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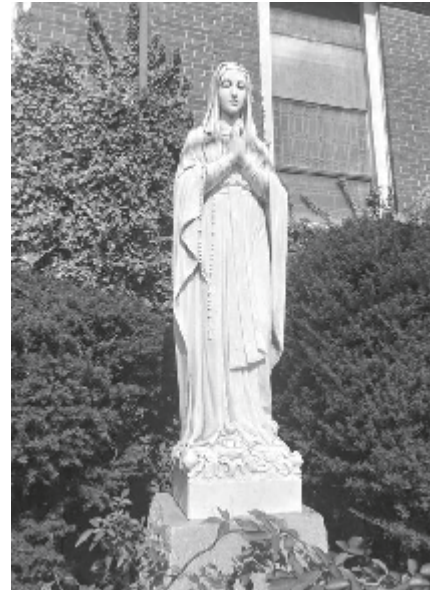
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### St. John's Parish

SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Noon  
DAILY LITURGY: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM

#### Holy Rosary Parish

SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

#### Confessions

After Mass  
or at the rectory by appointment.

#### Marriages

Please make arrangements at least six months in advance to allow adequate preparation.

#### Baptisms

3rd Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM.  
Baptism instruction will be held before the sacrament is celebrated.

#### Bulletin

News for the Parish Bulletin must be at the rectory by 12:00 Noon Sunday.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19;64:1,2-7**

The Israelites had just returned from exile and were suffering economic hardship and persecution. The prophet expresses their expectation that God will intervene in human history in a dramatic way to help them. At the end of this reading, we will hear a familiar image.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

In the letter-writing style popular in Paul's day, writers would begin by extending greetings and then thank the gods for the blessings *they themselves* had received. But Paul begins his first letter to the Corinthians by thanking God for the blessings his *converts in Corinth* have received. (It may help to know that the phrase "day of the Lord" refers to Jesus coming again in glory.)

**COVID 19 Guidelines**

Please do your best to wear your mask covering your nose and mouth when you enter the Church for the duration of the service. While some may not be able to do this because of a medical condition, we ask everyone else to abide by this guideline.

While in the communion line please try to keep six feet apart from the person in front of you.

For the reception of Communion, please receive the Eucharistic Lord in your hand with your face mask on. Step to the side and take your face mask down and receive the Lord. If your strong preference is to receive Christ on the tongue, for the health and safety of all please see either the Deacon or one of the priests after Mass to receive on the tongue.

Please know that between every Mass the Church is thoroughly sterilized.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Today we wish to recognize those who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Catholic Appeal. Especially during these challenging times, your participation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.** If you have not yet given, it is not too late. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Donations can be made online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

Remember that when our parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of any funds received is returned for use in our parish. When each of our individual gifts are combined with the gifts of thousands of others throughout the Archdiocese, each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide ministries and services. **This is our Church. Thank you again for your support.**

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various greens signifying continuous life. The evergreen has a traditional meaning signifying victory over persecution and suffering, immortality, strength and healing.



The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God and the everlasting life found in Christ. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, who entered our world becoming human man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death and resurrection.

**PRAYERS**

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (781-941-4011).

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD "they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope". Jeremiah 29:11*

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE**

St. John's on line Faith Formation classes have officially begun, with our first Zoom classes held the week of November 15. Attendance and participation have been excellent, and we commend our students and their parents for making faith an important part of their lives during this difficult time.

If you did not register your child for Faith Formation and would like to participate, please e-mail Graceanne Bowe, [bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org) for grades 1-6, and Rick Chasse, [youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org) for grades 7-10.

**NEXT FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY**

There will be an Advent Family Mass live streamed on Sunday morning, December 13th. Details will be forthcoming in the bulletin and sent directly to parents. Please mark your calendar!

**CATECHISTS**

We are still in need of a few catechists to assist in teaching ZOOM classes. From January through April, there will be seven 35-minute Zoom classes for grades 1-8. If you are able to help, please contact Graceanne Bowe, [bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org) for grades 1-6, and Rick Chasse, [youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org) for grades 7-10.

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to the Grand Annual Collection which is ongoing. The collection offering can be dropped into the offertory basket or mailed to the rectory. The Grand Annual will be used to offset the deficit caused by the Coronavirus and to assist with sterilizing the church.

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE - PRAY THE ROSARY**

Buona Domenica!

Dear Friends:

Advent is upon us! It is the time that we come together as a people to hope, to wait, to watch for the coming of the Savior. It is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to ponder the great mystery of God's love for us.

Advent is a season of hope. Isn't that what the people of the Old Testament did? They waited for the Savior. They trusted in God goodness - his care for them - they believed and hoped that God would provide a Savior. The Christ came not as they expected but God fulfilled his promise.

The purple vestments that the priest and deacon wear remind us that this is a time to wait in joyful hope for the Lord. Hope that reminds us Christ comes to us in a powerful way every December 25th, but also the Christ who will come at the end of time to judge the living and the dead.

The evergreen Advent wreath asks us to be attentive to the everlasting love of God. The Advent candles that burn brightly remind us that a Savior comes to us who burns away the darkness and cold of our hearts.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2nd from 5pm-7pm Eucharist Adoration will be held at St. John's Church. It is a time to spend some quiet with the Eucharist Lord in the whirl and twirl of the world.

