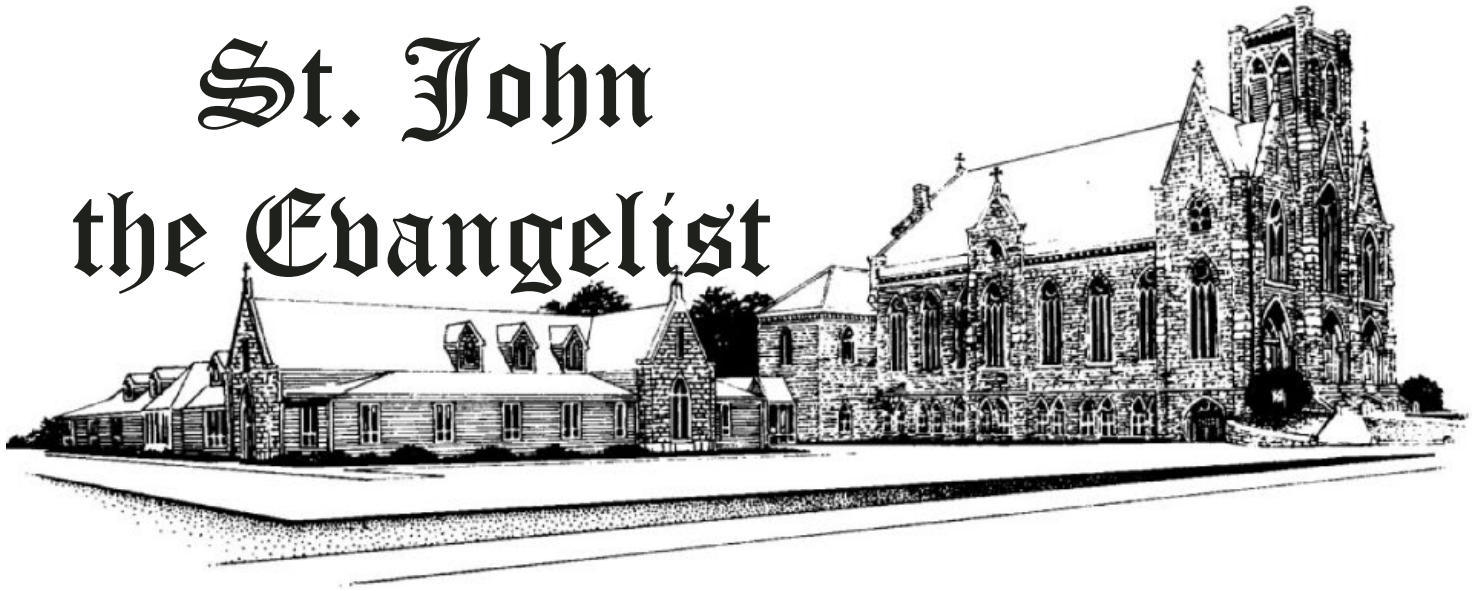


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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:00 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
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Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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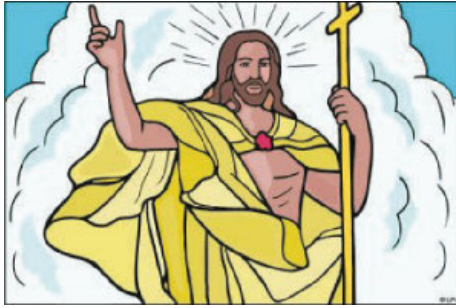
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

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



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 8, 2024:
Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 53 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:00 PM In thanksgiving for St. Andrew

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM Raymond & Rose Leveille
10:00 AM Gerald & Betty Lamoureux
(25th wedding anniversary—living)
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John’s

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 AM Melissa Jubane

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM Worcester 6 firefighters (25th ann.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM Donna Pomeroy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM Alexander & Elizabeth Lobo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John’s
10:00 AM The Cole Family
6:30 PM For our confirmation candidates



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:45 AM Grades 1-6
5:15 PM Grade 10

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Tuesday and 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.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary.*

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at **9AM & 7PM** on Monday, December 9 in the upper church

Advent Evening of Prayer

Please join us for an Evening of Advent Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on **Wednesday, December 4, at 7PM in the lower chapel.** The topic will be: **Advent, A Season for Growth in Holiness and Spiritual Transformation.** Confessions will be available.

Evening Opportunity for Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **Monday, December 16, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.**

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have a first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, December 6, at 7PM in the lower church,** in honor of our Lord’s Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father; for our sins; the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord’s Most Sacred Heart.

First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, December 7 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents or caregivers need to accompany small children to the restroom to ensure their safety and hygiene. Their reassuring presence provides support and supervision to address any issues that may arise while the child is alone.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM** in the lower church **THIS Saturday, December 7.**



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.

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.

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.

