

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH CENTER

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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



"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, February 3, 2019:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1Cor 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00 PM Arcangela Ferraro

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Jeannette St. Jean

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM Kathy Murphy MacLachlan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 AM Denis Murray

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Phyllis Francis

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

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

4:15 PM Grade 2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2—Grade 10 Retreat

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, February 2.

Carol Zani to Retire

After thirty years serving as Religious Education Director at St. John's parish, Carol Zani will retire at the end of May. Carol was first hired by Fr. James Degnan in 1989 as director of Grades 1-8 alongside Father Michael Alfano who directed Grades 9-10 at the time. Previously, Carol served as director of Grades 1-10 at St. Cecilia's parish in Ashland for seven years. Carol also taught part-time at Center and Elmwood Schools as a Health Education teacher for 21 years before retiring from teaching in 2008. She also worked as education consultant for twenty-five years for Wm. Sadlier Publishing, NYC, the company that produces the religion series we use in our programs. Carol was born and raised in Hopkinton and received all her sacraments at St. John's. She has four children who also received their sacraments here. Prior to becoming a DRE, Carol was a volunteer catechist for many years beginning with her senior year in college, and taught in most of the grades while her children were growing up, before becoming a catechetical leader. During that time, she attended the archdiocesan Master Teacher Program & RCIA training at Aquinas College, and took courses at St. John's Seminary Master of Arts in Ministry, Pope St. John Seminary and Boston College School of Theology & Ministry as well as attending many workshops and conferences. She remembers teaching many of the parents whose children have been in our classes through the years. She looks forward to the change of pace that retirement brings and is excited about life as a retiree and volunteering in her home parish. Carol will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 8-10, 15;
1Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

In Ezra's time (after the long Babylonian captivity), the task was to rebuild Jerusalem, and to re-commit the people to the law in Scripture. Having done much rebuilding, Ezra turned his attention to the people. One day, he read to them all morning from the book of the law. The people listened attentively, and with great reverence. In contrast, Jesus came to save souls. He came not to rebuild the infrastructure of Jerusalem, but to build a new Jerusalem, the Church, made of "living stones" (the faithful and their many gifts) with Jesus as the head. This new Jerusalem would be eternal.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus returned to Nazareth "in the power of the Spirit." On the Sabbath, Jesus read a short passage from Isaiah about the one who was to come with the Spirit upon him. Then, with all eyes looking intently at him, Jesus gave a one sentence homily: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Thus, he proclaimed himself to be the fulfillment of the law. Reading on in Luke, we see that those present soon turned on Jesus and wanted to kill him, judging that he had overstepped his bounds. They could not see the truth that was standing in front of them.

All our collective gifts complement one another. We are to use them for the good of all, and to stand up for what is lawful, right and just so that the new Jerusalem is a light to the world. In Romans 12: 1-2 Saint Paul says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age...so that you may judge what is God's will..." If we do so we will travel roads that are pleasing to God, good for his Church and for our own salvation. As we see what happened to Jesus in his home town, however, every such road has its obstacles and crosses. Pray for the light to see our gifts, and for the courage to use them.



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.

BIRTHRIGHT Baby Bottle Project

The project funds Birthright of Framingham. The Birthright center is staffed entirely by volunteers who offer friendship, emotional support and practical assistance to women in a crisis pregnancy. Birthright does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Your support is deeply appreciated. Please return the baby bottles this weekend. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main Street, Framingham, 01701. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

The Treasure of Our Soul— The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Scott Hahn, internationally known theologian and author, explains the inestimable value of the Creed as a sure means of communicating the life-giving faith of the Apostles and as an indispensable source of unity for the Church. Dr. Hahn also brings to light how the Creed has served as a time-tested wellspring of meditation by which a believer can deepen his or her relationship with Christ, making it, in the words of St. Ambrose, "the treasure of our soul." **For this and other selections, please stop by our Media Kiosk in the Parish Center hallway.**

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to host a Coffee Hour at St. John's. As you may know, Coffee Hour is held after the 10AM Mass on any given Sunday between October and the end of June. It is a wonderful community builder for our Parish and a big draw for the kids! But it requires volunteers to keep it going week after week. Coffee Hour volunteers can include individual families, groups of neighbors, community groups, Parish ministries, CCD classes, and more. It is a simple process with easy step-by-step instructions, requiring about one hour of your time before Mass and 45 minutes after Mass. The parish provides the coffee and tea and will reimburse you for the cost of donuts. It's easy, fun and feels good to contribute. If interested, sign up at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17lqjs1qkl9xGeqDZYUndHSBF5oe9YqZVLK8fFOeOmNI/edit?usp=sharing>

Middle School Youth Group

Snow Tubing

Join us for a fun evening of snow tubing and hot chocolate

When: **Friday, February 1, 6-8PM**

Where: Ward Hill, 16 Winslow St., Shrewsbury

Who: St. John's MS Youth Group (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

Price: \$23 per child (checks can be made out to St. John's) Hot Cocoa will be served. **Register by Tuesday, January 29.** Drop check, permission slip, medical form and Ward Hill waiver in box outside the Rel. Ed. Office. Forms can be picked up outside of Rel. Ed. Office. Parents drop off and pick up at Ward Hill. Chaperones needed. Questions? Contact Melissa Comiskey at kandmhoptown@verizon.net.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 27 at 7:15PM in the lower church. All high school youth and adults interested in helping to plan events are welcome to attend.

Service, Sunday, January 27

Join the High School Youth Group as we travel to Boston Common to hand out "blessing bags" to the homeless.

Donations Needed!

A box for donations of adult new socks is in the Parish Center. The high school youth group will travel to Boston Common to hand out blessing bags to Boston's homeless on Sunday, January 27. If you can help, please leave your items in the box in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.



Please pray for our 102 10th grade Confirmation students who will be on retreat THIS Saturday, February 2.

10th GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat is **Saturday, February 2**, from 10:45AM-5PM at the Marian Center/Betania II in Medway. Every student and parent has received a letter with the details of the retreat. Please be prompt in arriving. Questions? Please contact Debbie at 435-3313x208 or dlysikstjn@verizon.net.

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.

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.

JANUARY 27, 2019

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.

BRING ME SOULS

*The Lord said to me, the loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is the prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter, that this prayer is **always heard and answered**.*

—words of Jesus to Saint Faustina (Diary #1397)