

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

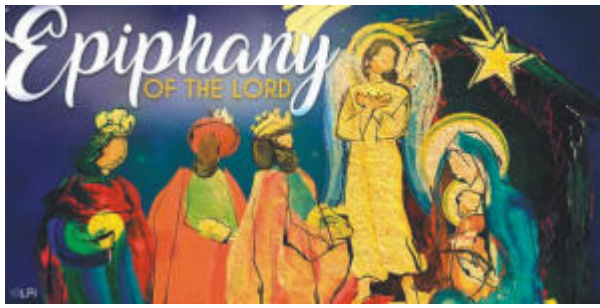
Please make arrangements at least six months in advance to allow adequate preparation.

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Lord Jesus has come to save all human kind. Today we celebrate the revelation of that great mystery. God’s grace-filled covenant is open up to all. The “wise men” and all wise women and men seeing with a child’s eyes, discover the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord’s arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore Him.

EIPHANY

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God’s saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background.



Next Weekend - January 10, 2021

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.



A Special Thank You!

St. Vincent DePaul Society and the parish of St. John’s would like to thank the parishioners of St. Johns and Holy Rosary for all the donations to help feed over 40 families here in Winthrop during Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Next Zoom classes are in January!

Sunday students: January 3 and 10, February 7 and 21

Grades 1 and 2	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Grades 3 and 4	3:00 - 3:45 pm
Grades 5 and 6	4:15 - 5:00 pm
Grades 7 and 8	6:00 - 6:45 pm

Weekday students:

Mondays, January 4 and 11, February 8th and 22

Grade 1	2:45 - 3:30 pm
Grade 4	4:00 - 4:45 pm

Tuesdays, January 5 and 12, February 9 and 23

Grade 2	2:45 - 3:30 pm
Grades 5 and 6	4:00 - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays, January 6 and 13, February 10 and 24

Grade 3	2:45 - 3:30 pm
Grades 7 and 8	6:30 - 7:15 pm

Invitation emails with log-in details will be sent to families several days before the class.

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Confirmation Level II (grade 10)

This year Confirmation will be celebrated at the end of April. All youth in grade 10 who wish to be confirmed must have been in the program last year or have attended Catholic School. Please register by January 4th. Any questions, please email Rick at:

youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org

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NEW BOOK GROUP STARTING JANUARY 14!

The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah

5 Thursday evenings - 7:30-8:30pm, Jan. 14-Feb. 11

At times, it seems as though we live under a dictatorship of noise. Technology increases our exposure to information, good and bad, as well as news of illness, political strife and social conflict. Awash in a cacophony of negative inputs, our souls fail to hear the still, small voice with which the Lord often speaks to us.

According to Robert Cardinal Sarah, “Silence is more important than any other human work, for it expresses God”. This book provides pastoral insight to help us tap into the power of silence, and, in doing so, draw close to Him Who is all goodness, truth and beauty.

Fr. Chris O’Connor and Graceanne Bowe from the Faith Formation office will lead weekly interactive discussions.

To sign up please email bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org.

The book is readily available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and from Catholic booksellers, and is a great read.

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Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To visit the imprisoned
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To admonish the sinner
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To forgive all injuries
- To pray for the living and the dead

Buona Domenica!

Happy Sunday and Merry Christmas! The Christmas season continues as we celebrate the great gift and feast of Epiphany. They come from afar to admire the Christ Child. We only have to come to Church to give our praise and thanksgiving. How blessed are we?

As we begin the new year something that has recently begun in our parish is Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 5-7pm. Need quiet? Need peace? Want to listen to the Lord? Eucharistic Adoration is the place. One saint described Adoration this way: Christ looks at me and I look at Christ. Confessions are generally held between 5-6pm. Eucharistic Adoration allows us to give thanks to God.

Speaking of thanks, as Sheryl Howard reminded me: A big shout out to parishioners who contributed generously to the Giving Tree this Christmas. We were able to help forty-nine families and one hundred twenty-five children. The parents and grandparents were grateful for the assistance this year. Our parish continues to set a fine example of sharing, caring and giving. Thank you for the opportunity to help. In addition to this, the Society of St. Vincent dePaul was quick to offer Christmas meals to forty-three families.

Finally, a little quote from Pope Benedict XVI on Christmas, bringing Christ to the poor: "Whether we are shepherds or wise men, the light and its message call us to set out, to leave the narrow circle of our desires and interests, to go out to meet the Lord and worship Him. We worship Him by opening the world to truth, to good, to Christ, to the service of those who are marginalized and in whom He awaits us".

Merry Christmas and Happy Sunday,
Fr. Chris

 *In Loving Memory*

In your charity, please pray for the soul of **Adelaide Gallo** who was buried from St. John's this past week. My her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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



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.



PRAYERS

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

"Let all who seek you shout for joy and be glad in you.

May those who love your deliverance say

'The Lord be magnified!' continuously." Psalm 40:16

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.

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.



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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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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.

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PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

*All powerful God,
watch over all our dear ones
who serve this day in the military.
Hold them safely in the palm of Your hand.
Walk with them in Your strength.
Bring comfort when they are troubled;
hope when they are weary.
Remind them of our love.
Merciful Lord,
bring a lasting peace into our midst.
Heal our hearts and help all nations
find ways to live in harmony
so that blood is shed no more.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus,
Prince of Peace. Amen.*



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

- Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a /Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sun: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Week of Monday, January 4th to Sunday, January 10th

- Mon. 9:00 ...
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 Joseph Abramo, First Anniversary
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Natale Mulone, 23rd Anniversary
10:00 Thomas Lee, 5th Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 ...
12:00 John J. Burke
M. Ellen MacDonald, 25th Anniversary
Louis Fagioli, 29th Anniversary
Michael Pumphret, 7th Anniversary





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