Monday Zoom Rosary

Monday evenings at 7PM. This 30 minutes once a week provides a quiet and reflective time. You also pray in the comfort of your home but with a community of faith praying with you. Try it out. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Guy (deaconguy@verizon.net) for more information and Zoom link.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our benefactors for the generous donations to support over 50 Hopkinton families at Thanksgiving! We are now preparing for Christmas and need additional gift cards in increments of \$50. Grocery stores, Target/WalMart and gas cards will be greatly appreciated. Gift cards and cash donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. As always, thank you for your past, ongoing and future support.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

**Wise Counsel from a British Midwife
@kghypnobirthing on Instagram**

"Everyone tells you that when you have your baby your life will change. That's perfectly true...I think you've been promoted when you have your baby. There are more responsibilities when you have a promotion, but in many ways life is a lot better...You will remain somebody's mom for your whole life. Even when your children are grown up, like mine, you'll be so and so's mom. Your name doesn't really come into it. Is that awful? I think it's a massive compliment that you hold such an important role in somebody's life that you get known by your role. It's a bit like becoming 'the queen' instead of Elizabeth or Camilla. You're somebody's mom, and that's wonderful. Lucky you!"

St. John's Women's Group

St. John's Women's Group meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:15PM** in the lower church area. All women are welcome to drop in. We enjoy each other's fellowship as we study our faith, share our journeys, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel. For more information, email Mary Kniaz at maryskniaz@gmail.com.

Religious Education Classes Collecting Donations for Mustard Seed

During this Advent Season, the Religious Education classes will be collecting socks, gloves, mittens, hooded sweatshirts (can be gently used) and hats for the Mustard Seed food kitchen in Worcester. During the month of December, please have your child bring an item to class. There will be boxes outside the Religious Education office that you could also place them in.

Thank you from the Religious Education Staff

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rice Council is holding its annual poster contest and inviting all children between the ages of 5-14 to participate. It is a great way to show your creativity, have some fun and also focus some time thinking about what the Christmas season is truly all about. Anyone interested, who has not already received an entry form, can contact the religious education office or contact Bill Maginnis, billmaginnis@verizon.net, to get more information. There will be a prize for the 1st and 2nd place for each age category, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14, and all participants will receive a small gift for their participation. The K of C is looking forward to seeing all the great posters.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used coats through the end of December. There will be a container in the vestibule of the church where you can place your coats. These coats will be dry cleaned and repaired if necessary and given to individuals in need of a warm coat this winter. You are encouraged to drop off your donated coats early so the Knights can get these coats to individuals who are in most need of a coat as early in the winter as possible. Thank you for your support of this important cause. Should you have any questions please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman at 508-380-0163 or joaltman@verizon.net.

Knowing Them...Praying for Them... Helping Them Get to Heaven!

Love should not die at death

The month of November, dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, has been given to us by Holy Mother Church because of her love for her children. May our love grow for family, friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."*

—Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church 397

"If by your prayers, sufferings, or other works, you have obtained a good death for the dying sinner, you have placed it in Purgatory. Now you will assist, by all the means you can, in obtaining its release from that place of confinement. To do this, you should have Holy Masses offered up, gain indulgences and pray for them."

—Mother Mary Potter, foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters.

DECEMBER 1, 2024

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

**Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Today begins the new liturgical year (year C); and it is the first Sunday of Advent. As I have said in the past, Advent is meant to be a time of solemn, patient, and hopeful expectation. Even amid the noise of our culture, and the tribulations of our current world, we must not let those things interfere with this time of preparation. We are preparing to be ready to allow our Savior to be reborn in our hearts and souls. Such preparation requires faith, patient waiting, and a commitment to open the door and make room for Him in the “Inn” of our hearts and souls, and a willingness to allow the Lord to help us conform to His will and His ways. It is a time to rejoice in the LORD’s making good on his promise to send the Messiah: God with us in the person of Jesus Christ.

By such preparation the anxieties, the fears, and the tribulations of this world can fade into the background of our minds while we concentrate on worship and good works, and allow the LORD to guide us toward a way of life that makes it unthinkable to violate His precepts and to be overflowing with love and care for others, as He does, to be blameless in His sight, to look to Him for guidance and peace instead of the allurements of this world.

We also are reminded in today’s gospel that there will be a second coming, with fearful signs and happenings. But if we are vigilant, faithful, trusting in the Lord, and follow His ways and His precepts, He encourages us to stand erect, and raise our hands because our redemption is at hand. So let us enjoy this season, let us look up to Him, adore, conform ourselves to His will and His ways, that we will be strong enough to escape current and future tribulations, whatever they may be. Let us be vigilant, but rejoice in loving one another as He loves us, and allow him to be reborn within us, as we live and worship through this beautiful time of year.





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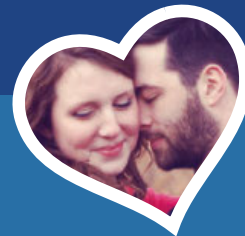
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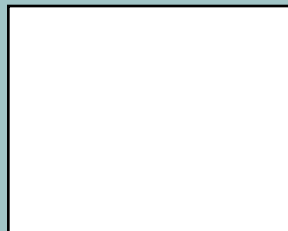


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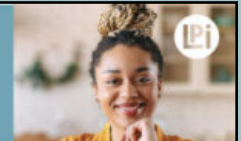
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