

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 lower church

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

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



“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”
- Lk 2:30-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 3, 2021:
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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

5:00 PM Sheba and Concon Bautista
(living intention)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM The Soligon Family
10:00 AM Catherine Angermann
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM For the coming triumph of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista
(living intention)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM Sheba and Concon Bautista
(living intention)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John
10:00 AM Helen, Calvin, and Tim Sparks
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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021—Gr. 2 parent Zoom meeting

PLEASE NOTE: Face masks are required to be worn during Mass at St. John's except in the case of a medical exemption. We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines and in helping to make everyone feel safe and welcome at Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation: Masses will be **Thursday, December 31 at 4PM** and **Friday, January 1 at 10AM**.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holy Day on January 1st, there will be no 7PM first Friday Mass for January.

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.

Holy Hour for Conversion of Sinners

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

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.

YEAR OUT...YEAR IN

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Thursday, December 31, from 11PM to Friday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2020, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2021.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the parish center NEXT Saturday, January 2.

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.

2021 calendars are available at the back of the church.

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. Vincent de Paul Society Thanks You

Thank you to all the very generous parishioners who donated food and Target gift cards to St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We helped 40 Hopkinton families/individuals each holiday. Thank you also to all those who financially support St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. We have had many requests for help with rent, food and utilities already this year. Again, thank you to all our supporters!!!

Miracles

What are miracles, and why does God work them?

How can I believe in miracles if I have never experienced one? Aren't miracles just something pre-scientific people made up to explain what they couldn't understand? How can we discern whether a phenomenon is truly a miracle and not a hallucination, a hoax, or the work of a demon? In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. The rare and wonderful supernatural events we call miracles are a gift from God, testifying to a skeptical world of his existence and his power. *20 Answers: Miracles* unpacks the nature of miracles, their appearances in Scripture and history, how the Church evaluates them, and ways to answer doubters who say they're mere superstition. Most of all, it shows that miracles are never an end in themselves, but instead are meant to lead us to greater faith in, and gratitude for, God's providence. **For this title and other selections, please stop by our media kiosk in the parish center hallway.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REMINDERS: Next Grade 10 Confirmation Zoom meeting:
Sunday, January 10, 2021, 5PM-5:40PM

Next Grade 9 Confirmation Zoom meeting:
Monday, January 4, 7PM-7:40PM

Next Grade 2 Parent Zoom meeting:
Sunday, January 3, at 11:30AM

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite all families to come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In conjunction with the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27, the Knights of Columbus would like all families to say a prayer to ask for aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary, the perfect mother, and Joseph, who is a model for every father. Prayer cards will be available in the back of the church and also on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KofC4822/). The Knights ask that we all prepare by praying together as families, practicing discipline in our minds, and by going to confession. Each family is then encouraged to consecrate themselves on December 27 by reading the prayer together as a family and dedicating yourselves to be a beacon of God's love through His Church. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus please contact Chris Alicandro (chris.alicandro@comcast.net or 1-617-335-6688).

St. John's Bible Study

Because of the Covid 19 restrictions regarding social gatherings, our Parish Bible Study has gone virtual. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM for one hour via Zoom. We are studying the Sunday readings under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Come and join us. If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.



	10/31-11/1	11/7-11/8	11/14-11/15	11/21-11/22	11/28-11/29	Ave.	Chge +/-
Head Count	260	268	244	306	251	266	(3)
In Seat	2,634	2,670	3,861	3,125	2,636	2985	
Mail-in	2,425	2,930	1,730	2,005	2,542	2326	
Electronic	1,596	1,596	1,596	1,596	1,596	1596	
Total	6,655	7,196	7,187	6,726	6,774	6,907	
Prior Yr.	7,947	9,190	9,190	9,190	9,190		
	(1,292)	(1,994)	(2,003)	(2,464)	(2,416)		
	-16%	-22%	-22%	-27%	-26%		
Prior Mo.	6,550	7,164	7,064	6,791	6,892		
	(105)	(32)	(123)	65	118		
	-2%	0%	-2%	1%	2%		
Head Count	HC comparison to Oct. avg. of 269/weekend						

DECEMBER 27, 2020



CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3; Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9;
Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2: 22-40**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. God, himself, is a Holy Family: Father Son and Holy Spirit. It is God's will that we imitate that divine relationship, and the love that binds them as one, in our own families and in our church, community, national and world families. Before her death, Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima children, revealed that the final battle between Christ and Satan would be about saving marriage and family. I think we are at least approaching that final battle. Deceit, fraud, violence, destruction, godlessness, secularist indoctrination of our children and grandchildren is everywhere; and the slaughtering of hundreds of thousands of unborn children every year has become a lucrative industry accepted and defended by many. As parents, and grandparents we always wonder and worry about what will become of our children and grandchildren; but now I see and feel this more than any other period in my lifetime.

Mary and Joseph knew that Jesus was the Son of God, the Christ (the anointed), the Messiah. But they did not know how salvation would be accomplished. In one scene of the movie, "The Nativity Story," Joseph is portrayed as wondering aloud to Mary, before Jesus was born, whether he even would be able to teach Jesus anything. Of course, that scene is not in the gospels. But the thought that Joseph might have wondered just as we do, comforts me in these dangerous times of ours. Mary and Joseph witnessed and knew of the injustice and cruelty of Rome and even of their own King Herod. What would become of this child?

When they presented Jesus in the temple to be consecrated to God, they received a hint. Simeon, the Spirit upon him, gave thanks and praise to God for allowing him to see the Messiah, and he told Mary: "...this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and to be a sign that will be contradicted---and you yourself a sword will pierce..." Thus, Jesus would be opposed, and there were challenges, suffering, and sorrows to come. As followers of Christ our beliefs and values are challenged, opposed, and stifled. We each are called to be a sign that is contradicted, and to share the Cross. Pray! Have faith in Christ's final victory over evil! Be at peace! As with the Holy Family, it is our destiny, and Christ will never leave us!!

