

# St. John the Evangelist Parish


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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.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday, December 7th - 4:00pm  
Tuesday, December 8th - 9:00am and 7:00pm**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountain top the goodness of God.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

**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 to 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 it's 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.**

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.



**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.

Confirmation Level 1 (Grade 9) has class on December 6th and 13th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Any questions email Rick at [youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org).

**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!

Happy Sunday everyone!

It is with sadness that I invite you to pray with me for Amy Gallagher and her family. Amy returned to the Lord all too soon at a very young age this past week. She would be well-known to many of our parishioners as the master mind behind Breakfast With Santa each year. As a matter of fact, her note to parishioners cancelling the Breakfast because of COVID is published in this very bulletin. Her work among the youth and the poor of Winthrop is exemplary. Her death will leave a void in the town of Winthrop and this parish. May the Merciful Christ, the saints and angels come to meet her and grant her Eternal Rest.

We have begun Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday night from 5-7pm in the upstairs St. John's Church. Why not pop in for five minutes to say hello to the Lord? If you see me then feel free to ask for Confession during this time. Confession is always available by calling the rectory for an appointment. I am always happy to hear your confession after Mass unless I am heading to another Mass.

Our book club on the Eucharist concluded. We are taking December off but will begin anew in January. I thoroughly enjoyed gathering with parishioners to share and reflect on a book about faith. Their insights helped me to grow in my own faith life. Maybe you will consider joining the next book club in January. Graceanne Bowe will have more details for you to join as the time draws close. In the meantime, if you want to get ahead, the name of the book is: The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise by Robert Cardinal Sarah. I have read excerpts: I promise you will be happy to have joined.

Finally, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is coming December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at St. John's at 4pm Monday, 9am Tuesday and 7pm on Tuesday.

Peace,  
Fr. Chris

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.



Next Weekend - December 12th/13th

The Winthrop Food Pantry serves those in need in our community. They rely on your help and you have never failed them. Any non-perishable food or monetary donations you bring are gratefully accepted. Winthrop Food Pantry sincerely thanks all our faithful parishioners who remember the hungry of our community. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

I am sorry to announce that our annual Breakfast with Santa has to be cancelled this year. 2020 has taken away a lot, but not the spirit of Christmas. Please consider donating what you generously spend at Santa's Breakfast to the Giving Tree here at St. John's. Gift certificates and cash donations are being accepted at Mass and at the rectory (please mark "Giving Tree"). I can't remember a year without the Breakfast—but it will be back better than ever in 2021. May God continue to bless us all and may peace and good health be under all our Christmas trees this year.

God Bless,  
Amy Gallagher and Santa's Team

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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite parishioners to contribute for the purchase of the flowers used on the altars for Christmas. You might want to donate in memory of a loved one. If so, we ask you to print the name/names of your deceased loved ones in the space provided below and enclose it in an envelope with your contribution. You may bring/send this to the rectory. Please make sure your check is made payable to St. John's Parish, designating it is for flowers.

During the Christmas season, the names of all your loved ones will be remembered and prayed for. All donations should be made no later than the weekend of December 19th/20th.

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*In Loving Memory*

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Edward (Jim) Soper, Patricia Austin, Thomas Lally, Joseph McCarthy and Dorothy R. Duyon** who were buried from St. John's recently and for **Judge Joseph Ferrino** who died recently. May these souls and souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society at our parish will be helping families in need with Gift Cards to purchase food for Christmas. Those in a position to help are asked to leave their donations at the rectory in an envelope marked "St. Vincent dePaul Christmas Food". Thank you for your generous consideration.



**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](http://www.macatholic.org).

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**PRAYERS**

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).

*"I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life." Ps. 23:1-3*

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**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.





John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

- 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
Mon: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tues: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-5]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

Week of Monday, December 7th to Sunday, December 13th

- Mon. 9:00 ...
Vigil of the Immaculate Conception
4:00 Thomas McHugh
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
7:00 Kathleen Harris, 1st Anniversary
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
Sun. 4:00 Jean and Harry Goll and Richard Goll
8:00 Salvatore and Rose Russo
10:00 Arthur Smaldone
12:00 The Iantosca Family
Joe and Ann Picardi
Massimino and Mary Pacardi
Henry and Louise Murray
DiLuigi Family
Diane Malfrey
The Healy Family

Holy Rosary Parish

- Sat., Dec. 12 - 5:30 - In memory of Louise and Natale Papile
Sun., Dec. 13 - 11:00 - In memory of Eva Chabra



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