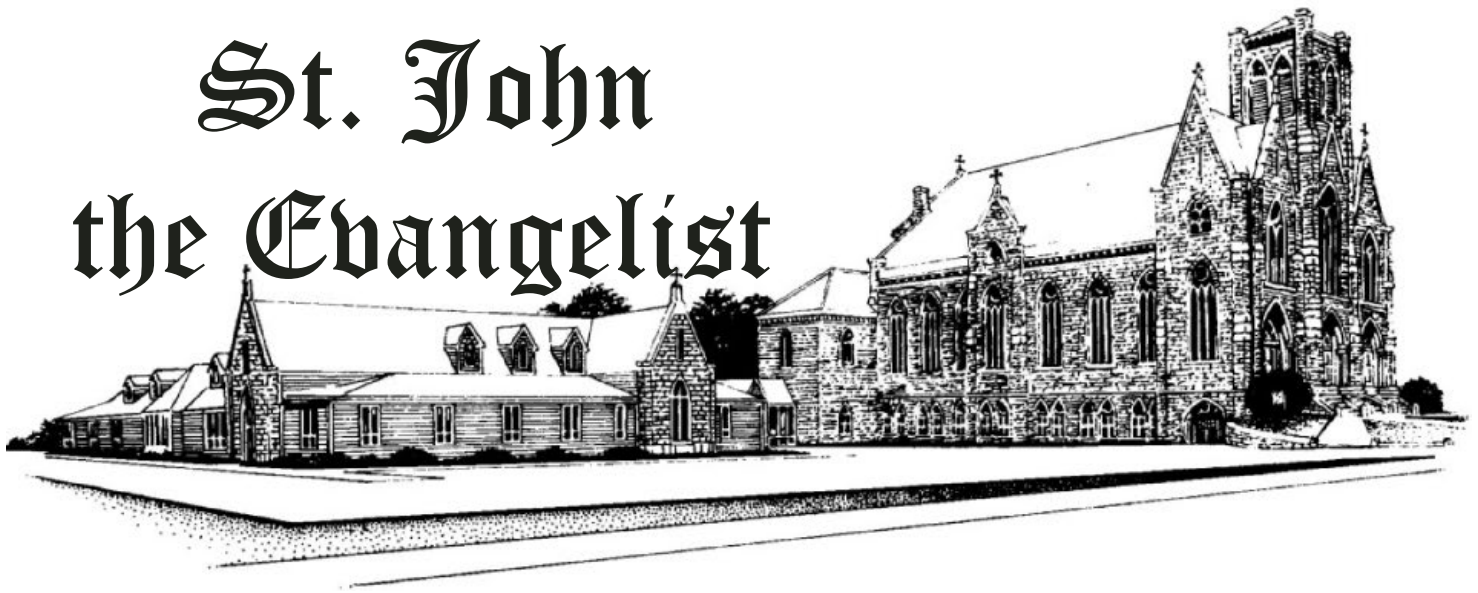


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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

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 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  
Please call for information

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

### **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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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



“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” - Lk 3:5-6

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 15, 2024:  
 Zep 3:14-18a/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/ Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18

The readings for this weekend’s Masses begin on page 55 in the pew missal.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 7:00 PM Parishioners of St. John’s

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:00 AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:00 AM Thomas Brock

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00 AM Josephine DesChamps  
 4:00 PM Yvonne Marchon & John Fernandes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John’s  
 10:00 AM Fr. John Henault (living birthday)  
 6:30 PM Special Intention



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

2:45 PM Grade 6  
 4:30 PM Grades 1-4  
 7:00 PM Grade 9

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5  
 6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation  
**COFFEE HOUR**

St. John’s parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation in the parish center following the 10AM Mass this Sunday.

