The Evangelist

The Weekly Newsletter of St. John the Evangelist Parish

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:8

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Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith that seeks to help one another to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Our life centers on the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church. From these encounters we seek to be Christ's eyes, hands, voice and heart in the world. We warmly welcome visitors and seekers and anyone who is curious about faith, Church and God; we rejoice in the Lord when returning brothers and sisters join us at Table.

To be truly happy, find a way to serve God.
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Mass Schedule

All Masses Live Stream and live attendance

Sundays:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

4PM Saturday Vigil

Daily Mass:

(NOTE! - Regular Schedule resumed 9/12/2021)

7:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Bourne TV's Public Channel 13 (Comcast - 1 week delay)

Saturday: 3:00 PM
Sunday: 3:30 PM

Rosary: 7 days a week at 7:30 AM

Live Stream & Archives: https://www.stjohnspocasset.org/livestream

Daily Rosary (in-person or live stream): Monday - Thursday 6:50 AM, Friday 7:30 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 4PM; Holy Day: 7:30AM, 7 PM ***Check newsletter to confirm times***

New to Our Faith Family? We are blessed you could join us at the Eucharistic Table! It is our hope and prayer that you find a welcoming, faith-filled, spiritual home as you grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the Welcome Center. If you are interested in or curious about any of our offerings and don't know where to begin, a Staff Member will be happy to help.

Welcome Center & Store Hours (508) 563-5887):
Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM **Saturday & Sunday:** Closed

Faith Formation Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4 PM **Tuesday:** 9:30 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: By Appointment

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Welcome Center prior to making any arrangements. Parents and the child will meet with the Deacon. All will be explained and a date will be selected for the Baptism at that meeting.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 2:30-3:00 PM or by appointment.

First Communion & Confirmation: Formation is conducted in a two-year Sacramental preparation program. Contact Deborah for more information. Baptized Adults 18+ seeking Confirmation should contact Father Tom or Deacon John.

Marriage: Congratulations! Please contact the Welcome Center at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sick & Homebound: Contact the Welcome Center to arrange regular visits.

Holy Orders: Please contact Father Tom for more information.

Becoming Catholic: Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic and wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Contact Father Tom or Deacon John for more information.

† Our Parish Calendar †

Some events may require prior sign-up.

Check inside for more details or call the Welcome Center.

REVISED: Our COVID-19 protocols have changed. Masks are no longer required but we ask you to respect each individual's decision to wear or not wear a mask in church. Please respect each other's personal space. If you feel at all under the weather, *or if you have been or suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19*, for your own health and safety and that of those around you, DO NOT attend Mass or any other church function.

Please note: All church events are Live Attendance & Live Streamed

Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday, November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent
- ***Sunday Mass*** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, November 29:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***NO Walking With Purpose this week***
- ***Small Faith Groups (20s-30s)*** 7 - 8:30 PM - WC

Tuesday, November 30:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Lunch Bunch*** 12:00 Parish Hall
- ***Small Group*** Schwefler,1:15-2:30 PM,WC Rm 1
- ***Small Group*** Borgatti, 3 - 4:30 PM, WC Hall
- ***Small Group*** Fougere 6 - 7:30 PM WC Room 3

Wednesday, December 1:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- ***Small Group*** Schutten, 10:30-12, WC Room 1
- ***Small Group*** Chalker, 3 - 4:30 PM, WC Room 1
- ***Choir Practice*** - Church 6:30-8 PM

Thursday, December 2:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Prayers For Priests*** Immediately following Mass
- ***Small Group*** Russell 9-10:30 AM WC Room 1
- ***Seasons of Hope Bereavement*** - 10 AM WC Hall

Friday, December 3:
- ***Rosary*** 7:30 AM
- ***Small Group***, ***ZOOM***-Cryan, 4 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 4:
- ***That Man is You Men's Group*** WC 7-8:30 AM
- ***Church*** will be open 8 AM - 3:00 PM
- ***Reconciliation*** 2:30 PM - 3 PM
- ***Mass*** 4 PM

Note: *December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy days are like Sundays in that Catholics must attend Mass, and if possible, refrain from unnecessary servile work.*

Week of December 5, 2021

Sunday, December 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent
- ***Sunday Mass*** 8:00, 10:30 AM

