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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**

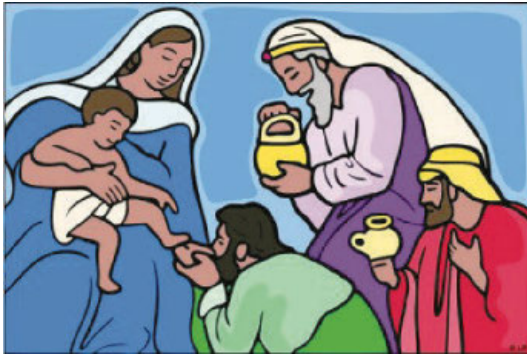
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### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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: 508-435-3313x27



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him

homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 12, 2025:  
*Is* 40:1-5, 9-11/ *Ps* 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/  
*Ti* 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ *Lk* 3:15-16, 21-22

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 83 in the pew missal.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

4:00 PM Parishioners of St. John's

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00 AM Robert Miller  
 10:00 AM Special Intention  
 6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

9:00 AM Helen & Larry Amsden

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

10:00 AM Faith L. Murray

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00 AM Antonio Banson

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**

9:00 AM John F. R. Kenealy

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00 AM Carolyn & Thomas Keighley  
 4:00 PM Lourdes Banson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00 AM Keith Regan  
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's  
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:45 AM Grades 1-6  
 5:15 PM Grade 10 (and parent meeting)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:45 AM Grades 1-6  
 Grade 2 parent meeting

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.

**2024 Giving Statements**

Tax time will soon be here. If you are in the envelope system and would like a donation statement for the year, please call or email the parish office at 508-435-3313 or stjohshopkinton@verizon.net. If you give electronically, please log into your account and go to your giving profile to get the statement or contact the office for assistance.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Do you know St. John's offers electronic giving as an alternative to the regular weekly offertory collection? Many parish families enjoy the benefits of electronic giving. The process is simple, secure and convenient. Simply go to our website, [www.stjohnhopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the right side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Mitchell at 508-435-3313x24. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

**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 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.

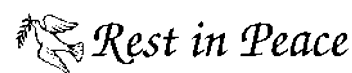


**Please Remember in Prayer**

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.

*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, January 11.



Sgt. Jacob Wolterbeek



## 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.

### Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or [stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

### 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. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

### "Life: Why We March"

March for Life in Washington, D.C., Friday, Jan. 24, 2025  
"In the two years since the *Dobbs* decision, the pro-life community has fought the advancement of relentless and radical pro-abortion legislation at both the state and federal level; faced attempts to destroy and discredit pro-life pregnancy resource centers; and even battled deadly misinformation campaigns related to state pro-life protections—all which allow medical treatment to save the life of pregnant women." According to [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org), this year's theme, "Life: Why We March", reflects the basic truth that inspires the pro-life cause: every human life, including the unborn and their mothers, is beautiful, has unique dignity, and is worthy of protection. "Life: Why We March" invites all Americans of good will to recognize and unite around this truth.

**Plan now to attend the 52nd annual  
March for Life in Washington, D.C.  
on Friday, January 24, 2025!**

**For bus reservations visit:**

<https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/witness-to-life-2025/>

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

You may have noticed that the St. Vincent DePaul Society donation boxes have been re-installed in the foyer of the Church next to each door. Each box has envelopes for donations if you want to use them. The Society provides assistance to people in Hopkinton who are in great need. In many respects, the Society is a lifeline for these people in need. The Society fulfills the Corporal Works of Mercy, especially: Feed the Hungry; Give Drink to the Thirsty; Clothe the Naked; Shelter the Homeless. Thank you for your ongoing support in this very important mission. *"Charity is the cement that binds communities to God and persons to one another"*  
~ St Vincent DePaul (1581-1660)



## Religious Education Classes

### REMINDERS:

**Grades 1-6** classes resume the week of **January 5, 2025.**  
**Grade 10** Confirmation Parent meeting & student class:  
**Sunday, January 5, 2025, 5:15-6:15PM with Mass at 6:30PM.**  
**Grade 9** Confirmation class: **Monday, January 6, 7PM**  
**Grades 7 & 8** classes resume on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:30PM.**  
**Grade 2 First Penance: Tuesday January 14, 4:30-5:30PM or 6-7PM (sign up required).**

**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.



## St. John's Family Night

**THIS Friday** evening, **January 10th**, St. John's will be hosting a **Family Night at 6PM** in the parish hall. We'll be showing a movie and we'll have a popcorn machine on hand. Bottled water will be provided; families are encouraged to bring their own beverages if family members desire something other than water. The movie is not yet decided. "Finding Nemo" and (the newish) "Super Mario" movies are currently in the running. Admission is free, come on down!

## SAVE THE DATE

### High School Youth Group Movie Night

**Friday, January 24, at 7PM** in the parish hall. Movie TBD.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### FREE THROW CONTEST

On January 7, following the Ashland vs. Hopkinton Boys Varsity basketball game at Hopkinton High School, a Free Throw Contest will be held for local youth aged 9 to 14 from both communities, welcoming participants of all abilities. Contestants will not only relish the competition but will also be awarded a free T-shirt and a certificate for their participation, with trophies or medallions presented to the top three scorers. Additionally, winners will have the opportunity to advance to higher-level contests. Registration for the event begins at 6:30 pm on the day of the contest. For more details, please contact Joe Altman via email at [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net). This event is a perfect chance for young basketball fans to demonstrate their free throw skills in a fun and supportive environment.

## TRAVELING?

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics: You can check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) from any internet connection to find out the name, location, and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church anywhere in America.

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2,7-8,10-13;  
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12**

Today we celebrate THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (God revealing himself in a manner that humanity had not seen before). God humbled himself to become one of us, and to live among us as fully human and fully divine. He did so as a humble, vulnerable infant, dependent on the care and nurturing of human parents. He came to be the savior of all humanity, to bring inner peace, justice, healing and eternal life to all, including the poor, the afflicted, the lowly and helpless. The visit of the Magi and the gifts they would bring was foretold in today's reading from Isaiah. The Magi are a symbol of the inclusion of the Gentiles. Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians states that Jews and Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promises of Christ.

Are we willing and equipped to proclaim the good news of salvation to help spread it to the ends of the earth? King Herod was not! In fact, King Herod was ignorant of the true meaning of the coming of the Messiah. A selfish, power hungry, paranoid, and worldly man, Herod, hearing of the birth of the Messiah from the Magi, was "greatly troubled." He had to ask the priests and scribes about the Messiah, and where he would be born. His intent was to kill anyone who he thought threatened his reign, and that of his lineage (power based on brute force), while the power of Jesus Christ was based on love, humility, service, sacrifice, and doing the will of the Father. In his ignorance and fear of losing power, Herod cast an early shadow of the Cross over the Christ child, a sign of things to come. Unlike Herod let us give ourselves as a gift to the Christ child by taking time to pray and to read the gospels regularly, by helping and encouraging each other, and by living a holy and informed life. Let us conform ourselves to the Lord's ways, not those of the world.





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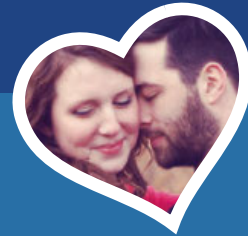
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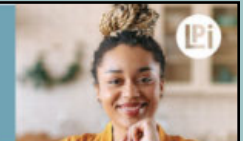
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