

# St. John the Evangelist



**Established 1866**

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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**

**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**

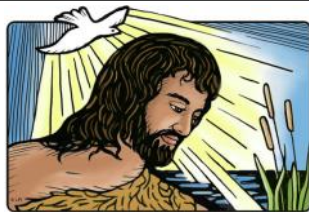
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### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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



"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John

the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." - Mt 11:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 22, 2019:  
Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 AM Helen Sparks

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Sally Campbell

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Joseph & Agnes Campbell

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM Zocchi and Dzerkacz Families

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM Elijah Cummings

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM Fr. John L. Donovan

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 AM Fr. John R. Lizio  
5:00 PM Edward T. Manning, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 AM Joseph & Eva Campbell  
6:30 PM Edward & Alice Cannon and  
Helen Ward



#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:15 PM Grade 6  
4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:15 PM Grade 2

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

*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.*



*Rest in Peace*

Steven Esper  
Patricia Marcolini  
Mary Pratt

## NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will take place **THIS** Sunday at the 10AM Mass for children in grades K-2 and 3-5.

## CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

**Monday, December 16, 6:30-7:30PM**

During the penitential season of Advent, extra times of parish confessions will be made available. **In addition to Saturday mornings at 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will be offered Monday, December 16, from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel.**

## Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests

On the **third Thursday of every month at 7PM** in the lower chapel, we will be offering a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests. This is something recommended by the Congregation of the Clergy and, in this our day and age, sorely needed. This secular age of ours presents some unique challenges to the Church and to Her ministerial priesthood. The current priest shortage adds to the stress that many priests feel and can be a challenge to their spiritual life and pastoral service.

Thursday of Holy Week our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, it is an ideal day to pray for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will consist of: adoration; the rosary; litany and prayer of petitions; silent prayer and benediction.

"During that month I met with many holy Priests, and yet I saw that even though the sublime dignity of Priesthood raises them higher than the Angels, they are still but weak and imperfect men. If holy Priests, whom Our Lord in the Gospel calls the salt of the earth, have need of our prayers, how much more the struggling and the lukewarm?"

--St. Therese of Lisieux, The Story of a Soul, chap. VI

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

For those parishioners on our offertory envelope system, you will notice a Flower Offering envelope in your packet. (Flower envelopes are also available at the back of the church.) These envelopes provide an opportunity to donate to the flower costs and other altar supplies during the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons. These donations can be made in memory of loved ones. They can be put in the regular collection or sent to the parish office anytime before Christmas. Thank you.

## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE (Tue. 12/24) 4PM(x2\*), 6PM & Midnight**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY (Wed. 12/25) 8&10AM**  
**MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Tues. 12/31 at 4PM and Wed. 1/1 at 10AM**

\*There will be 2 Masses offered at 4PM on Christmas Eve. One will be in the upper church and the other will be in the Parish Center.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**NEXT Saturday, December 21.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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.

### 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.

### MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

### ADVENT: Rethinking the Season

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus. **For this title and other selections, please stop by our media kiosk in the parish center hallway.**

### BIBLE STUDY

*Reading and Praying the Scripture, A Bible Study* is ongoing at St. John's. The group meets **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. Don't forget to bring your Bible!



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 15, at 3PM**  
**St. John's Parish Center**

Featuring the Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band and St. John the Evangelist Children's Choir. 21st Annual Benefit Concert. Voluntary donations of NEW packaged underwear and/or socks will be collected to benefit Project Just Because. Everyone is welcome, especially families and "little ones".



### 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 lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting. Yankee Swap.



### 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.

### A JESSE TREE

**"...a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from its roots a bud shall blossom." Isaiah 11:1**

The sixth grade students and their catechists researched scripture passages from the bible to make ornaments that decorated bare branches in order to create the "family tree of Jesus." Be sure to take notice of it when you are in the Parish Center.

### CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Ashland/Hopkinton Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest open to children aged 5-14. This fun contest will allow our parish youth to demonstrate their artistic skills on the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A prize will be awarded for the best poster in three age categories (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14). Everyone will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift for participating. All posters need to be on an 11"x17" sheet of paper and be accompanied by an official entry form. Deadline for entry is December 18 with judging between Christmas and New Year's. For more details and an entry form or if you have any questions, please contact your religious education instructor or Mary Pawela, ([mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com)), Debbie Lysik ([dllysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dllysikstjn@verizon.net)) or Bill Maginnis ([billmaginnis@verizon.net](mailto:billmaginnis@verizon.net)).



### Live Nativity

There will be a live Nativity at Community Covenant Church, 2 West Elm Street in Hopkinton, on **Saturday, December 21, 5-7PM**. All are welcome.

**DECEMBER 15, 2019**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; Psalm 146: 6-10; James 5: 7-10;  
Matthew 11: 2-11**

It is "Gaudete Sunday," which means "Rejoice Sunday." One reason we rejoice is because we seemingly are speeding toward the birthday of the Word Made Flesh, a time when we acknowledge that the Kingdom of God is at hand. However, it also is a time to slow down a bit amidst all the hustle and bustle of the season. While this is a time of joyful expectation, it must also be a time of patient expectation, a time to be patient in our waiting not only for Christmas, but patient with each other and with ourselves. Patience allows us to savor the moment and fully experience and live today as we should. We experience many blessings and are joyfully thankful for them. However, we also experience our individual challenges, concerns, sorrows and afflictions. Add to that all the evil that stubbornly persists in this world. Where is the joy?

I have read in the Breviary that "Those who welcome the Word as the guest of their hearts will have abiding joy." Such abiding joy is available to us in the Sacraments and gives us the ability to enjoy every day while enduring whatever challenges come our way. We have proof of that in the lives of the saints, particularly those who were joyful in facing martyrdom for Christ and his Kingdom. If we allow Jesus into our hearts through repentance and reformation of our lives, we will experience joy from that relationship, and from our relationships with each other. We will be prepared to participate in the process of spreading the advent (the coming into being) of the Kingdom of God to others. Thus, we and others will be prepared also for the second coming of the Lord. Do not fear. God keeps his promises. God came to live among us. God came to save us. God loves us. Smile. Be patient and rejoice in the Lord always!

**Knights of Columbus "Living Rosary"**

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council will host a "Living Rosary" on **Wednesday, December 18th**, at 7PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine's "Annual Festival of Lights – Outdoor Rosary Walk" in Holliston. Fellow Knight, Deacon Mike Mott, will lead us in the "Living Rosary". Our group will have access to the Fatima Shrine Hall afterwards for hot cocoa & cookies. If planning to attend, please contact Deputy Grand Knight, Bill Muench at 508-259-3382 or [william.muench@comcast.net](mailto:william.muench@comcast.net).

**Welcome All High School Students  
to AGAPE (Greek for "selfless love")!**

**Join us on January 11, 7-8PM** with an optional hangout until 9:30PM at the Gaughan Home, 224 Lumber St., 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! The group usually meets for 1 hour once a month on Saturday nights in people's homes for snacks, fellowship, activities, and large/small group discussion. We are delighted to be able to begin our 6th 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, please contact Meg Gaughan at [hopagape@gmail.com](mailto:hopagape@gmail.com) or Heather Petruney at [petruneyh@gmail.com](mailto:petruneyh@gmail.com)).