Monday, December 6:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Walking With Purpose*** - Welcome Center
  2 Sessions: 1 - 2:30 PM & 6:30 - 8 PM
- ***Small Faith Groups (20s-30s)*** 7 - 8:30 PM - WC

Tuesday, December 7:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Lunch Bunch*** 12:00 Parish Hall
- ***Small Group*** Schwefler,1:15-2:30 PM,WC Rm 1
- ***Small Group*** Borgatti, 3 - 4:30 PM, WC Hall
- ***Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass*** 4 PM Church
- ***Small Group*** Fougere 6 - 7:30 PM WC Room 3

Wednesday, December 8: *Immaculate Conception*
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** - 9:30 - 11 - WC Hall
- ***Small Group*** Schutten, 10:30-12, WC Room 1
- ***Small Group*** Chalker, 3 - 4:30 PM, WC Room 1
- ***Immaculate Conception Mass*** - 7 PM Church

Thursday, December 9:
- ***Rosary*** 6:50 AM
- ***Daily Mass*** 7:30 AM
- ***Prayers For Priests*** Immediately following Mass
- ***Small Group*** Russell 9-10:30 AM WC Room 1
- ***Seasons of Hope Bereavement*** - 10 AM WC Hall

Friday, December 10:
- ***Rosary*** 7:30 AM
- ***Small Group, ZOOM***-Cryan, 4 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 11:
- ***That Man is You Men's Group*** WC 7-8:30 AM
- ***Church*** will be open 8 AM - 3:00 PM
- ***St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting*** 8:45 AM
  Rooms 1 & 2 Welcome Center
- ***Reconciliation*** 2:30 PM - 3 PM
- ***Mass*** 4 PM

† Around the Parish †

That Man Is YOU!-our ~~new~~ *Established* Men's Group

We have had a great start to our new Men's Group **That Man Is You!** We have 40 men attending on a regular basis. Although we are wrapping up this "semester" you can still join us, **Saturdays in the Welcome Center from 7-8:30 AM,** to see if this groups is a good fit for you. Call Patty for more details.

Looking ahead, another 13 week session will start in January which will take us through Lent. Ask any of the attendees and you will discover that missing a session or two does not take away from the benefits you will receive. Join us!

Open invitation just for YOU!

I thought I'd report: our SJE Small Group has great participation and engagement. We have seven members. It is never too late - We would always welcome more members. Our group has a very specific feature in that we meet remotely and we are so fortunate to have this technology. More than half our members would be left out entirely but for the ZOOM technology. We have members participating from as far away as South Carolina, New York City and Germany. I feel so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful group!

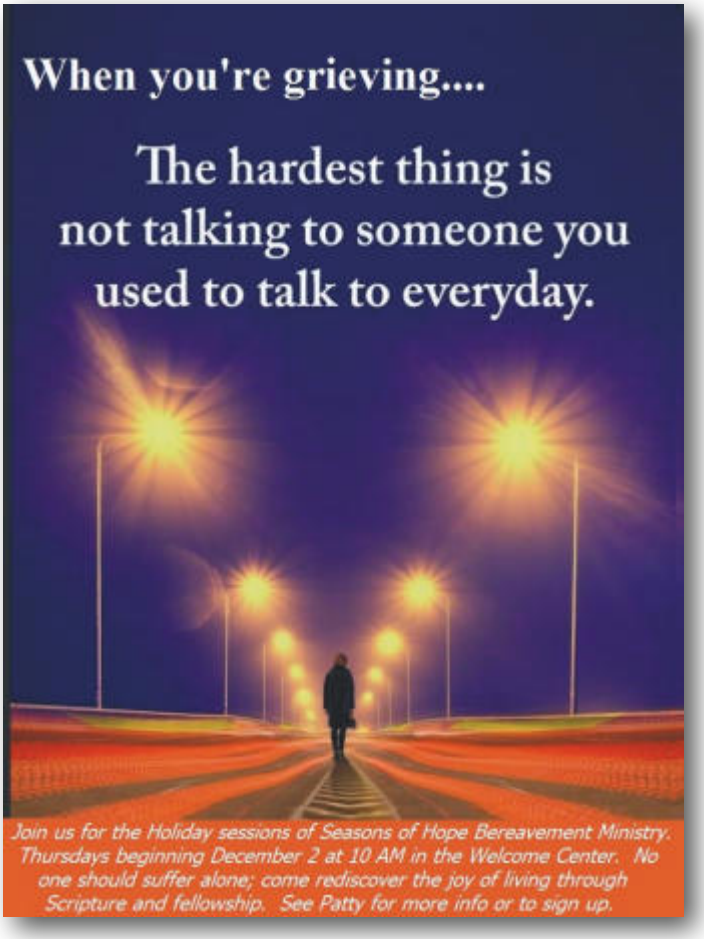
-Michael Cryan, SJE Small Group Facilitator

