

# 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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**Very Rev. Richard E. Cannon, V.F.**  
508-435-3313x21

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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**

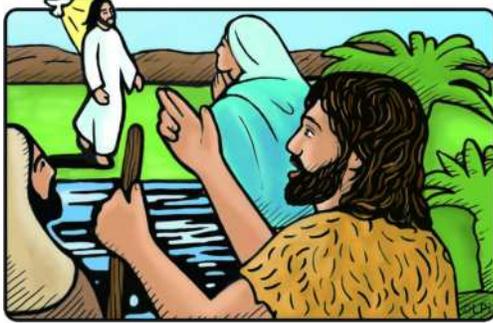
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## **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

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



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 25, 2026:  
*Is 8:23-9:3/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/*  
*1Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-17*

The readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 87 in the pew missal.



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM Deceased members of the  
 Anthony DiSarcina Family

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM Ronald Buttarazzi

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM Deceased members of the  
 James Gately Family

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM For the legal protection of  
 unborn children

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 AM Thomas Brady

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners  
 4:00 PM For our Confirmation Candidates

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM The Beavers Family (living)  
 10:00 AM Special Intention  
 6:30 PM Parishioners of St. John's



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, JANUARY 19—NO CLASSES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 AM Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25—NO CLASSES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church THIS Saturday, January 24.

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 **THIS** 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

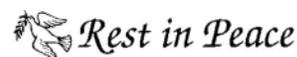
For many holy priests, and in reparation for the sins of the clergy. Exposition, Rosary, short meditation, silent prayer, petitions, chaplet for priests, Benediction.

### 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.

**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.**

Please note we will not be having Adoration on Tuesday, January 20, Friday, January 23, and Tuesday, January 27.



Robert Manchester

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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.

### 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.

### MUSTARD SEED



Thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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

#### **Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2024**

New statistics reveal that over 73 million abortions took place worldwide in 2024, making abortion the leading cause of death globally. According to data compiled by Worldometers and based on World Health Organization estimates, these tragic losses far exceed deaths from cancer, disease, accidents, and other causes combined. In the United States, abortion remains the leading cause of death as well, with nearly 1 million unborn babies aborted each year. Since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, an estimated 66 million babies have been lost to abortion in America alone.

[https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/abortion\\_was\\_the\\_leading\\_cause\\_of\\_death\\_worldwide\\_in\\_2024](https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/abortion_was_the_leading_cause_of_death_worldwide_in_2024)

### 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.

### 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 [joaltman@verizon.net](mailto:joaltman@verizon.net).



### Religious Education Classes

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

### First Reconciliation

41 children received First Reconciliation this past week after weeks of preparation with their catechists and their parents. Congratulations to all!



### 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).

### 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 underpans—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

### THANK YOU for making this Season's KoC Coat Drive a Huge Success!

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from both St. John's and St. Cecilia's--more than 170 used coats were donated to assist the winter clothing needs of persons in our local communities. This effort was in partnership with Anton's Cleaners (Framingham) which provided dry-cleaning services for the donated coats. Also, via a parallel program--our local Knights of Columbus Council purchased/donated 300 additional new coats this Christmas Season that were distributed with our campaign partners: St. John's SVDP, Hopkinton Youth & Family Services, and Daily Bread Food Pantry (Milford). The KoC is grateful for all your support!

**JANUARY 18, 2026**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**John 1:29-34**

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir  
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