

# 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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### **PARISH CENTER**

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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 parish center

### **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/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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



**“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28**

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 5, 2021:  
Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/  
Lk 3:1-6



#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

5:00 PM Special Intention

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM John & Martha Slack  
10:00 AM Special Intention  
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living intention)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM Joseph Chua and Joshua Chua  
(living intentions)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
5:00 PM Pat Carmack and Tom Orr  
(living intentions)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Scott Michael  
10:00 AM Special Intention  
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NO CLASSES—THANKSGIVING BREAK

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4  
5:15 PM Grade 10

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
NEXT Saturday, December 4.

## Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual is the single most important component of the parish budget after the regular offertory collections. Thank you to the many parishioners who have already sent us their 2021 Grand Annual donation. If you have not yet sent your reply, please pray about what you can do and return your pledge or contribution as soon as possible. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

## 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.

## 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.

## Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

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

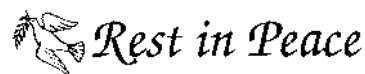
## First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have a first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, December 3 at 7PM** in the lower church, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

## First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS coming Saturday at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

*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.



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M. Elizabeth Palmer



**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. John's Bible Study**

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

**St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative**

While the 40 Day for Life campaign is officially over, abortions continue year-round at Planned Parenthood. The latest statistics show that 4,808 babies were killed at Boston's Planned Parenthood in 2020. That is 92 unborn children killed every week. At the Planned Parenthood in Worcester, the latest statistics show that 2,086 babies were killed in 2020, about 40 per week. (Information provided by 40 Days for Life campaign directors.) If you know anyone in need of **post-abortion healing**, please let them know that free help is available by contacting Kathy at Silent No More/ Surrendering the Secret at 508-397-7280 or [Massachusetts@SilentNoMore.com](mailto:Massachusetts@SilentNoMore.com).

**PURGATORY—A MYSTERY OF LOVE**

**The great gift of Divine Mercy and Purgatory**

"Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual."

—Saint Thomas Aquinas

**How can we help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory?**

The best way is to have the Holy Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief or release. 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  
Love Should Not Die at Death**

**LOVE LASTS FOREVER**

"Praying for one's departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love, and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part on whether I remember or forget them; they do not stop needing my love."

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



**Religious Education Classes**

The Religious Education Staff wishes you all many blessings during this Thanksgiving holiday. You have all been in our prayers. We have had a successful start to our Religious Education year and are very grateful for the support. If you signed your child up for home schooling and haven't picked up the book, please come by the office to receive it. If you have any questions, please contact us at: Mary Pawela, grades 1-6 ([mpawelastjn@gmail.com](mailto:mpawelastjn@gmail.com)) or Debbie Lysik, grades 7-10 ([dlysikstjn@verizon.net](mailto:dlysikstjn@verizon.net)). Blessings & Peace, Mary Pawela and Debbie & Ken Lysik

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you to all the benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your past and ongoing donations of cash and gift cards are greatly appreciated and used to provide support to Hopkinton residents in need. The Society is now looking for help with Christmas food and gifts for those in need. Supermarket gift cards and Target gift cards are especially needed. Denominations of \$50 and \$75 work best, but any amount is helpful. Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the parish business office (20 Church Street). We are also looking for parishioners to play Santa for a few Hopkinton families in need. If you are interested, please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Thank you all again for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission!

**Making Plans to Travel?**

Are you traveling soon, and do you use JetBlue? The Parish has a bank of funds with JetBlue from a previously canceled trip. If you think you will be traveling in the near future, consider purchasing the funds/tickets from us. For more information, please send an email to Bernie Mitchell ([bmitchellstjn@verizon.net](mailto:bmitchellstjn@verizon.net)) or call 508-435-3313x202.



As November is the month of All Souls, we remember in prayer all those who have died this past year including:

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| Joseph J. Kenney    | Joanne Phipps         |
| Nancy Hand          | Marie Creedon         |
| Maureen Hartland    | Lisa Cronin Dzindolet |
| Lois (Jean) MacKay  | Debra A. Scanlon      |
| John K. Sweet       | Marilyn Heavey        |
| Mary Beth Lavoie    | Sharon Schiloski      |
| Virginia D. Curran  | Robert F. Curran, Jr. |
| Joseph Sergi        | Paul Anthony Lynch II |
| Margaret Markert    | Madeline Norton       |
| Patricia Basinger   | Charles DeWaele       |
| Ulysses Roy Comeau  | Lawrence Pomeroy      |
| Thomas Brock        | William J. Keefe      |
| Jorge Corcuera      | Joseph V. Pyne        |
| M. Elizabeth Palmer | Leema Raj             |



**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 4-5, 8-10,14;  
1 Thessalonians 3: 12—4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

It is Advent, a time of hopeful and joyful expectation. Yet, as we prepare to commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we have readings that, on the surface, do not seem to be hopeful or joyous, as they warn us to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord. However, a closer look reveals the patience, love, and mercy of Our Lord. The Lord God proclaims that he will fulfill the promise, that He guides the upright in truth, and teaches the humble his way, and that he shows kindness to those who keep his covenant and decrees. As for the frightful times described by Jesus in today's gospel, he concludes by saying, "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." The Lord gives us hope because He is Hope!

What is it that we need to do? We emulate the patience, and love of God. How do we do that? We do it by loving as God does. His love is so immeasurably vast that it overflowed into creation. Saint Paul suggests that we increase and abound in the love we already have. Let our love spill over into love for one another. Living a good Advent leads to the kind of joyous expectation that can carry over into the rest of our life. Start by going to Confession frequently and regularly. Receive the Blessed Sacrament. Pray the Rosary. Keep the Commandments. Emulate the Lord's love for each of us by caring for one another. Our actions do not need to be dramatic. They need to be sincere. In the words of Saint Therese of Lisieux, "A word or smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul." That is how we prepare ourselves during Advent, how we remain vigilant in our lives and prepared for our salvation, and how we strengthen our faith and hope in the Lord and his promise in joyful expectation.