Everyone can be in a Small Group! This is where we can discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message and support one another in our relationship with Christ. Please call the Welcome Center at 508 563 5887 or email Patty@sjeparish.com

Seasons of Hope Begins Again This Thursday

If you are suffering the grief of loss, no matter where you are on that journey, you are invited to join our bereavement group. Six weeks beginning this Thursday at 10 AM in the Welcome Center.

~***Nobody should try to wade through grief alone***~



Women's Christmas Social

All women of the Parish are invited to attend a Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 15 from 1-3 PM in the Welcome Center Hall.

We will be having coffee, dessert and conversation. Please feel free to come by at anytime and meet your fellow parishioners. There will also be a small raffle. Please bring a non perishable food item for the Bourne Food Pantry.

Planning Ahead: Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24: 4 PM, 6 PM & Midnight
Saturday, December 25: 9 AM

Sunday, December 26 is The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Masses will be at 8 AM & 10:30 AM. There is no 4 PM Vigil on Saturday. Attending Christmas Mass does not fulfill this obligation.

† An Advent Message from Father Tom! †

Dear Friends,

This weekend we begin a new liturgical year. It almost always catches people a little off-guard because they might expect images of manger scenes and little babies, but instead are faced with words speaking of the end of the world. Some of those words can seem somewhat frightening, but most of them actually offer great promise. The best example of this is this weekend's First Reading, where God speaks of His coming to fulfill the promises made to save His people. The transformation from corruption to justice and security for the People of God is a promise all of us can hope for even today. The providing of peace for us is foretold, and this will be accomplished by His Son.

With this as the beginning of our Advent journey, we have much to do to prepare to receive this gift, which will be received at the birth of Christ. We need to reflect on what we have been promised and how we will work to receive these gifts. We should spend some time asking how best we can be open to the gifts when they come, and they are coming, of that there is to be no doubt.

Some of our preparation is so simple and even beautiful. We can begin by setting the externals of our life in a certain order, being sure that the homes we live in and the places we pray in are worthy settings to celebrate the coming of this new Light, the Lord Jesus himself, who is the light of the world. Decorations that remind us of this coming Light are a simple but profound way to enter into the movement of what is taking place. Yes, they are beautiful in themselves, but they also speak to our hearts, changing the view from a season of darkness to a season of fulfilled hopes and dreams.

As we prepare in this way we must also hear God's voice asking us what we hope and dream for, as this will set the limits of what we will allow God to do for us. His desire to help us will always be grander and more glorious than our ability to imagine, so give some freedom to His will and ways, and let your hearts soar with hope for what really matters and what really lasts, in terms of what we are open to receiving from Him.

That last paragraph reminds me of a short snippet from a song, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight." The simple message is that our hope will conquer all fear, for the one who fulfills the hopes will wipe away all fear. With this thought as our beginning we begin our journey to Bethlehem.

God bless us all in this wondrous season!

In Christ, *Fr. Tom*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, POCASSET

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† Worship Aid: First Sunday of Advent †

NOTE: Please take this home with you. Thank you!

Opening: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
2. Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
3. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Kyrie

Cantor: Kyrie Eleison **ALL: Kyrie Eleison**
Cantor: Christe Eleison **ALL: Christe Eleison**
Cantor: Kyrie Eleison **ALL: Kyrie Eleison**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, My God

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, for you are my God,
and for you I will wait. **Refrain**

Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way.
He guides the meek to justice,
he teaches the humble to follow his ways. **Refrain**

Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true.
Your friendship is with those who love you;
you reveal to them your Word. **Refrain**

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All repeat: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you: All: **And with your spirit**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:
All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:
"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."
ALL: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(all bow your heads for the next two lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts: The King Shall Come

1. The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

† Worship Aid: First Sunday of Advent †

Not as of old, a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun,
That lights that morning sky
2. O, brighter than the rising morn,
When He, victorious rose,
And left the lonesome place of death,
Despite the rage of foes;—
O, brighter than that glorious morn,
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings;—
Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy people pray
Come quickly, King of kings.

