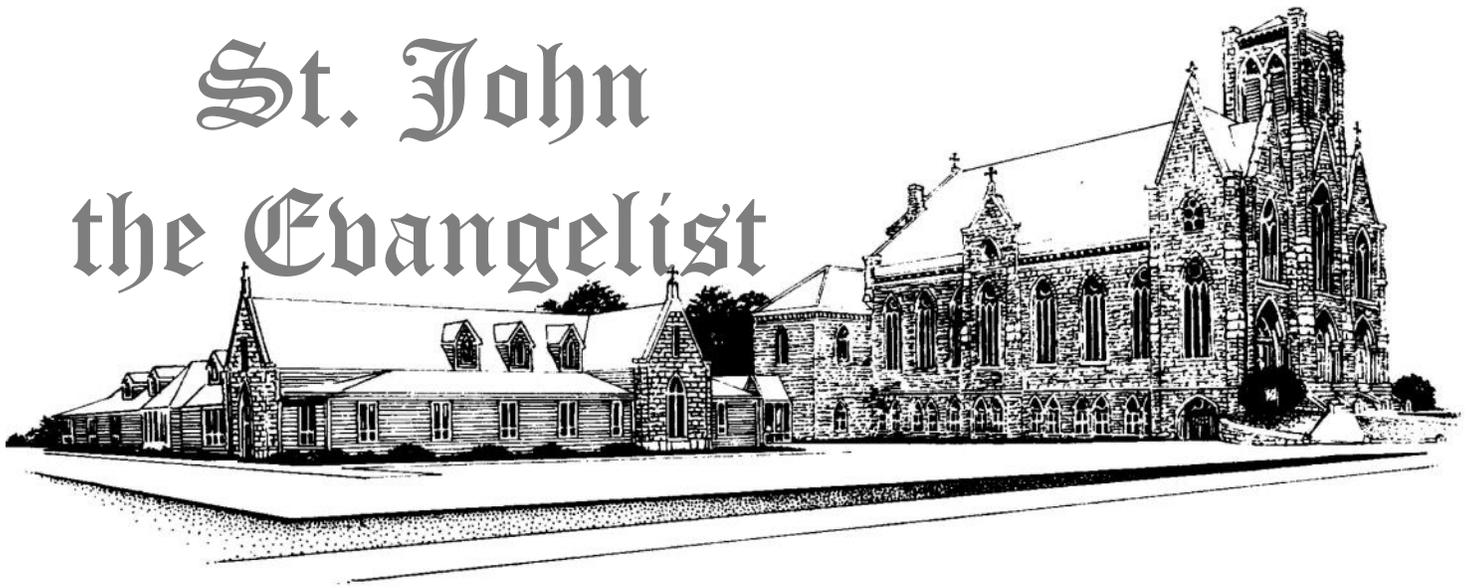


St. John the Evangelist



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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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

ORGANIST

Bernadette Nadeau

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



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 10, 2021:
*Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/
 Mk 1:7-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11*

MASST INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Helen, Calvin, and Tim Sparks
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM For the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 AM For all living and deceased members of the clergy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM Dzerkacz and Zocchi Families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM Victor Menke

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista (living intention)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5:00 PM Teresa Daly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
 10:00 AM Shirley Hazeltine

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

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

11:30AM Gr. 2 parent Zoom meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 PM Gr. 9 Zoom meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

5:00 PM Grade 10 Zoom meeting

PLEASE NOTE: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

Help for Fr. Jeremy St. Martin St. John the Evangelist, Townsend

As you may know, the rectory at Saint John the Evangelist in Townsend was destroyed by fire recently. Fr. Jeremy St. Martin sustained second degree burns to his hands trying to extinguish the flames. Fr. Jeremy also lost almost all of his belongings in the fire. The Archdiocese of Boston, through the Office of Risk Management, was onsite the same day to assess the damages and help Fr. Jeremy begin the long process of restoring his life. We have been assured that all of Jeremy's belongings will be replaced. Many have offered support and prayers, and the Archdiocese has authorized a request of funds to help with Jeremy's immediate needs. If you would like to donate to this collection, you may send your donation to our parish office or drop it in the collection basket with "**Townsend Fire**" in the memo. We would like to collect all donations as soon as possible so that they may be sent before January 6 and given to Fr. Jeremy that same day. Thank you for your support!

