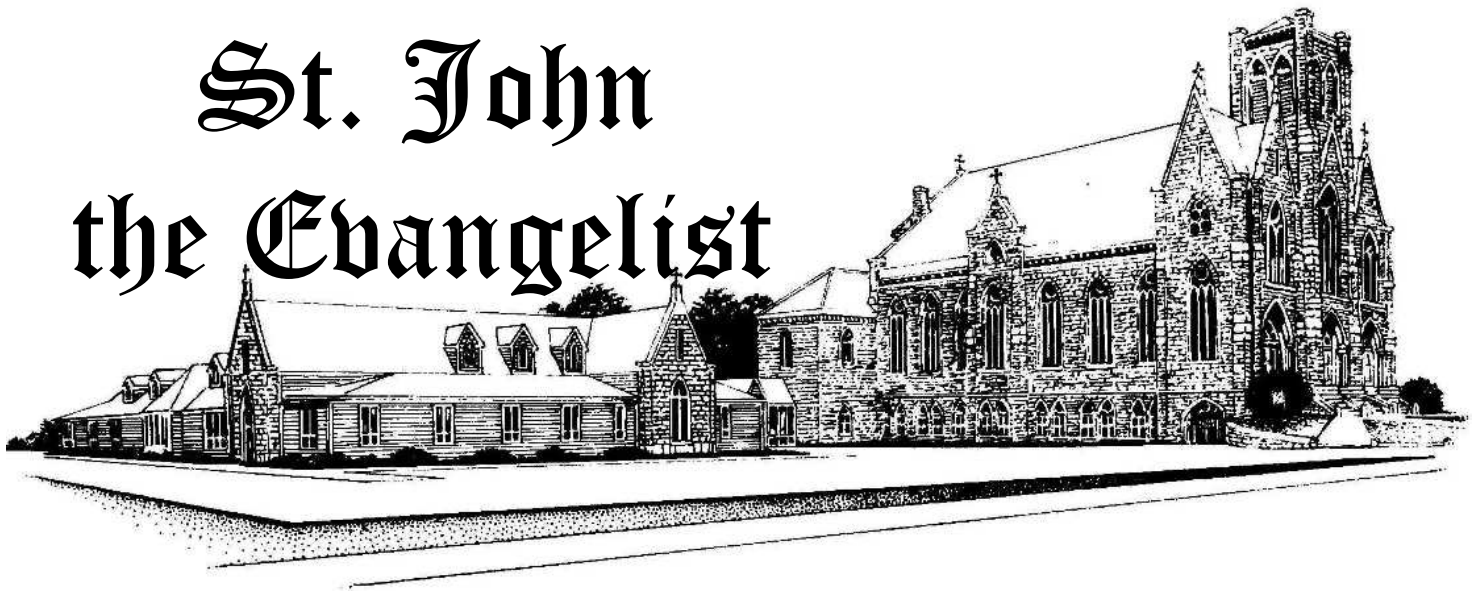


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SUNDAY MASSES:

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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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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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,
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And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean. - Mt 2:22b-23

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 4, 2026:
 Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 78 in the pew missal.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:00 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Joseph Michael McMullen, Jr.
 & Beatrice Carolyn McMullen
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM In thanksgiving for King David

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM William M. Heavey
 4:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 AM Clarence C. MacLaine

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 4:00 PM Rev. James Coriden

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Robert Miles
 6:30 PM For our Confirmation students



CLASSES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
THIS Saturday, January 3.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be held on Wednesday, December 31 at 4PM and Thursday, January 1 at 10AM.

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.

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 first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, January 2, 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 of those in the Church; and the sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

"Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."—St. Mother Teresa

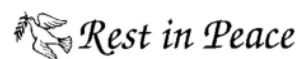
First Saturday Devotion

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS Saturday, January 3, 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 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.



Mary Ellen Kenney

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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.

