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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



"This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.
Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there
has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the
least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."
- Mt 11:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, December 21, 2025:
Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin
on page 64 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:00 PM Necalli VG (living intention)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM Francis Hayward
10:00 AM George Carlino
6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 AM Sr. Anne Campbell

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Sr. Margaret Dunn

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Arlene Hartwell

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM Fr. John Henault (living intention)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 AM For an increase in devotion to
The Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Arlene Hartwell
4:00 PM Tara Sharma

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 AM Martin Tristine
6:30 PM The Mystical Mothers of Priests
Mission



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:45 AM Grades 1-6

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:30 PM Grades 1-5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16—NO CLASSES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

2:45 PM Grade 6

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—NO CLASSES

CLASSES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

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

Evening Opportunity for Confessions

In addition to our regular Saturday morning confession times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered **THIS Monday, December 15, and Monday, December 22, 6:30-7:30PM** in the lower chapel.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

THIS Tuesday, December 16

Please join us for an Evening of Advent Prayer with Fr. Robert Lacombe on Tuesday, December 16, at 7PM. Confessions will be available.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM, 6PM & 11PM
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8AM & 10AM

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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

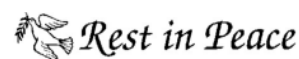
There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church**. All are welcome.

Third Thursday Holy Hour for Priests

Thursday, December 18, 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.

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 20.



Nancy Macmillan
Brenda Sulfaro

THIRD 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 (435-3313x20) to register.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Steve's Testimony as Shared by His Mother, Part II

(Steve is in the Navy, married and an abortion survivor. He sent this letter to his mother.) *"I know abortion is everywhere. People talk about it like it's just a political issue or a routine decision. But for me, it's never been abstract. It's deeply spiritual. I didn't just hear a story today. I felt a loss. A deep, wrenching loss. I found myself grieving for [aborted] children I never met and never will. I do not know their names. I will never see their faces. But my soul recognized them. It was like something in me brushed up against their absence, and I could not turn away. What hit me hardest wasn't just that they died, but that no one seemed to grieve them. Not even their parents. They were unwanted, discarded, erased. But somehow, I still loved them. I loved those babies for the ones who couldn't or wouldn't. I mourned them like a father mourns the invisible. That grief wasn't mine to carry, but I carried it anyway. And then something happened."* To be continued in next week's bulletin. To read the whole letter see the Ministry and Resource tab on St. John's website.



The Giving Tree Global Mission Apostolate

The Giving Tree is a long-time Advent tradition here at St. John's. This year's gifts will support the poor in Haiti, and Africa, as well as the homeless here in Worcester. A document describing the missions and gift designations is located on the table with the Giving Tree at the back of the church. Ornaments representing the gifts you wish to make may be taken from the tree and placed on your own tree at home as a sign of your solidarity with the poor. Monetary gifts of checks, cash or gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked *Global Mission Apostolate* and placed in the collection basket rather than left by the tree. Please designate the specific charity or charities and designated amounts on the check or on a paper inside the envelope so we can get your donation(s) to the right place. Gifts for the Mustard Seed should be unwrapped. Gifts may be brought through January 4th.

LIVING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Living Rosary on **THIS Wednesday, December 17, 2025** at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (101 Summer Street, Holliston) starting at 7PM. 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. Please contact chris.alicandro@comcast.net if you have any questions. To join the KofC: www.kofc.org/joinus



Religious Education Classes Collecting Donations for Mustard Seed

During this Advent Season, the Religious Education classes will be collecting socks, gloves, mittens, hats, hooded sweatshirts (can be gently used) & blankets for the Mustard Seed Soup 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 deadline for submissions is December 16.** The K of C is looking forward to seeing all the great posters.

St. John's High School Youth Group

If you are interested in planning or suggesting any events for the fall or if you would like to be on our distribution list for activities, please contact us at: stjohnshopkintonyouth-ministry@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your ongoing support. As Thanksgiving and Christmas are nearing, we are in urgent need of cash donations and gift cards. All gift cards are welcome but the most useful, in \$50 denominations are: Market Basket, Price Chopper, Target, Walmart, gas. In the past two months, we have helped 24 families with food, rent, car, phone, insurance. This is a big jump in assistance! Last year, we helped 54 families at Thanksgiving, 25 families with food at Christmas and 10 families with gifts. All donations can be dropped off at the parish business office or the donation boxes in the Church foyer. If you are interested in playing Santa to a family please call Colleen at 508-497-9144. Thank you so much!! We appreciate your continued generosity.

COAT DONATION DRIVE

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations of slightly used coats for its annual collection Drive. There are donation containers at the back of the church. The Knights are seeking slightly used coats of all sizes (adult and child sizes) to support the winter needs of the local community. This Coat Donation Drive will continue through December 31st. Should you have any questions or are aware of anyone in need of a coat, please contact Vin Lawler at (617) 899-2494.

DECEMBER 14, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; Psalm 146: 6-10;

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

It is the Third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as Gaudete Sunday. We continue preparation for Christmas with joyful expectation, and hopefully with patience, as we await the commemoration of the fulfillment of God coming to live among us in the person of Jesus, His Advent. We know Advent too be a time to prepare. But there is a dictionary meaning to Advent as the arrival or beginning of an important event or situation. The Lord coming to live among us is as important and meaningful an event as an event can be! And we do so with the understanding that it is the fulfillment of scripture that He comes to save us, and to heal us. There would be signs and wonders of the Lord healing the blind and the deaf and bringing people back to life. But the Lord does so with a deeper and more lofty purpose: that we might hear and accept the truth, that we might overcome the noise of this world and hear and recognize His Word; and be inspired to live according to His will and His ways. As our Creator, we belong to Him; and we are called to live His way, not our way, not the way of the world.

With all the distractions, uncertainties, dangers and challenges of this world we can lose our way, be blind and deaf to the will of God. We can forget that we too can become messengers of the good news as John the Baptist was. Patience, peace, and quiet is important to recognizing and living by the promptings of the Lord. In our times we always have the Lord with us in the Eucharist, and the experience of His never-ending mercy in Confession. As we move toward the fourth Sunday in Advent, let us rejoice with patience and with some degree of silent reverence. Let us practice some silence and know that He is God, that He is with us always, so that we can appreciate His presence and the reason for the season.



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