that actively seeks the ruin of souls (1Peter 5:8). This prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, also reminds us that spiritual warfare is a part of our Christian journey and further reminds us of our duty to engage in this essential struggle. We also make an appeal to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for special help and protection, as well as an invocation to St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
by the Power of God –
cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

--Pope Leo XIII

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us.

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P. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
R. Pray for us.

P. Good Saint Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

P. St. John the Evangelist,
R. Pray for us.

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite all families to come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In conjunction with the Feast of the Holy Family (12/30), the K of C would like all families to say a prayer to ask for aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother and Joseph who is a model for every father. Prayer cards will be available in the back of the church and handed out at selected Masses. The Knights ask that we all prepare by praying together as families, practice discipline in our minds, and go to confession. Each family is then encouraged to consecrate themselves on **December 30** by reading the prayer together as a family and dedicating yourselves to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.