

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 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



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- Lk 1:41-42

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 26, 2021:
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living intention)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Special Intention

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Joanne Phipps
6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

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.

MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022.



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM, 6PM & Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8AM & 10AM
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Sat., January 1 at 8AM

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

At all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

For those parishioners on our offertory envelope system, you will notice a Flower Offering envelope in your packet. (Flower envelopes are also available at the back of the church.) These envelopes provide an opportunity to donate to the flower costs and other altar supplies during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These donations can be made in memory of loved ones. They can be put in the regular collection or sent to the parish office anytime before Christmas. Thank you.

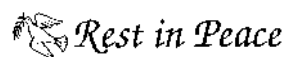
CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

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 **THIS** Monday, December 20 from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower chapel.

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.

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.



Fr. Tony Lalli

FOURTH 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

Visitation House, (visitationhouse.org) ten minutes from Planned Parenthood in Worcester is a caring transitional home providing women with unplanned pregnancies a path to cherish and sustain the life of their babies. With a warm, nurturing home environment, enrichment programs, and support services, we help new mothers, from all walks of life, bring their babies into a welcoming world by developing skills, confidence, and hope for their growing families. Consider a contribution to Visitation House this Advent. (Visitation House, 19 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610)



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 **THIS 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:

Grades 7 & 8 classes resume on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:30PM.**

Grades 1-6 classes resume the week of **1/9/2022.**

Grade 10 Confirmation Parent & student meeting: Sunday, January 9, 2022, 5:15-6:15PM with Mass at 6:30PM.

Grade 9 Confirmation meeting: Monday, January 10, 7PM

Grade 10 Confirmation retreat: Saturday January 22, 11AM-5 PM at Betania II in Medway.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

Knights of Columbus free-throw championship competition to be held on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022** at the Hopkinton High School after the Hopkinton/Ashland varsity boys basketball game. The game starts at 6:45pm and registration will begin in the High School Gym at 7:30pm. **All boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate regardless of disabilities!** 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 all 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 for a friendly competition and all can participate regardless of disabilities. 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 provide 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 St. Cecilia's in Ashland. For more information please contact: Joe Altman, 508-380-0163. joealtman@verizon.net.

DECEMBER 19, 2021



CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Micah 5: 1-4; Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45**

It is the beginning of the final week of Advent. But it is never too late to make good use of what is left of this time of preparation. We can, prayerfully and humbly, better conform ourselves to the will and ways of God. The Word of God, who always was and always will be, and through whom all creation came to be, came to live among us and to be our Redeemer with humble beginnings in a place called Bethlehem, a place "too small to be among the clans of Judah." He accepted his mission to sacrifice his most holy Body and Blood, once for all, to wipe away the sins of humanity because HE was conformed to the will of the Father. Our Blessed Mother, a most humble person from humble beginnings, but full of grace, became the mother of the Word Incarnate, the Mother of God, by her trust in and conformity to the Word of God spoken to her by the Angel Gabriel. The Blessed Mother became the tabernacle through which the process of redemption would begin. Yet her first action was to visit and help her cousin, Elizabeth. The Blessed Mother is the perfect strictly human example of conforming to the will of God. It is never too late to practice humility, to think of others first, to be generous with our time and resources, to pray, to go to Confession, to partake in the Eucharist worthily, to make room in our hearts and souls for Christ by letting go of grudges, disappointments, frustrations, and anxieties.

I suggest that we at least pray the Rosary every day this week and try to make it, if it is not already, an ongoing practice. Praying the Rosary can crush evil and help us advance in conforming ourselves to the will of God. Father Gabriele Amorth, who was a Vatican Exorcist, once wrote about an exorcism, during which Satan spoke to him through the possessed person. Satan said, "Each Ave Maria of the Rosary is a blow to my face. If Christians knew the power of the Rosary, it would be the end of me." We too can become tabernacles of the Word of God. Let us make room in our hearts and souls for the Word of God this Christmas, so that like Mary we can be ever more conformed to God's will; and that we might bring Our Redeemer to others.



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

From Fr. Cannon and the staff at St. Johns

2022 calendars are available at the back of the church.