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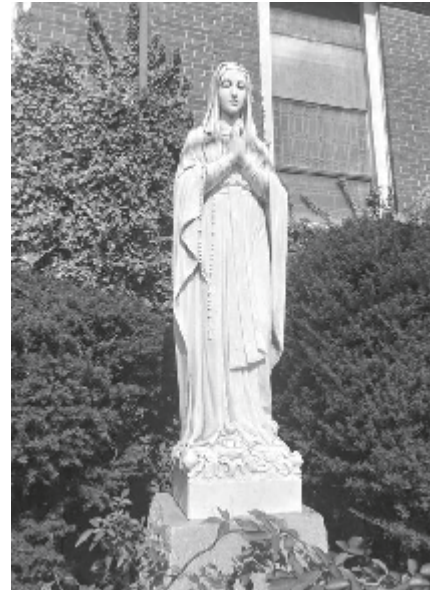
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Today’s reading is from a part of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon, which is in modern-day Iraq. This section is often referred to as the “book of comfort” because of the encouragement it gives. Today’s passage is the finale to this “book of comfort” and uses the image of poor people being invited by God to a joyful banquet.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

In this passage, the author of the first letter of John emphasizes belief in Jesus Christ as *Son of God*. He uses phrases and symbols which describe Christ’s baptism, death and resurrection. The Spirit, present at these events, testifies to Christ as Son of God. Such testimony is far superior to any human witness.

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PANTRY SUNDAY

This 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.

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In Loving Memory

In your charity, please pray for the souls of **Vincent Finocchio, Anthony Ferrara, Daniel J. Alley and Ann Jowarski** who were buried from St. John’s this past week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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You now have the opportunity to have flowers placed on our altar in memory of loved ones. The flower piece will be a basket placed in front of the lectern. The parish makes the arrangement for the flowers. The name of your loved one and the donor will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The donation is \$50.00. Please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make arrangements for a particular weekend.

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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.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday students: January 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 11, February 8 and 22

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

Tuesdays, January 12, February 9 and 23

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

Wednesdays, January 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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SECOND GRADE FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE

Updated lesson plans with classes on preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion have been emailed to all parents of children enrolled in second grade Faith Formation, along with an invitation to online information sessions for parents. If you did not receive the email, please contact Graceanne Bowe at bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org.

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ARE READING AND MAKING MORE TIME FOR PRAYER ON YOUR LIST OF NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS?

If so, why not consider joining our new book group? We will be reading:

The Power of Silence by Robert Cardinal Sarah

Fr. Chris O’Connor and Graceanne Bowe from the Faith Formation office will lead weekly interactive discussions on **5 Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm, January 14th to February 11th**. To sign up, please email bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org. The book is readily available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and from Catholic booksellers.

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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

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For your personal petitions, votive candles are installed in both the upper church in front of the Blessed Mother and at the rear of the lower chapel next to the petition book. These candles will burn for four hours. Any donation is appreciated.

Buona Domenica!

Happy Sunday! Even as I write this column, the votes for our new parish name are being prepared to be counted and tabulated.

Change is never easy. Change requires stretching and openness. So what will change. Change can also be exciting and new.

Sometime around February 1, 2021 Cardinal O'Malley will select a new name for our newly merged parishes of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist. His selection will come from the three highest vote getters from our balloting. The name Cardinal O'Malley selects will become the new name of our parish. The church names remain the same. St. John Church remains St. John Church and Holy Rosary Church remains Holy Rosary Church. So, what changes?

The parish name changes. Thus, sometime in February if you call the parish office you will no longer hear St. John or Holy Rosary but St. Christopher parish for example. (Poor St. Christopher did not do well in the voting so you are guaranteed that this is not the name of our new parish.) The parish letterhead, bulletin and stationery will change. The checkbook will change. Even the emails of the parish staff will change. Membership on our finance council, buildings and grounds committee and technology committee will have to change in order to accommodate representation from both churches for our newly blended parish.

Two important goals that I have once the new parish is named is to purchase a statue of our patron saint and to begin the work of forming a Parish Council. The representatives will be your representatives and my chief advisors for developing a plan of mission for our new parish. It will be the work of the Parish Council to establish goals for one, three and five years. It will consist of representation of men and women from both parishes. Together we will work to identify what is most important in both communities as we become one. This excites and energizes me!

No doubt there will be unexpected blessings and crosses that come from this change in name. Hopefully, we will figure it out together. Until we know the name of our new patron saint: All Holy Men and Women pray for us!

Happy Sunday,
Fr. Chris

PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

Lord God, You love us with an everlasting love and You choose us to share Your love with others.

We ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation.

Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to you.

We pray for all who form our parish community that together we may be renewed and transformed.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.



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.



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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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.*

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IS THERE ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?

This question found in the New Testament letter to James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to ask for prayer and the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. The Sacrament is not looked on as "The Last Rites" but is a powerful instrument of God's healing presence.

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**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**





It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” - Mk 1:9-11

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sun: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Mon: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tues: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wed: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 /1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions

Week of Monday, January 11th to Sunday, January 17th

Mon. 9:00 ...
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 Amy Gallagher
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 Charlotte and Stanley Oliver
Marie Hellender
5:30 Martin Kennedy
Sun. 8:00 Florence M. Dalton,
Warren J. Dalton, Sr.
Warren J. Dalton, Jr.
10:00 Robert M. DeCarlo, 2nd Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 Josephine Kennedy
12:00 Ferdinand Martino
Matthew, Frances and John Previte

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