Holy
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

Our Father
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us, grant us peace

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart,
and allow me to unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Communion Hymn: Beyond The Moon and Stars
Refrain: Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night,
So great our hunger, Lord, to see your light.
The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing,
So may we come to rest where angels sing.
1. Our eyes have longed to see your loving face,
To live within your courts for all our days.. **Refrain**
2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand
We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.
3. Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone.
You choose to dwell with us in flesh and bone. **Refrain**
4. With shining star at night, and cloud by day, you brought us here to see your love's display. **Refrain**
5. When life's great journey ends, and day is done,
Then may our eyes behold your Holy One.. **Refrain**

Meditation Hymn: Waiting in Silence
1. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we long for you, Lord.
God, ever with us, Emmanuel. Come Lord Jesus.
Maranatha!
2. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people, we trust in your love.
O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace,
Come with your justice, Lord. Maranatha!
5. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope,
we are your people, our hearts thirst for you.
Flower of Jesse, bloom in our midst.
Make us your garden, Lord.
Maranatha!

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon
1. Soon and very soon, We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon, We are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are goin' to see the King.
2. No more cryin' there, We are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, We are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there, We are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are goin' to see the King.
3. No more dyin' there, We are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, We are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, We are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are goin' to see the King.

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† Around Our Parish †

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 28, 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

St. Vincent's Annual Giving Tree!

It is Up! It is Glowing and Sparkling! It is our Beautiful Annual Giving Tree that so shows the Spirit and Joy of sharing with one another in this Season of Christmas! Please come to the Welcome Center, please visit this Tree, take an Ornament and return it with a Gift Card or some support for our Troops! Replace the Ornament with a real Cape Cod Tahanto Clam Shell you can mark with Your own family message! The Giving Tree is a Blessing, it stands as a Landmark of the Generosity and Caring and Love for each other that really flows from the Parishioners at St. John's all Year Long! Thanking you in advance, and Blessing you always, we continue to come together as Our Good Lord wishes, serving one another, and serving Our Lord Our God. ***Merry Christmas!***

† Take Five for Faith †

Sunday, November 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Light up the night
In an unusual conjoining of celebrations, we begin the season of Advent today as our Jewish friends begin the eight-day festival of lights known as Chanukah tonight. It's intriguing to reflect on how Advent too is an extended celebration of moving from the darkness of history into the light of Christ's coming. Light remains a symbol of spiritual illumination, abandoning the gloom of ignorance for knowledge and the shadow of foolishness for wisdom. As we string holiday lights and decorate with sparkling ornaments, let's consciously choose against error's dark deceptions and ally ourselves with the light of truth.
TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3).

Monday, November 29, 2021
ADVENT WEEKDAY
Have yourself an evergreen Advent
The origins of the Advent wreath are unclear. Like many holiday traditions, they may be pre-Christian, and like many of today's Christmas traditions, Advent wreaths were popularized by Germans, who brought them to the United States. No matter where they came from or how they differ, Advent wreaths are rich in symbolism. The candles are lit as a sign of hope to dispel the darkness. The evergreen, wrapped in a circle, signifies continuous life. The prickly leaves of holly are like the crown of thorns. Pinecones symbolize resurrection. If you don't already have one, consider making one as a craft project this Advent, and add elements that have symbolic meaning for you.
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175).

Tuesday, November 30, 2021
FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE
Can you follow directions?
Sometimes what we appreciate about saints comes from other saints. Such is the case with Saint Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, of whom Saint Gregory the Great said: "At a single command" from Jesus, they "leaving their nets followed the Redeemer. Up to that time, they had not seen him perform any miracles. They had heard nothing from him concerning a reward of eternal joy." All Jesus had to do was ask them to follow. This Advent, listen for what Jesus may be asking of you; pray for the trust that Andrew had, to simply follow.
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684).

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
ADVENT WEEKDAY
Guess who is on the way?
On this Wednesday of the First Week of Advent, we look forward to the second coming of Christ. Advent comes from the Latin word for arriving. We have all experienced brokenness and hopelessness in our lives. You may know and cross paths with someone yearning for Jesus' healing power and awareness of his presence in their life. Has your mind, heart, body, and spirit been hungry for spiritual nourishment? Have you been healed by Jesus? Do you want to share that same healing experience with others? Consider simple ways that you can share with a hurting friend the Good News that Jesus is on the way!
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177).

