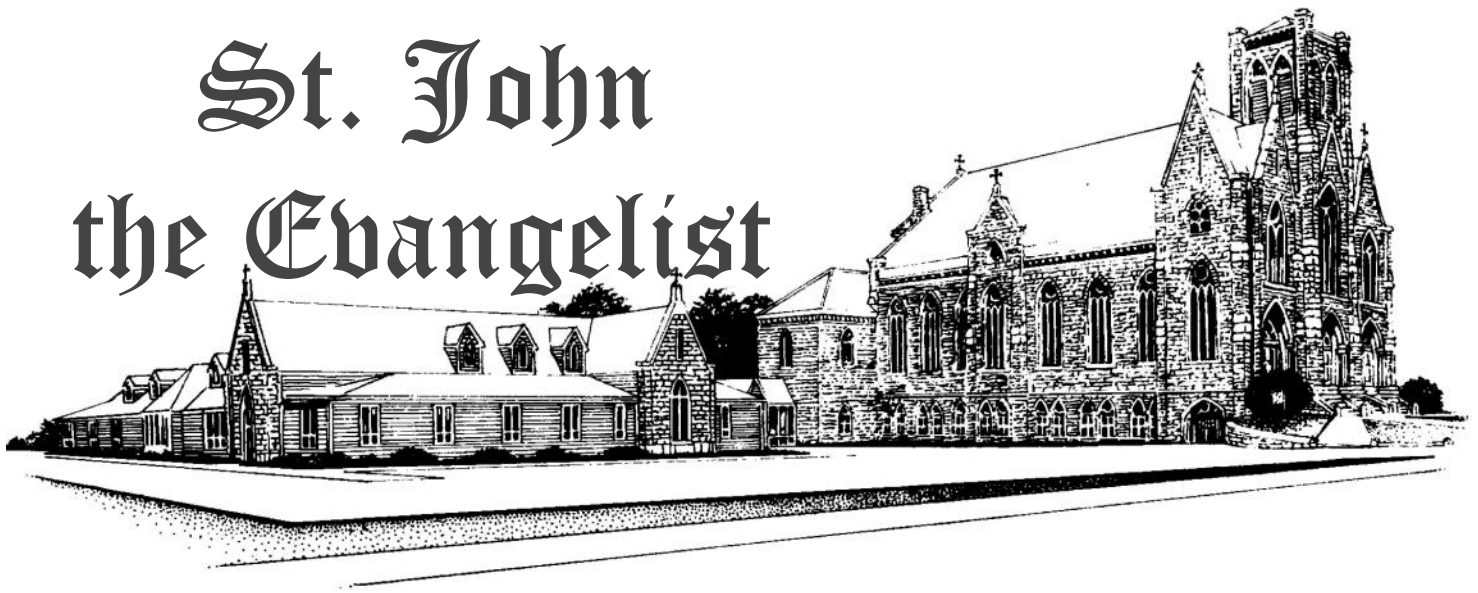


St. John the Evangelist



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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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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 chapel

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



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.
- Lk 5:10-11

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

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 13, 2022:
Jer 17:5-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/
1Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:00 PM Tara Sharma

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM James Riley

6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Robert Bagley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM Frank Ruccia

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 AM Raymond & Ruth Connors

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM David Healey

5:00 PM James Riley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. John & Mary Jo Duffy,
John Duffy Jr., and James W. Duffy

6:30 PM George Winkler, III

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.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

5:00 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:30 PM Grade 2

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate has been extended to March 3, 2022.

Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

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



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.

LOVE LASTS FOREVER

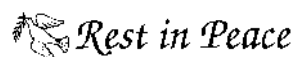
"Praying for one's departed loved ones is a far too immediate urge to be suppressed; it is a most beautiful manifestation of solidarity, love and assistance, reaching beyond the barrier of death. The happiness or unhappiness of a person dear to me, who has now crossed to the other shore, depends in part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

NEVER TOO LATE

For God is all present: for Him our prayers and the death of the person for whom we are praying coincide...Our intercession, therefore, can never arrive 'too late' since God by His very nature knows no before and after. **Our aid to the deceased person always arrives at the right moment, even if we are praying for them decades after their death.**—Fr. Ladislaus Boros, S.J., Theologian, author
Love should not die at death

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, February 12.

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.



Pamela Almeida
Brian Timlege

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Would You Like to be a Cantor?

