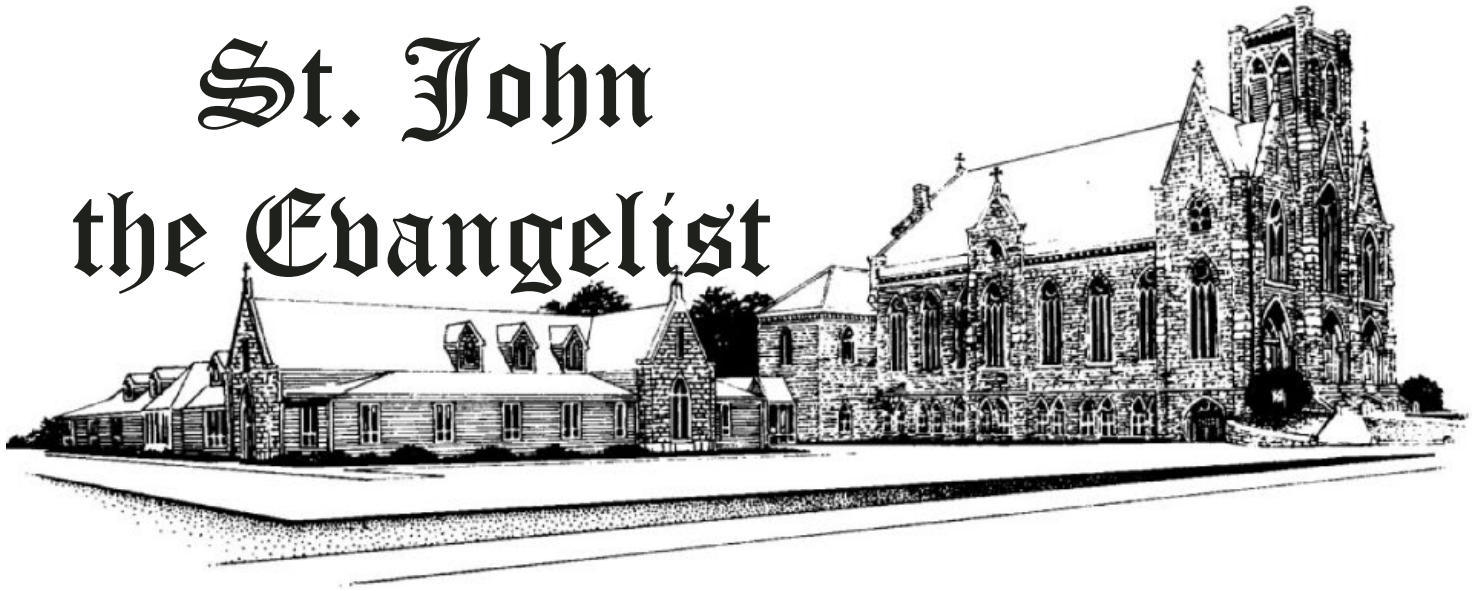


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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

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 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



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 19, 2025:  
Is 62:1-5/ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/  
1Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 86 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Richard Markert

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM For all deceased members of St. John the Evangelist Parish

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 AM Florencio Reyes

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM Ann L. Sefton

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM For an increase in devotion to the Eucharist

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Grace Fortin

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM David Healey

10:00 AM Eleanor Canepa

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

**CORRECTION:** The 8AM Mass intention on January 5 was for Robert Miles (not Robert Miller). We apologize for the error.



#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1-4

7:00 PM Grade 9

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

4:30 PM Grades 2 & 5

6:30 PM Grade 7

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19—NO CLASSES

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20—NO CLASSES

### 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

### 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 [stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnshopkinton@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

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### 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.

### Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, January 16

7PM, lower chapel

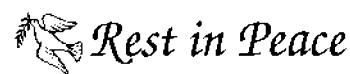
For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy

Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction

**PLEASE NOTE: During Mass**, 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.

*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 18.**



Philomena Vivona

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### 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

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)

### 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](mailto:maryskniaz@gmail.com).

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

**"Mom-Baby-God" and "peaceful, prayerful and law abiding" summarize Pro-Life work**

"Fifteen years ago, longtime sidewalk counselor Lauren Muzyka could not foresee how her small coalition of pro-life warriors would grow to save thousands of lives across the United States. But just a decade into pro-life ministry, Sidewalk Advocates for Life is making its mark...Muzyka emphasized that volunteer counselors are trained to 'reach out in love to everyone we encounter on the sidewalk' by 'understand[ing]' what leads women to seek abortion and informing them of pro-life alternatives. Once we help her understand the resources and support that are available to help her address her unique challenges, then we can help open her heart and mind to the humanity of her preborn child," Muzyka explained. "It's all about empowering her to remember she has what it takes to overcome her crisis and be a mom to the beautiful child within her." <https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/sidewalk-advocates-for-life-marks-thousands-of-lives-saved-in-10-years-of-ministry>



### 9 Days for Life Novena

January 16-24

Sign up to join Catholics across the country in praying for the end to all abortion during the 9 Days for Life novena from January 16-24.