Thursday, December 2, 2021
ADVENT WEEKDAY
Seek to unite, not divide
It's human nature to see the good in our own habits, ways, and traditions, but at the same time, Pope Francis has encouraged Christians to acknowledge the validity of other spiritual paths to God. The Holy Father's focus on what unites humanity spiritually is an important lesson for a world community that depends more than ever on cooperation. As you begin Advent, look for ways that you are united spiritually with people who are part of your life, no matter what their faith tradition is.
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178).

Friday, December 3, 2021
ADVENT WEEKDAY
Creation celebrates diversity
"If you embrace diversity, but ignore disability, you're doing it wrong." This popular phrase on social media reflects the venerable tradition of Catholic social teaching. On this Day of Persons with Disabilities, remember that in following Jesus, we are committed to promoting and protecting the dignity of all humans. At times, we as church have led the way in this, and other times we have fallen short. Nevertheless, it is fundamental to our faith. Why? Because we believe that each person is made in the image of God. Imagine that: In you—with all your strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and unique traits—we see an image of God. What does that do within you?
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179).

Saturday, December 4, 2021
MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
The embodiment of faith
John Damascene, priest, monk, and poet, was an early defender of the use of religious icons—images of the sacred—at a time in the early Middle Ages when a movement to strip religious life and worship of all images—called iconoclasm—had a following. Thanks to John's vision—perhaps rooted in his sense of the power of the poetic to move people—religious icons are cherished, especially in the Eastern church but also throughout the Catholic world. Our faith is an embodied faith, an incarnated faith. Wear it proudly!
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180).

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† *Pray for our Family of Faith* †

Our Faithful Departed

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Brenda Baxley
Tyler Jameson Becker
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Margaret May & Mac Borden
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Philip DiModica
Mary Carole Earnst
Sylvia Embrescia
Dorothy Emmons
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Lou Fougere
John Gordon
Jan Guerriere
Wilbur & Arda Halliday
Tricia Halpin
Bob and Marie Hanson
Alfred Hoffmeister
Toots Holden
Betty Kelley
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Jamie Lambert
Monica Layton
Paul Leary
Edward Linhares
Joseph Lombardo
Bill Loos
Barbara MacKinnon
Cornelius "Neil" Maher
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Deacon Dennis O'Connell
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John O'Neil
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Isaac Brennan
Sheldon Brown
Sharon Caldeira
Bill Casson
Doris Cetrangelo
Andrew Chapman
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Bette Crowell
Gerald Czarnetzki

Our Sick (cont'd)

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Jean Marie Fullerton
Pat & Jack Garrity
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Kelsey Harris
Nancy Hill
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Fr. David White
Bethany Whitewing
Betsy Zinzer

Special Intention

For the well being of our friends at CCSR, PCHC & Bourne Manor and all whose health is compromised

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 28
8:00 AM Fr. Arthur Bergeron
10:30 AM Jim Murray
Monday, November 29
7:30 AM Brenda Baxley
Tuesday, November 30
7:30 AM Kathy Vento
Wednesday, December 1
7:30 AM Constance Farago
Thursday, December 2
7:30 AM Constance Farago
Saturday, December 4
4:00 PM Maureen Charlton

Sunday, December 5
8:00 AM For the People of St. John the Evangelist Parish
10:30 AM Susan Burke
Monday, December 6
7:30 AM Veronica (Kay) Towne
Tuesday, December 7
7:30 AM Carmella Cassidy
4 PM Vigil Edward Brown
Wednesday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
7:30 AM Fr. Bill Campbell
7 PM Jean Kilroy
Thursday, December 9
7:30 AM Richard M Whitcomb
Saturday, December 11
4:00 PM George Towers

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of November 29th - December 5th
In Memory of Eleanor Reed

Week of December 6th - December 12th
In Memory of Susan Burke

To have your prayer intention added to or removed from our lists, please contact Patty in the Welcome Center. Names on "Our Faithful Departed" list will be printed for one year. Names on "Our Sick" list will be printed for three months or less if the prayers are answered. Names on "Our Military" list will remain until the we are notified by a family member. Unless otherwise notified, names will continue to appear on our list, space permitting. Please help keep our list current.

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