Advent asks us to find hope in Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration helps us place our sight, our hearts and minds on the One who brings hope and light to our lives. You can pop in for five minutes or the whole two hours. That's up to you. It might be one of the great gifts you give to yourself this Advent season.

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Happy Sunday, Fr. Chris

PLEASE NOTE! Giving Tree Deadline

Tomorrow, Monday, November 30th For donations: Either cash or gift cards Your donation helps a family in need.

"Share the Love Raffle"

Congratulations to Edward Michalski, ticket #33, who won the November 14th raffle. Next drawing is December 14th!



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and Lord, give us Peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

SANCTUARY CANDLES

If you would like both Sanctuary Candles near the Tabernacles in the upper church and the chapel to burn day and night for a week in memory of a loved one, for someone serving in the military, for healing or for any special intention, please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make the arrangements. The cost is \$25.00.



This week, the Sanctuary Candle will be burning for the greater glory of God with the intention for a successful surgery and recovery, lovingly requested by the family.

SAY NO TO "ROE"

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. To make your voice be heard, please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know that you are opposed to H3320 and S1209 - the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps to save lives!

Remember, if these bills pass, they would remove:

- 1. The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion.
2. The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives an abortion.
3. The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals.
4. The bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org.

BEFORE YOU GO AND ARE ON YOUR WAY PLEASE PAUSE AND STOP TO PRAY

For all those who are ill, For all who have asked for our prayers, For all of the faithful departed, For the benefactors of St. John's and Holy Rosary, For the unborn and the elderly, For peace in the troubled spots of the world, For vocations to the Priesthood and, For the Diaconate and Religious Life.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW

The Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club has prayer shawls and lap robes available for those who would benefit from receiving them. They are for the sick, for someone who is recuperating, someone in hospice or a nursing home or someone experiencing loneliness or loss. There are no gender, age or religious requirements.

If you know of someone who might like to receive one, please call Anita 617 846-7148 or June 617 846-8291 and we will help you choose what would best suit the recipient's needs.



**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**



**Giving Tree**

We at St. John’s and Holy Rosary have many fellow parishioners in need for the upcoming Holiday Season. We ask that you generously consider our Parish families now.

We are in unprecedented times and uncertainty so we must listen to our calling and do our part to restore a sense of Belief and Faith in what is Good.

Believe...To feel Sure of The Truth.

Christmas is a Time to Believe. Believe in Christ, Believe in His Church, Believe in His Family. We are His Family.

Let’s Join Together to Remember our Greatest Gifts: Faith, Hope, and Love and Share Christmas Joy! When We Give with Love, We Inspire Others to Give.

Due to the pandemic, this year we will forgo the Giving Tree at St. John’s and Holy Rosary and focus solely on monetary donations and gift cards. Please drop your gifts into the collection basket marked “Christmas Donation”. If you do not attend Mass, please drop it at the rectory or call and we can schedule a pick up. Please keep in mind we have MANY Children’s Wishes to Fulfill.

Last year we had approximately 100 children. We may have more this year. We must prepare.

The Truth of Christmas is essentially a Celebration of Life. Thank you, Be Well and God Bless.

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**ST. VINCENT dePAUL**

St. John’s Parish has had a St. Vincent dePaul Society Chapter for over 50 years. The mission of the society is to give assistance to parishioners and other Winthrop residents who find themselves in need. Your monetary donation to St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need of a hand. Past types of assistance include, but are not limited to, food vouchers, assistance with rent to avoid eviction and payment of various utility bills to avoid disruption of service. The Covid pandemic has meant extreme hardship for so many of our neighbors.



Please help us continue these works of mercy with your donations. Without your generosity and prayers, we would not be able to continue to help those in need of assistance. We must be ready to meet today’s demands and tomorrow’s needs.

Checks may be made out to St. Vincent dePaul and left at the rectory. Please be sure to mark the envelope “St. Vincent dePaul”. Donations made by check are tax deductible. Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration.

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Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

**Matteo Alessio Rosa                      Matteo Arthur Flavin**  
**Andrew Vincent Biggio                Hayes Dickson Torra**

Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.” - Mk 13:35-36

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**Readings for the week of November 29, 2020**

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
Mon: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
Tues: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thurs: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
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*Mass Intentions*

**Week of Monday, November 30th to Sunday, December 6th**

Mon. 9:00 ...  
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish  
Wed. 9:00 ...  
Thurs. 9:00 Maureen Albano  
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish  
Sat. 9:00 Arthur Gilleo  
  
4:00 Carolyn Marks  
Paul and Evelyn Marks  
Philip Marks  
Sun. 8:00 Dorothy Sicurella  
10:00 Rose M. Esposito  
Thomas DeLeo  
12:00 John and Evelyn Carver  
Mae and Henry Moynihan  
George and Anna Moynihan  
Ruth and Larry Walsh  
Joe and Jo Carver  
Kathy Walsh DeMarco

**Holy Rosary Parish**

Sat. Dec. 5 - 5:30 - Birthday Blessings for Cole Freeman  
Sun. Dec. 6 - 11:00 - In memory of Julia M. McPherson





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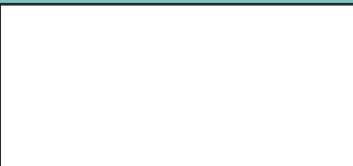
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