

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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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



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that

will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 9, 2020:
Is 58:7-10/ Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:00 PM Darren Hurley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Doris Cyr

6:30 PM Robert Bagley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM Deborah Monahan Kavey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM Kathleen "Bonnie" Gilligan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista
(for healing)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Andrew T. McCarthy, Jr.
(months mind)

6:30 PM Judy Ryan

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



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

2:10 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4 and 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal (music room)

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



BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE

We will offer a Blessing of Throats **THIS** weekend after all the Masses for those who would like to participate.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to host a Coffee Hour at St. John's. As you may know, Coffee Hour is held after the 10AM Mass on any given Sunday between October and the end of June. It is a wonderful community builder for our Parish and a big draw for the kids! But it requires volunteers to keep it going week after week. Coffee Hour volunteers can include individual families, groups of neighbors, community groups, Parish ministries, CCD classes, and more. It is a simple process with easy step-by-step instructions, requiring about one hour of your time before Mass and 45 minutes after Mass. The parish provides the coffee and tea and will reimburse you for the cost of donuts. It's easy, fun and feels good to contribute. If interested, call or email the parish office (508-435-3313x203, stjohshopkinton@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.

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 7PM first Friday Mass on February 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.

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

THE PRESENTATION 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.

Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at **7:15PM in the church library**. We study our faith, share our stories and prayer intentions, and recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the lower church. At our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 5th**, we will continue our in-depth reading of the first Psalm that describes with ageless wisdom the journey of the faithful in today's world. Please feel free to join us for an evening. For more information email maryskniaz@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Bible Study resumes on **Thursdays at 7PM in the lower church area**. The topic will be "The Acts of the Apostles," and the presenter is Fr. Conrad Pecevich. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible. Come and enjoy our faith-sharing group and fellowship.

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 24: 7-10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

In the tradition of the law of Moses, the first-born son is brought to the temple to be presented and dedicated to God in acknowledgement that each of our lives belongs to God. Thus, at the proper time Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple along with a humble sacrifice. Even knowing who Jesus was, Mary and Joseph were astonished by what happened and what was said. Two holy people, Simeon and Anna, acknowledged that the baby Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Scriptures. It is not long after Jesus' birth, but already the shadow of the Cross is revealed. Jesus was "destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted." It is revealed that even His Blessed Mother would suffer.

Thus, God came to us as the Word Made Flesh, to share our lives in every way except sin. He did this in the person of Jesus to become the perfect priest of the greatest sacrifice: Himself. He would be a sign that would be contradicted in that he would be accepted by many, but he also would be opposed by many. He would conquer death and the fear of death, but would choose to suffer, die and rise to do so. The father of death is Satan; and fear of death is ultimately how Satan attempts to enslave us. Satan is the source of all our fears. But Jesus would grow and become "strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him" and he would conquer all of that for us.

As Catholic Christians we too are called to be contradictions. We face opposition when we stand for the sanctity of life, for the sanctity of matrimony, for the poor, for the disadvantaged, for justice, and for the simple truth that there is an objective right and wrong. We will face forms of persecution and suffering. Let us each make a presentation and dedication of ourselves to God. When faced with the inevitable difficulties, opposition, crosses and fears, let us each constantly pray: "Jesus, I trust in you." In doing so, our perfect Priest and Savior will give each of us what we need to persevere, and to help each other.



Middle School Youth Group

Snow Tubing: Join us for a fun evening of snow tubing and hot chocolate

When: **Friday, February 7, 6-8PM**

Where: Ward Hill, 16 Winslow St., Shrewsbury

Who: St. John's MS Youth Group (6th, 7th, 8th graders)

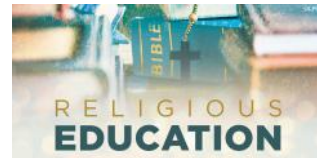
Price: \$23 per child (checks can be made out to St. John's)

Hot Cocoa will be served. **Register by Tues., February 4.** Sign up will be sent via email to parent email. Drop check, permission slip, medical form and Ward Hill waiver in box outside the Rel. Ed. Office. Parents drop off and pick up at Ward Hill. Chaperones needed. Questions? Contact Melissa Comiskey at kandmhoptown@verizon.net.

Service Project: Preparing Easter bags for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen, **Friday, March 20, 11:30AM-1PM**. More info to come.

High School Youth Group

Next Youth Leadership Team Meeting: Sunday, February 9 at 5PM in the lower church area. All high school youth are welcome to attend this monthly meeting.



Please pray for our 75 10th grade Confirmation students who will be on retreat Saturday, February 1.

Grade 4 Mass

NEXT weekend at the 10AM Mass, students in grade 4 and their catechists will serve as greeters, offer the gifts, and wish you farewell. Families of 4th 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.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, which was prayed for decades after every Mass throughout the Catholic world, up until 1964, will be resumed at St. John's after all the Masses: the spiritual and moral renewal of the Church warrants it. The prayer reminds us that there is an intelligent force of evil we call Satan or the Devil that actively seeks the ruin of souls (1Peter 5:8). This prayer, composed by Pope Leo XIII, also reminds us that spiritual warfare is a part of our Christian journey and further reminds us of our duty to engage in this essential struggle. We also make an appeal to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for special help and protection, as well as an invocation to St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church.

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host –
by the Power of God –
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

--Pope Leo XIII

P. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us.

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P. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary,
R. Pray for us.

P. Good Saint Joseph,
R. Pray for us.

P. St. John the Evangelist,
R. Pray for us.

