

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

**Mary Pawela, 1-6
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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 - Friday 9:00 AM
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

Bernadette Nadeau
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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



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:43-44

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 8, 2019:
Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/ Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:00 PM Thomas Hostage (living intention))

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

6:30 PM Eleanor Lysik

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM John E. Kszystyniak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM Joan Kszystyniak (living intention)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Special Intention

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 PM Grade 10



Rest in Peace

Sister Elizabeth Bryson
Alice Miller
Joseph Pratt, Jr.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast of the Immaculate Conception **Monday, December 9**

Mass at 9AM Monday, December 9

Advent Evening of Prayer

Please join us for an Advent Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Thursday, December 12, at 7PM** in the lower chapel. There will also be opportunity for confession.

Grand Annual Update THANK YOU!

So far, over 115 parish families have contributed to the 2019 Grand Annual collection. To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St. John's. We are now up to over \$38,000 raised toward our \$55,000 goal!. Thank you very much! Our parish has responded with great generosity and enthusiasm. We ask that you if you have not already done so, please return your commitment as soon as possible.

First Friday Masses in Honor of **the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation** **Friday, December 6 at 7PM in the Lower Church**

Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, December 7.

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.



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.



SEASONAL HELP NEEDED

St. John's is in need of some seasonal help with snow removal. We need someone who is able to shovel as well as work light machinery. Please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x202 or bmitchellstjn@verizon.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Christmas Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for Christmas help. We need parish families to play Santa to less fortunate Hopkintonians. This can be done by fulfilling requests from their wish lists. Please consider this incredibly worthwhile Christmas cause. We are also in need of the following gift cards in \$50 denominations: Target, Walmart, gas or VISA. Any questions, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Our group really appreciates all the help, past and future.

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Reading and Praying the Scripture, A Bible Study will be offered here at St. John's. The group will meet **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30PM**. The focus will be on the Sunday Scripture readings and the writings of St. Paul. Fr. Conrad Pecevic will be the instructor and facilitator. This is a wonderful opportunity to become comfortable with the Word of God and better incorporate it into your spirituality. Newcomers are always welcome.

HS Youth Group Bottles & Cans Collection

St. John's HS Youth Group will be collecting bottles and cans **THIS Saturday, December 7, from 10AM-2PM** at the Train Depot on West Main Street at Ice House Pond. The collections from these drives help fund the different activities for the HS Youth Group including our annual mission trip. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mike Burdulis at michael.burdulis@umassmemorial.org.



Middle School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 10, 2020**. Stay tuned for more details to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, December 15 at 5PM in the parish center. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

Thursday, December 12: Mission Trip 2020 Information Night at 7PM in the parish center for parents and students. Come find out more information about our upcoming June mission trip. This is NOT the sign up meeting. That will be on January 9, 2020.

St. John's Middle School Youth Group Thanks You!

Thank you all very much for your support of our Middle School Youth Group. The bake sale this past Sunday was a huge success. This is our one fundraiser for the year and the money raised helps offset costs to our student members for different activities as well as purchasing items we may need for different service projects. Thanks to all those that baked and those that helped at the sale.



REMINDER: Grade 10 Confirmation meets NEXT Sunday, December 8, from 5-7:15PM.

Grade 2 Students at Mass

NEXT weekend at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 2 and their catechists will serve as greeters, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. Families of 2nd graders are encouraged to attend this Mass.

St. John's Youth Choir 2019-2020

Welcoming all **3rd thru 12th** graders. Weekly rehearsals are on **Sundays after the 10AM Mass**; main church, rehearsal room to the right of the sanctuary. The Youth Choir sings at the 10AM Mass one Sunday a month, other devotions and concerts throughout the year, and collaborates with the Parish Choir on select feast days. This spring our choir will participate with hundreds of other young choristers in the *Pueri Cantores Festival and Mass*, to be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Boston. We are also prayerfully considering the *44th International Pueri Cantores Rome Festival (12/26/21-1/2/22)* where we would join choirs from around the world at the Papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. (so put on your fundraising thinking caps!) Youth Choir registration will take place at rehearsal. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn Maginnis at 508-435-9615 or lynnmaginnis@verizon.net.

DECEMBER 1, 2019

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122: 1-9; Romans 13: 11-14;
Matthew 24: 37-44**

Advent is suddenly upon us. It is a time of joyful yet sacrificial expectation for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ who humbled himself to live among us. In today's readings we are told to expect peace and rejoice; yet we are sternly warned in the Gospel that we must be prepared for the second coming of Christ. As we cannot separate the Manger from the shadow of the Cross, we cannot separate our preparation for Christmas from the preparation we continually do for the second coming.

I remember when my wife and I were expecting our first child. For those nine months she was being prepared for birth. Also, we were preparing for her. We cleaned out a room, got rid of things we did not need, gathered things that we would need, cleaned, redecorated etc., doing everything we needed to do to prepare for her to live with us. It did not end there. After she was born and continued to grow, we continued to prepare for the next cycle of growth; and we grew with her.

I think the readings today are telling us to be at peace, not to fear the second coming, but to prepare for it diligently and seriously. During Advent we prepare our souls to have the Christ Child reborn within us. We try to cleanse our souls, to rid ourselves of the sinful clutter and distractions occupying the darker corners of our souls, to use sacraments and sacrifice as best we can to make our souls a suitable dwelling for Christ. Paul says we must avoid excesses, and all improper behavior. We have the Church and the sacraments, instituted by Christ to help us in everything we really need to do to "put on Christ." Prepare a room in your soul for Jesus. Be not afraid of the second coming. If the Christ Child dwells within you, you will grow; and you WILL be prepared!

