

# 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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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 - 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



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:20-21

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 29, 2019:  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] / Col 3:12-17/  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## MASS+ INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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 23

9:00 AM Fr. John R. Lizio

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Special Intention

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 AM Stephen Coffee

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 AM Paul Campbell

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM Maureen McIntyre, Eileen O'Brien

5:00 PM Marian Coffee and Stephen Coffee

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Catherine Angermann

6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—NO CLASSES, CHRISTMAS VACATION.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—CLASSES RESUME**

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

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



## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tue. 12/24) 4PM(x2\*), 6PM & Midnight

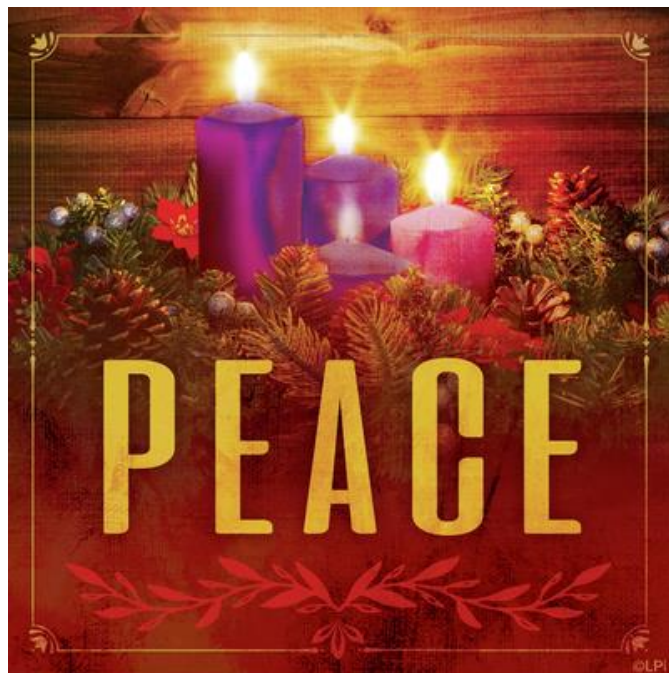
CHRISTMAS DAY (Wed. 12/25) 8&10AM

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.

## Christmas Collection

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).



**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, December 28.**



### **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.

### **THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite! **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 Pecevich 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!

### **YEAR OUT...YEAR IN**

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Tuesday, December 31, from 11PM to Wednesday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2019, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2020.

### **Saint John's Entrustment Prayer to Divine Mercy**

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.

This entrustment prayer is said every Monday at St. John's holy hour to Divine Mercy.

—Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.



### **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, January 12 at 5PM** in the lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.



### **GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION**

#### **Students & Parents**

**REMINDER:** Grade 10 Confirmation meets **Sunday, January 5 from 5-7:15PM.** This meeting is for both parents and students.

### **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.

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

All confined, all in need of healing...

Please pray for all deceased and their families...

Our servicemen and women, and their families,  
and all who suffer in embattled countries.

### **Welcome All High School Students**

Join us on **January 11, 7-8PM** with an optional hangout until 9:30PM at the Gaughan Home, 224 Lumber St., Hopkinton. **AGAPE** (Greek for selfless love) 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 [hopa-gape@gmail.com](mailto:hopa-gape@gmail.com) or Heather Petruney at [petruneyh@gmail.com](mailto:petruneyh@gmail.com)).

**DECEMBER 22, 2019**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 7: 10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Romans 1; 1-7;**

**Matthew 1: 18-24**

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and in three days it will be Christmas Day. In the person of Jesus Christ, God humbled himself to share in our humanity by his conception, birth, life, death and resurrection. In the first chapter of the gospel according to John, on Christmas day, John is unambiguous about who Jesus is: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things came to be through him...and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Today Isaiah proclaims God's promise, "...the virgin shall conceive a son and shall name him Emmanuel." Today Saint Paul reminds us of the promises transmitted through the prophets, and in effect Paul tells us today that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Holy Scriptures. God chose Mary to bring Jesus into the world. Mary trusted and, she said yes to God. God chose Saint Joseph to be the foster father of Jesus. He trusted the angel who came to him in a dream, and he obeyed. All are examples of promises made and promises kept.

God called on Mary and Joseph to bring Jesus into the world, and to watch over him. Jesus called on the apostles to carry him throughout the world. Similarly, by virtue of our Baptisms we are called to continue the work of carrying Jesus to the world around us. We have promised things in Confession, and in the sacrifice of the Mass. Promises were made for us in our Baptisms, which most of us renew every year. As parents we vowed to be the primary spiritual guides for our children. Let us reflect on these two questions: how many promises have we made to God, and how many have we kept? It is never too late. As with Mary and Joseph, "God Among Us" is depending on us.



*May God be with you at Christmastime  
and keep you in His care,  
God grant you peace and happiness and  
answer every prayer,  
God fill each day ahead for you with  
blessings from above,  
So you will know, your whole life through,  
the fullness of His love.  
Merry Christmas and a  
very Happy New Year!*

**2020 calendars are available at the back of the church.**