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.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

There will be a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Are you or someone you know in need of financial help, for example: paying rent, buying food, or paying utilities? If so, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 508-435-3313x207.

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

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.

2021 calendars are available at the back of the church.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanks You

Thank you to all the very generous parishioners who donated food and Target gift cards to St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We helped 40 Hopkinton families/individuals each holiday. Thank you also to all those who financially support St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. We have had many requests for help with rent, food and utilities already this year. Again, thank you to all our supporters!!!

Miracles

What are miracles, and why does God work them?

How can I believe in miracles if I have never experienced one? Aren't miracles just something pre-scientific people made up to explain what they couldn't understand? How can we discern whether a phenomenon is truly a miracle and not a hallucination, a hoax, or the work of a demon? In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. The rare and wonderful supernatural events we call miracles are a gift from God, testifying to a skeptical world of his existence and his power. *20 Answers: Miracles* unpacks the nature of miracles, their appearances in Scripture and history, how the Church evaluates them, and ways to answer doubters who say they're mere superstition. Most of all, it shows that miracles are never an end in themselves, but instead are meant to lead us to greater faith in, and gratitude for, God's providence. **For this title and other selections, please stop by our media kiosk in the parish center hallway.**

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

—Love Lasts Forever—

Knowing them...Praying for them...Helping them get to Heaven!

The holy souls need our help throughout the whole year. The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (ccc.1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials, and sufferings. Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738

O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REMINDERS: Grade 10 Confirmation Zoom meeting:
NEXT Sunday, January 10, 2021, 5PM-5:40PM

Grade 9 Confirmation Zoom meeting:
THIS Monday, January 4, 7PM-7:40PM

Grade 2 Parent Zoom meeting:
THIS Sunday, January 3, at 11:30AM

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

The best Catholic content. All in one place.

It's EASY and FREE to Register!

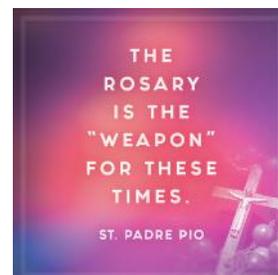
1. Go to formed.org/register
2. Enter Access Code: **BNZFH7**
3. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.



JANUARY 3, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12**

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines epiphany as “an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being.” Today we celebrate the manifestation the Light of God Made Flesh to the world. The first to whom the birth of Our Lord was proclaimed were poor shepherds, most of whom probably were Jews. Then Magi, who were Gentiles, followed a great light to the humble town of Bethlehem to bring gifts to the incarnation of the Light of God, the Christ Child. On their way the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, and they inquired about the new-born King of the Jews. Hearing of this, King Herod was interested only in defending his secular kingship and his line of succession. The shadow of the Cross, and opposition to the Christ by the powerful, were present from the beginning. What would not be understood by most secular leaders, and most religious leaders of the Jews was that Christ came to change all hearts, minds, and souls toward eternal salvation, toward a Kingdom not of this world.

The Light of God was made flesh to bring all nations and peoples, especially the needy, the afflicted, and the victimized to worship the one true God so that all might be subject to his New Covenant, his heavenly Kingship of love, faith, hope, justice, rescue, relief, and salvation; that all humanity might be sons and daughters of God. While we do not bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we are called to offer something more valuable: the **freely** given gift of our lives, efforts, time, substance, and resources to God by giving to others. Thus, we extend the Epiphany and proclaim the Light of God Made Flesh by humbly reflecting His light in everything that we think, say, and do.

Some grave problems tend to persist. These days there still are those who feel threatened by Christian values, who would do anything to control and dictate what we think and say, what we may believe, how and if we worship, even how and if we live. There are those who would direct us to worship the false gods of the State, self-indulgence, and the culture of death. More than ever, we need renewal of our commitment to the New Covenant that Christ would seal with His Blood. Expect to be opposed as He was. By God’s grace may we proclaim, demonstrate, and reflect the Light of God Made Flesh on this often very dark world.

