

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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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



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16

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

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 19, 2021:
Mi 5:1-4a/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 PM Sr. Ursula Tisdall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Dominic, Mary & Donna Sicuso

10:00 AM Special Intention

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM Mary Jane Rogers

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM J. R. Potts

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Judy Ryan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Mary & Eugene Daly, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM Angela Velazquez

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

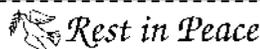
4:30 PM Grade 2

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

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



George F. Winkler
Mary Jo Duffy
Thomas Astore

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Please join us for an Evening of Advent Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **THIS Tuesday, December 14, at 7PM** in the lower church. Confessions will be available.

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**.

LIVING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Living Rosary **THIS Wednesday, December 15 at 7PM** at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (101 Summer Street, Holliston). Led by Deacon Mike Mott, we will pray the rosary while in the gorgeous Christmas setting of the Fatima Shrine. Immediately following we will go inside for hot cocoa and cookies. Please join us in this wonderful prayer event. If you have any questions please contact chris.alicandro@comcast.net.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

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 20 from 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM, 6PM & Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8AM & 10AM

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Sat., January 1 at 8AM

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.

THIRD 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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court Case: what is it all about? Mississippi passed a law to ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The Supreme Court will hear this case to decide whether this law may be upheld fully, partially, or not at all. If parts of this law are upheld, this could allow for states to enforce abortion restrictions before viability for the first time since the *Roe v. Wade* decision. **When will we know their decision?** Oral arguments were heard last week, Wednesday, December 1st, but the final decision is not expected until summer 2022. **Pray that Roe v. Wade will be overturned and that states will be given the ability to legislate abortion. Pray for the end of abortion!**



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A tradition returns after a year of pandemic cancellations! The Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band extends a warm invitation to your family and friends to enjoy the concert band's Christmas concert. The Christmas concert will be held at St. John's Parish Hall **NEXT Sunday, December 19 at 3PM**. A variety of music will be presented, including, portions of *The Nutcracker*, *Christmas Festival*, *Christmas with Mozart*, and others. The concert is free. Donations of socks and underwear for all ages is greatly appreciated. All donations benefit Project Just Because.

Mustard Seed Update



Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have not prepared the monthly meals to take to the Mustard Seed. Instead we have asked The Spoon and T.J.'s to prepare 100 meals and then we deliver them to the Mustard Seed. And thanks to your monthly donations, we have sufficient funds to continue this through year end. We expect to begin preparing, as well as serving, the meals in January. This month's meal will be a real crowd pleaser: Pot Roast. Thanks again for your continued generosity. Please look for the silver Mustard Seed donation boxes in the back of the church every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Religious Education Classes

REMINDERS: Grade 9 class THIS Monday, December 13, 7-8PM, Grade 7 & 8 classes THIS Tuesday, December 14, 6:30-7:30 PM, Grades 1-6 classes this week

St. John's/St. Cecilia's Youth Group

Thanks You!

Thank you all very much for your support of our Youth Group. The bake sale was a huge success. The money raised helps offset costs for various 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.

Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Once again, the Bishop Rice Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to be holding a poster contest for all children ages 5-14. The focus is the real story of Christmas and we encourage all children between these ages to participate and show off your creativity and love of the season. There will be awarded one winner from each of three age groups, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. The winners from each group will be sent to a divisional contest and possibly from there to a regional and state level for judging. In past years, including last year, St. John's has had great representation winning at the state level multiple times. Materials and rules will be handed out at upcoming religious education classes and are due back prior to the Christmas break. If you are not in the religious education program, you are still free to participate. Please contact Bill Maginnis at billmaginnis@verizon.net or 508-889-1343 for additional information or questions. Merry Christmas to all and have fun!

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!

COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

In keeping with our mission, Knights of Columbus - Bishop Rice Council has placed boxes at the rear of the church between now and New Year's Day, collecting used clean warm winter coats for handling in the "Coats for Kids and Families" program sponsored by Anton's, Enterprise Bank and Jordan's. Donated coats will be brought by the Knights to collection spots where they will be professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through local service agencies. Last day for collection is January 2, 2022. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact John Belger at john.belger@outlook.com or 508-283-8423.

DECEMBER 12, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Isaiah 12: 2-6;
Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18**

It is the third Sunday of Advent, known as “Gaudete Sunday.” Gaudete is Latin for “rejoice.” The reason for our hope and rejoicing is not because of the things of this world, and it is not that our problems are magically disappearing. We are urged to rejoice because we are on the path to commemorating, appreciating, and celebrating the fact that the Lord is in our midst to help us with our burdens. The Lord, the Holy One of Israel, is our powerful Savior, who showers his grace upon us like a fountain, and who is our source of peace, strength, courage, and salvation if we accept him. The peace he can bring to us is beyond our understanding, but it can bring us safely through all our troubles, obstacles, faults, failures, fears, and anxieties (much of which we have created for ourselves, a fact I am painfully familiar with in my own experience of almost seventy-four years of life on this planet).

The Lord baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, and with the help of his grace we can shed the attachments to the worldly things that hold us back, so that we can replace them with virtues like repentance, generosity, fairness, justice, empathy, honesty, and kindness. With the help of his grace, we can become the people we were meant to be. WE can be the wheat not the chaff, the Lord’s creation who delight in HIM, as much as HE delights in us. Let us make use of this time of preparation. Our hope and joy rest entirely with the Lord. Let us confess, repent, pray, lay our burdens down at His feet. Let us not just celebrate the fact that the Lord is in our midst. Let us live that truth; and rejoice in the Lord always.