### Religious Education Classes

#### REMINDERS:

**Grades 1-6** week of January 12, 2025

**Grade 9** Monday, January 13, 7-8PM

**Grades 7 & 8** Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-7:30PM

**Grade 2 First Penance:** Tuesday January 14, 4:30-5:30PM or 6-7PM (depending on time signed up for).



#### SAVE THE DATE

### High School Youth Group Movie Night

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

### Jubilee Year of 2025

#### "Pilgrims of Hope"

As some know and many don't, every 25 years the Holy Church has a Jubilee Year, a special year of grace and reconciliation, for the spiritual welfare of the faithful. This is such a year and the Vatican-selected theme is: Pilgrims of Hope.

The concept of jubilee years is rooted in Sacred Scripture, the book of Leviticus, chapter 25, therein, it is to occur every 50 years. The Church appropriated this concept in the 13th century under Pope Boniface VIII. Jubilee years are also called, "Holy Years." At first, they were celebrated every 100 years, then every 50 years, and now, since Pope St. John Paul II, every 25 years.

The tradition is chiefly connected with a pilgrimage to a specific church or shrine. A key symbol is a holy door, which calls to mind our Lord's words in St. John's Gospel (10:9): "I am the door. By me, if anyone enter in, he shall be saved, and he shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture."

Archbishop Richard Henning, has designated the Cathedral of the Holy Cross as a pilgrimage site, as well as the Xaverian Shrine in Holliston and the Immaculate Conception Church in Marlboro, in the West Region.

A Holy Year is an exceptionally good time to obtain indulgences, which are granted to the faithful, who: visit a pilgrimage site; go to confession within 20 days, before or after the visit; receive Holy Communion on that day; are free from the attachment of sin; and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be).

An indulgence is "the remission in the sight of God of the temporal punishment due to sins, the guilt of which has already been forgiven" (Canon 922). Indulgences can be applied to: one's own soul; the holy souls in purgatory, in general; or for a specific soul in purgatory.

For more information, please check out the Archdiocesan website at [www.rcab.org/jubilee2025](http://www.rcab.org/jubilee2025).

**JANUARY 12, 2025**

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**CROSS ROADS**

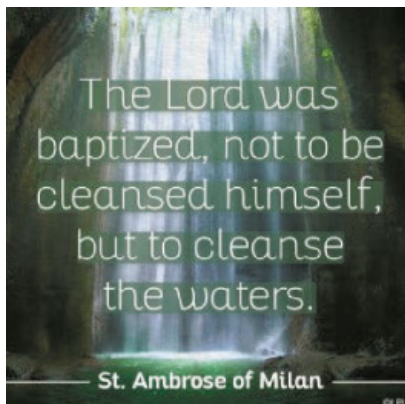
**By Deacon Tony**

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10;  
Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

There is much to absorb in the readings listed above, and the various options which you see in the Pew Missal. Yet they seem to coalesce into one message. God came to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Last week we celebrated the Epiphany, the revelation of God with us, not just for Israel but as the King of Kings and Lord and Savior of all humanity. Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. Yet Jesus is sinless and not in need of forgiveness. But He became an example to all; and more than that, the Baptism of Jesus was more of an anointing, and another grand revelation of the nature of God.

In one place and in one Baptism, God was revealed: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit as the Christ, the anointed one of God. At the same time God made himself visible to those who were open to see Him, and vocal to those who were open to hear Him. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were revealed: the Father in His voice when He said to Jesus, "you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Jesus revealed as the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove: all a revelation of the nature of the one God, who came to live among us for our salvation not because we deserved it, but because of God's tireless mercy and love. Jesus, the light of the world, makes salvation available to all who are willing to see and hear the message and the revelation, and to accept the Holy Spirit into their own hearts and souls. In this way God renews each of us and renews the face of the earth.

Also, there is an unspoken challenge to all of us to follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Anointed One of God. He lived in the Spirit and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived, died, and rose again in the Holy Spirit. How can we know whether we are living in the Spirit. We can know only if we live, speak, and act in a way that demonstrates the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus did: with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. That is how we are renewed, how we move toward Christ (the light of the world); and how we can assist in the renewal of the world.



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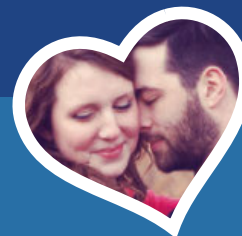
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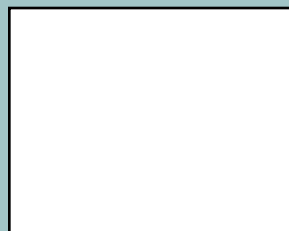


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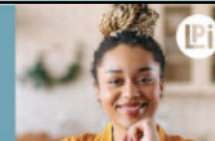
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