

# St. John the Evangelist



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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

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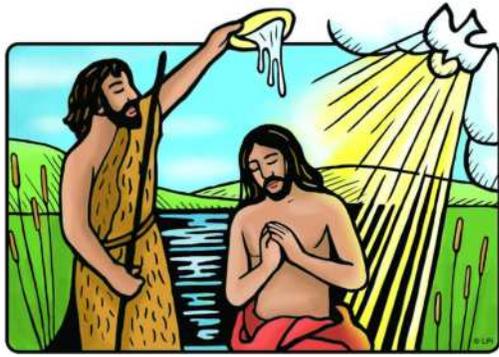
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## **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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,  
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After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 18, 2026:  
*Is 49:3, 5-6/ Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
 1Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 85 in the pew missal.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

4:00 PM Frederick J. Harris

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00 AM Stephen Whelan  
 10:00 AM Janus Connelly  
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00 AM Richard Markert

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00 AM Maribeth Forbes

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 AM Pam Duffy (living intention)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00 AM The Mystical Mothers of Priests  
 Mission

4:00 PM Lourdes Banson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

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



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:45 AM Grades 1 & 3-5  
 5:15 PM Grade 10

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

4:30 PM Grades 1-5  
 7:00 PM Grade 9

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

6:00 PM Grades 7 & 8

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

2:45 PM Grade 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**

**MAGNIFICAT**

For those that would like their own pew missals to follow along with the readings, you may purchase a monthly subscription at [www.magnificat.org](http://www.magnificat.org).

**Adult Religious Education Classes**

St. John's is once again holding special classes for adult Catholic faith formation. This catechetical instruction will be offered for converts, the unbaptized, adult confirmations or for those seeking to be better informed in their faith. If you know anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. **Classes will resume on February 3, 2026 and are held on Tuesdays at 7PM** in the parish center library. Please call the parish office at 508-435-3313x20 if you have any questions.

**2025 Giving Statements**

Tax time will soon be here. If you are on the envelope system and would like a donation statement for the year, please call or email the parish office at 508-435-3313 Ext. 20 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 parish office for assistance.

**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 15, 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 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated **8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, January 17.**

**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 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 (435-3313x20) 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](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.

### Volunteers for Mustard Seed Ministry

Do you have some free time on the last Friday of the month? Would you like to help prepare food to be delivered to the Mustard Seed Soup Kitchen in Worcester? Volunteers gather on the last Friday of the month to help prepare and cook meals. "Many hands make light work". If you would like to participate or for more information, please email Ali Balster at [alibalster@gmail.com](mailto:alibalster@gmail.com).

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

#### Holy Hour for Life

Join us in prayer for mothers and babies!

Life is a gift in every circumstance!

**Friday, January 16, 7PM**

St. John the Evangelist, lower chapel

Let's fill the pews!

### 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.

### 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).

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### Religious Education Classes

#### REMINDERS:

**Grades 1-6:** week of January 11, 2026

**Grade 9:** Monday, January 12, 7-8PM

**Grades 7 & 8:** Tuesday, January 13, 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



### St. John's High School Youth Group

If you are interested in planning or suggesting any events or if you would like to be on our distribution list for activities, please contact us at: [stjohnshopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshopkintonyouthministry@gmail.com).

### The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

For information on Eucharistic miracles, check out this website: [www.miracolieucaistici.org](http://www.miracolieucaistici.org) created by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

### St. John's Young Adults

St. John's Young Adults group now has a page on our website ([www.stjohnshopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnshopkinton.com)) under "Fellowship and Formation" where you can also access and follow their new Facebook page.

### DIGNITY MATTERS

Help Dignity Matters provide homeless women with undergarments and feminine hygiene products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are rarely donated to shelters, but these items are **DESPERATELY** needed. Please donate: bras-new and gently used; female underpants—new with tags; tampons and sanitary napkins. **St. John's will be collecting these items to donate. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parish Center hallway.**

### Did you Know?

St. John's has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on site! It is located in the **lower Sacristy** in the main church on the east wall in a white box. Should a cardiac event occur, the unit will walk you through the steps for use. Do you know where the closest exit is in the event of a fire? Did you know a fire pull box is located in the narthex north-side (left when leaving) and the lower Sacristy next to the AED? Additionally, we have multiple pull boxes and extinguishers in the Parish Center. Take a moment to look around.

Thank you, The staff of St. Johns

### Do You Need Transportation to Mass?

The Knights of Columbus will pay for transportation to bring the homebound or those who may need a ride to Sunday Mass. Please contact Grand Knight Joe Altman for information at 508-380-0163 or [joealtman@verizon.net](mailto:joealtman@verizon.net).

**JANUARY 11, 2026**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

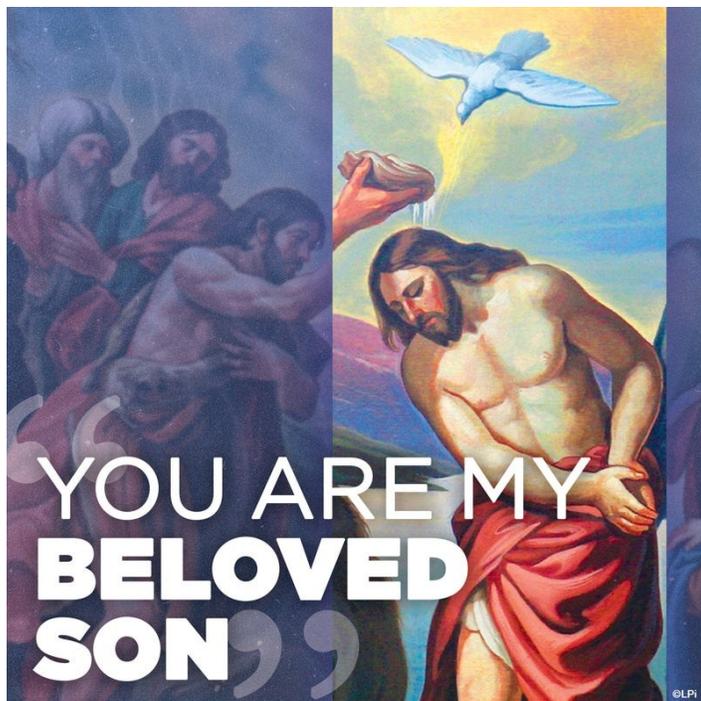
Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir  
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