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

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

**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 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.



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.**

*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.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM** in the lower church **THIS Saturday, December 14.**



## 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](mailto: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 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Affirms the Gospel of Life

Catholic doctrine infallibly proclaims that "the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception...was preserved from all stain of original sin..." In a meditation on the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Donald Calloway suggests, "All of us are called to 'honor your mother and your father' according to the Ten Commandments. The Son of God honored his earthly mother by pouring His grace into her heart from the first moment of her life." In the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, the Church implicitly affirms that life begins at the very moment of conception and that from the start the child in the womb is a distinct person from his mother and endowed with a soul created by God. Our Lady's conception without sin is an utterly unique and unrepeatable mercy, but every human being shares from conception the dignity of a calling to mission as a Child of God for whom Jesus Christ became man and gave his life.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIVING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Living Rosary on **Wednesday, December 18 at 7PM at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston.** Led by Deacon Mike Mott, we will pray the rosary while in the gorgeous Christmas setting of the Fatima Shrine. Immediately following we will go inside for hot cocoa and cookies. Please join us in this wonderful prayer event. If you have any questions, please email Chris Alicandro at [chris.alicandro@comcast.net](mailto:chris.alicandro@comcast.net).



### Religious Education Classes Collecting Donations for Mustard Seed

During this Advent Season, the Religious Education classes will be collecting **adult-sized** socks, gloves, mittens, hats and gently used hoodie sweatshirts 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 can also place them in. Thank you from the Religious Education Staff!

### St. John's Youth Group Event

St. John's High School Youth Group will be making an outing to the Fatima Shrine for the "Christmas Festival of Lights" on **Friday, December 13th!** We will meet at St. John's Parish Hall at 6PM for pizza and to do an Advent service project before leaving for the Fatima Shrine. We will be returning to St. John's by 9:30pm. We need additional adult chaperones/drivers for this event. Please consider helping us! Sign up on our website: [stjohnhopkinton.com](http://stjohnhopkinton.com).

### 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](mailto:billmaginnis@verizon.net), to get more information. There will be a prize for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band 25th Annual Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 22, 3PM at St. John's Parish Center.** Everyone is welcome, especially families and "little ones". Admission: voluntary donation of socks and underwear for all ages to benefit Project Just Because

### 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 [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net).

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-6;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6**

In today's first reading, God did great things for the people of Israel when he led them out of captivity and slavery in foreign lands and brought them back to Jerusalem. And God did great things for all of us when he came to us in the person of Jesus Christ, Emanuel (God with us). Today is the second Sunday of Advent, a time of patient preparation for Jesus to be born again spiritually within our hearts and souls. It is a time to let go of distractions, anxieties, and fears that seem to plague the whole world in our present times. It is a time to make straight the way of the Lord, and at the same time to straighten out our own long and winding roads. Today's psalm reminds us that the Lord can do great things for each of us when we open our hearts and souls to him. He can take us out of our captivity to the distractions of this world. He can make the fears, anxieties, the mourning, and sadness that we may be suffering, and give us hope that he, and only he, can turn those things into laughter and rejoicing. The only question is are we willing to open wide our hearts and souls to him?

He gives us everything we need in the Eucharist and Confession. But as Saint Augustine wrote: "God provides the wind, but man must raise the sail." Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that when we cultivate love, good works, justice, a correct discernment of what is right and what is wrong, and we are blameless, we have a better sense of what is of true value, and we can pass it on to each other. Let us open wide our hearts and souls to the Lord. Let us prepare to be a spiritual resting place for the Lord this Christmas. Let us be examples of faith, hope, love, forgiveness, patience, righteousness, justice, and encouragement. In so doing we too can have a role like John the Baptist to make straight the way of the Lord, for ourselves and for others.





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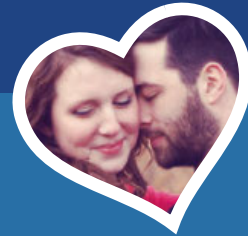
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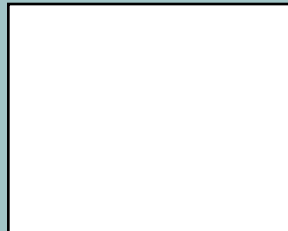


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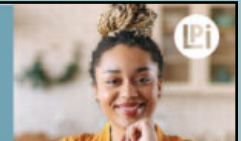
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