

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.

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**Mary Pawela, 1-6
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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



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a

voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 19, 2020:
Is 49:3, 5-6/ Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/ 1Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

MASS+ INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 PM Gene Zawatski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 AM Special Intention
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
6:30 PM Mark McNamara

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Justine Murray

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 AM Philip Schiloski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM Pamela A. Peters

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Nealon
and Click Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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.

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.

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

4:15 PM Grades 1 & 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19—NO CLASSES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, January 18.

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

BIRTHRIGHT Baby Bottle Project

The Birthright Baby Bottle Project will begin **THIS** weekend. The project funds Birthright of Framingham. The Birthright center is staffed entirely by volunteers who offer friendship, emotional support and practical assistance to women in a crisis pregnancy. Birthright does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Your support is deeply appreciated. Simply pick up a baby bottle at the exits of the church, take it home, and over the next two weeks, fill the bottle with loose change and bring it back to church. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main Street, Framingham, 01701. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study with Fr. Conrad Peceovich will resume on **January 23 at 7PM in the lower church area** with a study of The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend.

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*

Doris Benoit
Pamela Peters
Doris Cyr

THE BAPTISM 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.

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

St. John's parishioners made Christmas brighter for those who count on the Mustard Seed in Worcester for nourishing meals. We served a huge roast beef dinner and brought an SUV loaded with Christmas gifts from St. John's Giving Tree. All were very grateful!

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus invites all families to join in the **9 Days for Life 2020** starting **Tuesday, January 21 through Wednesday, January 29, 2020**. The 9 Days for Life, managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related information. Sign up and receive the novena by email, text message or an app at www.9daysforlife.com (or text 9DAYS to 55000). There also are prayer cards available near the entrance of the church. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus please contact Chris Alicandro at 617-335-6688 or chris.alicandro@comcast.net.

Life Line Screening

Did you know that a **10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%**? **Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the US. Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure. Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death.** Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of diabetes and vascular disease by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be held at Saint John the Evangelist Parish on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Register for the lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for only \$129. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. Taking control of your health doesn't have to be hard.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Giving Back

On **January 20, 2020**, all are invited by the Hopkinton Christian Service Connection, to make Cancer Care Bags at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Giving Back. It takes place at the **Hopkinton Middle School Gym, 9AM-11AM**. If you would like to help decorate and fill bags, please just show up. If you would like to donate care items: sensitive skin body lotion, body wash, lip balm (all 3oz. size), please call Colleen at 508-497-9144.



Middle School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Glow in the Dark Epiphany Party, Friday, evening, **January 24, 2020**. Stay tuned for more details to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: THIS Sunday, January 12 at 5PM in the lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.

Service, Sunday, 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.

Donations Needed!

A box for donations of adult new socks, lip balm, and gloves and mittens is in the Parish Center. The high school youth group will travel to Boston Common to hand out blessing bags to Boston's homeless on Sunday, January 26. If you can help, please leave your items in the box in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.



Grade 3 Mass

THIS weekend at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 3 and their catechists will serve as greeters, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. Families of 3rd graders are encouraged to attend this Mass.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

Monsignor Haddad Middle School in Needham (co-ed Catholic, grades 6-8) invites families to their Fall Open House on **Sunday, January 26, 12-2PM**. Meet our teachers and student leaders, learn about our mission, and talk to current parents about why MHMS is the right choice for those important middle school years. Preregistration suggested at www.mhmsneedham.com. Monsignor Haddad Middle School is a St. Joseph School.

Please join **St. Bernadette School** on **Sunday, January 26 from 1-3PM or Thursday, January 30 from 10AM-1PM** for its Open Houses. Take a tour of the school, speak with teachers, parents and administration, and learn about enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. St. Bernadette School is a PreK-3-Grade 8 school committed to providing a challenging, quality education, which combines rigorous academic standards with a strong spiritual foundation. As a Catholic School, we welcome and are respectful of our diverse religious and cultural population. For more information, please visit www.stb-school.org or email admissions@stb-school.org. St. Bernadette School is located at 266 Main Street (Rte. 20) in Northborough.

JANUARY 12, 2020

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10; Acts 10: 34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17**

Today the liturgical season of Christmas comes to an end with the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, God Among Us, humbly submits himself to Baptism by John "...to fulfill all righteousness." The footnotes to today's gospel tell us that "The Baptism of Jesus is the occasion on which he is equipped for his ministry by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed to be the Son of God." As with many of the readings during the Advent and Christmas seasons, something else is revealed about God in a manner that was made discernable by the senses of those who were present: our one Trinitarian God. The Holy Spirit descends on to Jesus in the appearance and gentleness of a dove. The strong voice and word of the Father is heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Then Jesus, the Son of God, the Word of God made flesh, in whom the entire Godhead is contained, begins his ministry.

The Baptism of John was meant for sinners. Yet the sinless Son of God submitted himself to it as an example to us. In our Baptisms we too were anointed by the Holy Spirit and equipped for our ministry to follow Jesus, to serve like him, to show no partiality, to bring all humanity to God through his Christ, to bring justice and healing gently to all, to be a light to the world, to open the eyes of those who are blind to the reality of God's love for all of us. We know from the gospels that this is not an easy road to travel; but it can be a joyous one if we completely and humbly give ourselves over to the Christ who completely and humbly gave himself up for us.

Free-Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship Competition will be held on **Friday, January 24, 2020** at the Hopkinton High School after the Hopkinton/Ashland varsity boys basketball game. All boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate. The Knights of Columbus free-throw competition is an annual event sponsored by the Ashland/Hopkinton Council (Bishop Rice council #4822). The event is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 14 in the local communities. Trophies will be presented to first and second place winners and a medal is awarded to the third-place winner in each age category. First place winners advance to the district finals. The event brings the youth of the community together in a friendly competition. Since 1972 The Knights of Columbus have sponsored a basketball free-throw competition for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is an Organization of Roman Catholic men whose charter is to support both their parishes and communities. Based upon the founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus provides numerous services to their local communities. The Bishop Rice Council #4822 conducts numerous charity events in support of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Hopkinton and Saint Cecilia's in Ashland. For more information please contact: Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or joealtman@verizon.net.

2020 calendars are available at the back of the church.