

# 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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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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### **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**

**Brendan Kenney**  
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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



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

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Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 13, 2019:  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## MASS+ INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 PM Special Intention

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 AM Dzerkacz and Zocchi Families

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM Antonio Banson

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 AM Lourdes Banson

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Maureen McIntyre  
and Eileen O'Brien

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

5:00 PM Gene Zawatski

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

**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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

4:15 PM Grade 1

### 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.

2019 calendars are available at the back of the church.

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

### CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

What is an epiphany? It is a manifestation, a revelation, a sudden and striking understanding of something. For a savior, Israel was expecting a conquering hero, somebody who would come in glory to restore the greatness of the secular kingdom of Israel. Instead, The Christ came in the most humble, vulnerable, lovable and approachable form he could. Not many of us are immune to the peace and joy that comes with beholding such a little one.

From his birth, Jesus was heralded and revealed as the Savior. He was revealed to poor shepherds, and to the Magi (who were Gentiles). Both the Shepherds and the Magi came to visit, and to worship. They believed and found hope for good will, justice and peace in the Christ Child. It was Israel that was meant to be a light to the rest of the world that the Savior had come. It was later that the Apostles realized that it was the Church that was to be the new Israel that would reveal Christ to the world. They did so by what they said, by how they lived, and by how they died. Contrast the reaction of Herod The Great. He did not believe. As a result, he was troubled and angry at the mere thought that there might be a rival to his secular throne. His thoughts were of treachery and murder.

I am writing this on December 28, 2018, the Feast of the Martyrdom of the Holy Innocents, the consequence of Herod's lack of faith, selfishness and lust for holding on to power. Those were dark days indeed! We also live in dark days. Tendencies toward a lack of faith, toward making human beings and governments a kind of god, and toward not accepting any kind of objective right or wrong prevail. It is a time when the murder of some sixty million unborn children in the United States alone is tolerated. It is a time when anyone who expresses beliefs in Christian moral teachings that disagree with the tyranny of secularist, relativist doctrines and policies can be subjected to ridicule, character assassination, harassment, and physical harm to their property and persons. We are bitterly challenged in our own time!

Considering how Jesus, the Holy Innocents, and the Apostles lived and died; as the New Israel, how are we revealing Christ our Savior to our families, communities, country, and the world?

**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 12.**

## 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.

### Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thanks!

### 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.

### DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with bras and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras—new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

### 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 [hopenagape@gmail.com](mailto:hopenagape@gmail.com), Heather Petruney at [petruneyh@gmail.com](mailto:petruneyh@gmail.com), or Linda Lane at [lindalane13@verizon.net](mailto:lindalane13@verizon.net).



### Middle School Youth Group

Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 11, 2019.**

### 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.

### Thursday, January 10, Sign-up Night for Mission Trip

7PM in the Parish Center. Bring completed paperwork, copy of insurance card, and deposit of \$280. Sign up is first-come, first-served. We will be able to take 84 students. Must be in grade 9 or higher. If you have any questions, feel free to email [stjohnythmin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com).

### Service, Saturday, January 26

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



### 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

**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.

### MOVING?

Be sure to notify the Parish office (508-435-3313x203) and the Religious Education office (508-435-3313x208) 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.

### 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.



**JANUARY 6, 2019**

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**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.