Do you have the ability to read music? Do you have a lovely singing voice? Then you have the ability to cantor. Contact Berni for more information at momandberni@gmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"There's no shortage of cash for the war on the unborn. That its biggest bankroller is the Wizard of Omaha—famed investor Warren Buffett [the world's ninth-wealthiest person]—may surprise you. Buffett is almost certainly the largest funder of abortion in human history. In the two decades since 2000, he has funneled an incredible \$4.7 billion to abortion providers as well as the vast array of activist, lobbying, and research groups insulating them in Washington. That's enough to pay for close to 4 million 20-week abortions, according to estimates from the Guttmacher Institute, the leading pro-abortion think tank."
<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/296529/>



Religious Education Reminders

Sunday, February 6, 5:15 PM: Grade 10
Monday, February 7, 7PM: Grade 9
Grade 10 Confirmation retreat: Rescheduled for **Sunday, March 13, 1-4PM**, St. John's Parish Center.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

ST. JOHN'S AND ST. CECILIA'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS, PARENTS, AND PARISHIONERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. John's/St. Cecilia's middle schoolers: come make "Blessing Bags" of hats, gloves, socks, snacks, drinks, sandwiches and prayer cards at St. John's parish hall on Friday, **February 11, 2:30-3:30PM**.

St. John's/St. Cecilia's high schoolers: come bring the "Blessing Bags" to the homeless and food insecure of Boston on Saturday, **February 12**. (Time TBD)

St. John's/St. Cecilia's parents: Please help chaperone the middle school Blessing Bag making service project on **Friday, February 11 from 2:30-3:30PM** at St. John's Parish Hall or the Blessing Bag distribution on Saturday, **February 12**. Volunteer parents must already be CORI cleared.

St. John's/St. Cecilia's Parishioners: Please donate Blessing Bag items.

All signups and donations can be found at:

[https://m.signupgenius.com/#/](https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/8050a44a9ac2ca31-stjohns)

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If you have any questions, please contact gaughan1family@gmail.com.

Dec 2021 Monthly Collection

	12/4-12/5	12/11-12/12	12/18-12/19	12/26/2021	Ave.	Incl/ (Dec)	Christmas 2021 Head Count	Incl/ (Dec)	
Head Count	429	412	357	246	361	-67	755	272	
	Total								
In Seat	4,277	5,768	5,744	3,567	19,356		8,680		
Mail-in	1,417	3,316	3,316	5,640	13,688		1,200		
Electronic	2,188	2,188	2,188	2,188	8,753		25		
Total	7,882	11,272	11,248	11,395	41,797		9,905		
Prior Yr.	6,605	7,801	8,349	7,617	30,372		8,017		
	1,277	3,471	2,899	3,779	11,425		1,888		
	19%	44%	35%	50%	38%		24%		
Prior Mo.	8,293	8,887	6,065	7,155	30,400				
	(411)	2,385	5,183	4,240	11,397				
	-5%	27%	85%	59%	37%				

Note: Christmas collection shown separately

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138: 1-5, 7-8;

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Like 5: 1-11

In today's readings we see three of the greatest men in the Holy Scriptures who, by the grace of God, were given two tremendous gifts: the grace to see themselves as God saw them; and the gift to be called and to say yes to the call. Isaiah, in a vision sees the Lord God, thinks he is doomed and is afraid, because he sees himself as "a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." But then his lips are purified; and when the Lord asks, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?", Isaiah responds, "Here I am, send me." In today's gospel, the glory of Christ is revealed in the miracle that filled two boats with fish, it was Simon whose eyes were open to his own sinfulness, and who fell to his knees before Christ. Jesus responded by saying "Do not be afraid..." Then Simon (later to be called Peter), along with James and John responded to the call to be fishers of men. They dropped everything and followed Christ. Finally, Saint Paul admits to having been a persecutor of Christ and his followers. We know how he was struck down, only to be raised up by the grace of God to be the last apostle to see the risen Christ. He considered himself the least of the apostles; but he worked very hard. Chosen to bear witness, Paul zealously proclaimed the essential truth of Christianity, that Christ lived among of us, died for the forgiveness of our sins, and rose from the dead.

For us we must recognize that God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our strengths, our weaknesses, and our potential with the help of his grace to proclaim the word in some fashion unique to each of us. As was Simon Peter, we are urged by Christ himself to not be afraid. We all can be blind to some of our faults, but we also can be blind to our strengths, goodness, and potential. Let us pray for the grace to see both, and to say yes to whatever life we are called to live for Christ. That is what brings joy and peace whatever the obstacles and opinions of other people. Simon Peter, the one chosen to be the rock upon which Christ would build his church, would commit the sin of denying Christ. We all will fall from time to time. But we are given the graces of repentance, perseverance, and fortitude if we accept them. It is no coincidence that in the Holy Scriptures we are told to not be afraid three hundred and sixty-five times. Trust in Christ! Spread the word in whatever way you are called! Do not be afraid! Let go of anxiety and let God work in you! As somebody who is as imperfect as anyone else, I too must ponder and act on those words more fully.