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 435-3313x20 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

Steve's Testimony as Shared by his Mother, Last Part

(Steve is in the Navy, married and an abortion survivor. He sent his testimonial in a letter to his mother and asked that it be widely shared.)

"I know the world does not always stop for the unborn. But my heart does. Every time. Because I was raised to believe that life matters, even the lives we never got to meet. And I will never stop believing that. I am writing as someone who still believes in the sacredness of every heartbeat. I want to be the kind of man, the kind of father, who remembers the forgotten. Who honors even the smallest life. Who weeps for what the world ignores. I will never know those two babies my coworker spoke of. But today, I named them in my heart. I prayed for them. And I whispered to God that they mattered to someone. That someone wept. That someone loved them. Even if it was just me. And maybe that is enough."

To read the whole letter see the Ministry and Resource tab on St. John's website.

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Competition

On **January 9, 2026**, following the Westwood 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 at 508-380-0163 or via email at joaltman@verizon.net. This event is a perfect chance for young basketball fans to demonstrate their free throw skills in a fun and supportive environment.

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.



Religious Education Classes

REMINDERS:

Grades 1-6 classes resume the week of **January 4 2026**.

Grade 10 Confirmation class: **Sunday, January 4, 2026, 5:15-6:20PM with Mass at 6:30PM**

Grade 9 Confirmation class: **Monday, January 5, 7-8PM**

Grades 7 & 8 classes resume on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6PM**.

Grade 2 First Penance: Tuesday January 13, 4:30-5:30PM or 6-7PM (sign up required).

Grade 10 Confirmation retreat: Saturday, January 24, 10AM-5PM in the Parish Center

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.

Baptismal Blanket Ministry

St. John's baptismal baby blanket ministry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to make and donate baby blankets to be given to babies who are baptized here at St. John's. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, or crafted from fleece. If you can help, blankets can be dropped off to the parish office. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20.

YEAR OUT...YEAR IN

Come join us here at Saint John's in the lower church on **Wednesday, December 31, from 11PM to Thursday, January 1, 1AM** to thank our Father for His many graces, blessings and constant love on us throughout 2024, and for our Father's continued love, strength and nearness to us in 2025.

Saint John's Entrustment Prayer to Divine Mercy

Most blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we the people of Saint John the Evangelist Church, entrust our families, our young and old, our needs and concerns, our sick and dying, and all our brothers and sisters in Purgatory to Your Divine Will. With great confidence we give ourselves to Your Most Holy Will which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

(This prayer is said every Monday night before the Divine Mercy holy hour here at St. John's.)

DECEMBER 28, 2025

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128: 1-5; Colossians 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Today we honor and learn from the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Church teaches that the family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God. There is no greater example of this than the Holy Family. Jesus, who is God with us was given birth and nurtured by our Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph took on the responsibility given to him to protect and provide for them. Jesus, the incarnation of the Word of God, humbled himself to become one of us, and to be lovingly obedient to both Mary and Joseph. We all are called to do the same in our relationships as offspring, husbands, and wives.

But the Holy Family is not simply an example of what is expected of us within our immediate family, but also and example of how we should care for and treat each other within the family of the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Christ: with loving Kindness, humility, compassion, patience, forgiveness, encouragement, affirmation, and the peace of Christ. The family is a microcosm of the Church and is at the heart of what the larger Church family strives to be. That is one of the reasons why the traditional family and the Church have been under attack by so-called modern culture.

To combat that evil persecution, let us follow the example of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each of them simply did what God the Father asked them to do. Let us do that! And let us not seek the praise of other people. Let us simply do what the Lord asks of us: to follow his commands because it is the right thing to do. To quote Saint John Berchmans (a Jesuit scholastic known for his piety and faithfulness): "Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be." In the end, that is the only thing that matters.



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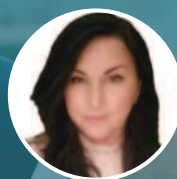
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