

# 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**

**Mary Pawela, 1-6  
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### **PARISH CENTER**

**Maureen Belger, Manager**  
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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



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the

Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 15, 2019:  
Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/ Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11

**MASS**  
INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM Fr. John L. Donovan

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Eleanor Jane Lewicki

6:30 PM Sr. Elizabeth Bryson

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM Sr. Ursula Tisdall

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Sr. Margaret Dunn, S.J.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM Sister Ann Campbell, S.J.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM Fr. John L. Donovan

5:00 PM Marcia Pierannunzi

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

**Weekly Schedule**

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 PM Grade 10

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

#### 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.

*Rest in Peace*

Pauline M. Hutchinson

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

THIS Monday, December 9

Mass at 9AM Monday, December 9

2nd collection **THIS** weekend  
Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

#### Advent Evening of Prayer

Please join us for an Advent Evening of Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe **THIS Thursday, December 12, at 7PM** in the lower chapel. The topic will be *The Annunciation, the Virginal Conception, and the Sacredness of Human Life from the Moment of Conception*. There will also be opportunity for confession.

#### 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).

#### 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.



#### 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 14.**

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.

## SECOND 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.

### 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](mailto:bmitchellstjn@verizon.net).

### 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.

### 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! This week's topic is "The Resurrection" teaching of St. Paul in I Corinthians. 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 parish center. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

**THIS Thursday, December 12: Mission Trip 2020 Information Night at 7PM** in the lower church hall 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 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 **THIS Sunday, December 8, from 5-7:15PM**.

### Grade 2 Students at Mass

**THIS** 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.

### 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 please contact your religious education instructor or contact Mary Pawela, ([mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com)), Debbie Lysik ([dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net)) or Bill Maginnis ([billmaginnis@verizon.net](mailto:billmaginnis@verizon.net)).

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12**

With today's worship we begin the second week of Advent. We all must assess how we are doing with our preparation for the commemoration of the Birth of Jesus. The Miriam Webster Dictionary indicates that Advent certainly is those four weeks of preparation; but uncapitalized, the word, advent, means a coming into being or use. That second meaning has relevance for us this time of year because it suggests how we should prepare ourselves during this time, and throughout the year. John the Baptist in today's gospel insists that we must repent, which requires that we also reform ourselves. By the grace of God, through the infinite merits of Jesus, we are to do the hard work of becoming something new and something better than we are now.

Isaiah speaks of the ideal king, "from the stump of Jesse" (the father of David), who is full of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and faithfulness. That King of Kings is the one for whom we prepare ourselves and strive to emulate. He brings an age of peace and justice; an end to enmity, strife, and affliction. But the Lord also works through us, and he expects, by his grace, that we bear fruit. We have the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance to strengthen us and to keep us on track. We can fast, give alms, help to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, tend to the sick and suffering, provide company to the lonely, solace to the sorrowful, and hope to the discouraged. With the Lord as the guest of our souls we can repent, reform, work in harmony and bear much fruit. Let us begin!



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

**SAVE THE DATES: December 13 & January 11**

**Join us for a SPECIAL ADVENT CONCERT on Friday, December 13, 5-10PM.** We will gather in St. John's lower church area for pizza and then head out for **A LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT** with special guest speaker Bob Rice at St. John the Baptist Church in Quincy. For more information please go to [WWW.LIFTEDHIGHER.COM](http://WWW.LIFTEDHIGHER.COM). Also, **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! Please contact us with any **questions** and **to sign up for a ride to the "Lift Advent Concert"**. (Meg Gaughan at [hopagape@gmail.com](mailto:hopagape@gmail.com) or Heather Petruney at [petruneyh@gmail.com](mailto:petruneyh@gmail.com)).