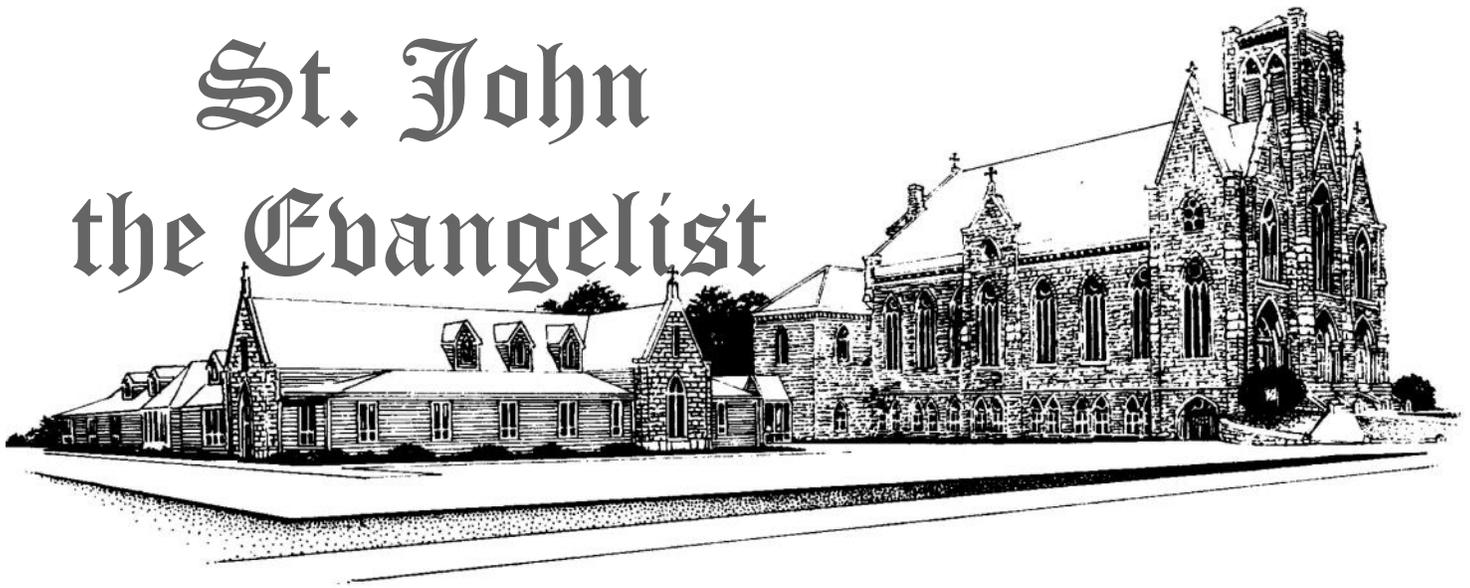


St. John the Evangelist



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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
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



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 2, 2022:
Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Todd Carey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5:00 PM Clarence & Lucinda MacLaine

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
 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.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church **NEXT Saturday, January 1.**

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.

St. John's and St. Cecilia's Collaborative

In June of 2023, the parishes of St. John's and St. Cecilia's will become a single working collaborative, meaning there will be one pastor for both parishes. The collaborative process has been ongoing in the Archdiocese for the last ten years or so, and 2023 will be the final year of the implementation of this process. The collaborative plan has come about to help address the shortage of priests in the Archdiocese. More information will be forthcoming throughout the coming year.



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.

YEAR OUT...YEAR IN

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Friday, December 31, from 11PM to Saturday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2021, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2022.

Saint John's Entrustment Prayer to Divine Mercy

Most blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we the people of Saint John the Evangelist Church, entrust our families, our young and old, our needs and concerns, our sick and dying, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory to Your Divine Will. With great confidence we give ourselves to Your Most Holy Will which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. (This prayer is said every Monday night before the Divine Mercy holy hour here at St. John's.)

—Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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

"At the dawn of salvation, it is the birth of a child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the birth of the Savior; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)." *The Gospel of Life* St. John Paul II

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.

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.

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.

Nov 2021 Monthly Collection

	11/6 - 11/7	11/13 - 11/14	11/20 - 11/21	11/27 - 11/28	Ave.	Inc/(Dec)
Head Count	478	429	393	411	428	78
	Total					
In Seat	5,306	6,166	3,210	4,300	18,982	
Mail-in	1,080	814	948	948	3,790	
Electronic	1,907	1,907	1,907	1,907	7,628	
Total	8,293	8,887	6,065	7,155	30,400	
Prior Yr.	7,196	7,187	6,726	6,774	27,882	
	1,097	1,700	(661)	381	2,518	
	15%	24%	-10%	6%	9%	
Prior Mo.	8,648	6,292	9,114	15,405	39,458	
	(355)	2,595	(3,049)	(8,250)	(9,058)	
	-4%	41%	-33%	-54%	-23%	

Note: October has been normalized to 4 weeks for reporting purposes.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128: 1-5;

Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52

It is fitting during the Christmas season that we reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; and to be able to do so the day after Christmas enhances the experience. Yesterday we celebrated the Nativity of Jesus, the birth of our Savior. It was a supreme act of God out of His unconditional love for us, to humble himself to live with us through Jesus. In the past God communicated to us through the prophets; but now he would speak to us, and have us know him better, to lovingly teach and admonish us directly through Jesus. We are to emulate that kind of love in our families. To bring the peace of God into our families, we are to walk in God's ways, to lovingly teach, and admonish one another with respect, husband and wife toward each other, parents toward their children, and children toward their parents.

The family is a microcosm of the Church. As the Church is one body made of living stones, so are our families. Saint Paul told the Colossians to act as God's chosen ones, with forgiveness, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and to teach and admonish one another with those virtues. Saint Paul was speaking about the Church. But Saint Paul's advice is equally applicable to our families. It all starts there. It takes a family. That is why those who hate Christianity and the Church attack the family and traditional family values.

The Holy Family is the perfect example for us to emulate. In today's gospel we see Mary and Joseph frantically trying to find Jesus who stayed at the Temple, his Father's house, to ask questions, and to teach, to the amazement of those listening, and to the amazement of Mary and Joseph. Mother and father together looking for their child, finding him after three days. And when it was time to go home to Nazareth, the Son of God, God With Us, obediently went home. "And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Such is the purpose and goal of family and Church, to help each other advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.



Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all.

—St. Ambrose of Milan

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.