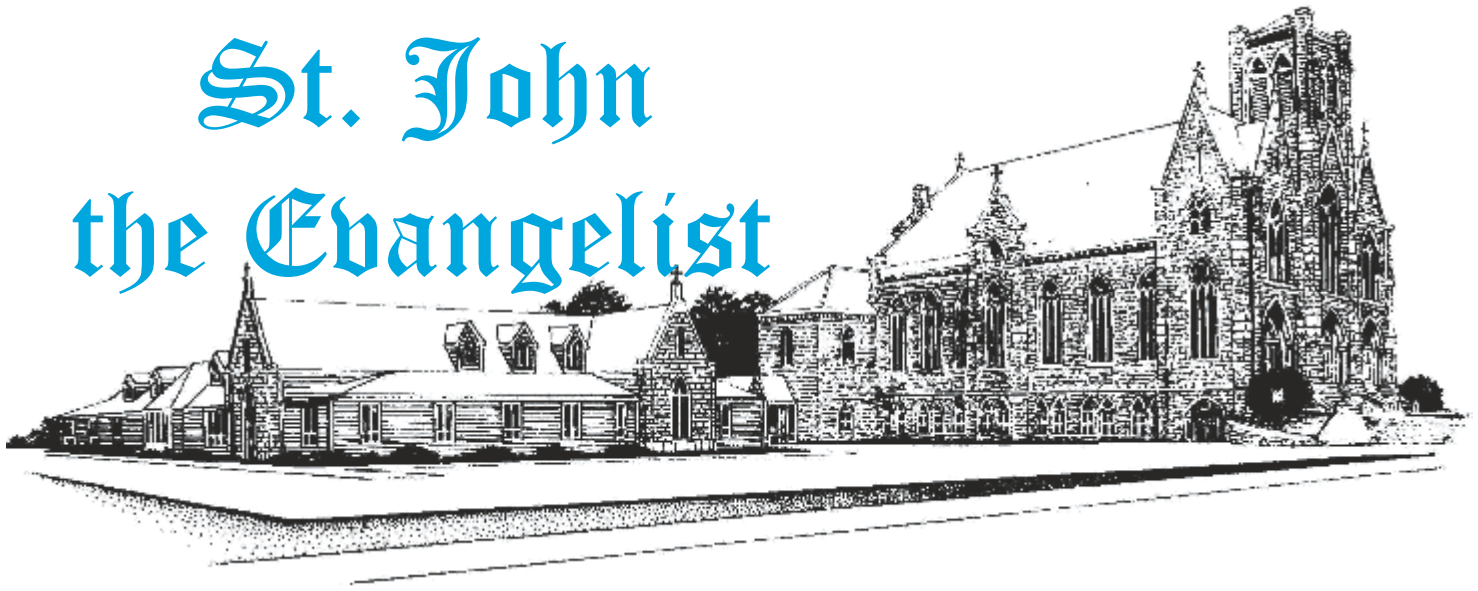


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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the parish center

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM
Please call for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

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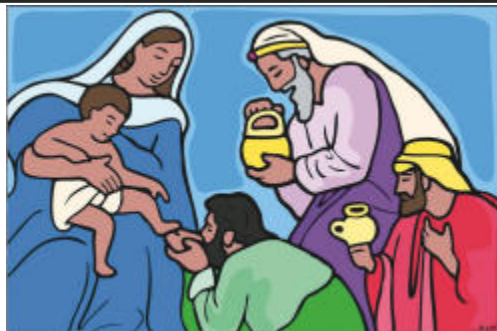
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PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,
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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they

opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 9, 2022:
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
 Acts 10:34-38/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

5:00 PM Clarence & Lucinda MacLaine

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM For the conversion of sinners
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 AM Joseph and Joshua Chua
 (living intentions)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Special Intention
 5:00 PM Alexander & Elizabeth Lobe

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's
 10:00 AM Cole Family (living intention)
 6:30 PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Winter Weather Notice: Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church.** All are welcome.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2—NO CLASSES

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
 Grade 2 parent meeting
 5:15 PM Grade 10

MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022.

St. John's and St. Cecilia's Collaborative

In June of 2023, the parishes of St. John's and St. Cecilia's will become a single working collaborative, meaning there will be one pastor for both parishes. The collaborative process has been ongoing in the Archdiocese for the last ten years or so, and 2023 will be the final year of the implementation of this process. The collaborative plan has come about to help address the shortage of priests in the Archdiocese. More information will be forthcoming throughout the coming year.

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart and Spiritual Reparation

We will have a first Friday Mass **THIS Friday, January 7 at 7PM** in the lower church, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, Why?: To make reparation for our sins, the sins and failures of Church leadership; and for the sins of the world; to pray for the spiritual healing of those that have been hurt; to deepen our own relationship to Our Savior through His most Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh. Our Lord asked for acts of reparation, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, She did not base Her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine -- it is the Heart of God. We will have first Friday Masses, in honor of our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, especially for the reparation of sins and sacrileges that so offend our heavenly Father: for our sins; the sins of the Church; and sins of the world. Following the Mass, we will pray the litany to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart.

Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church
NEXT Saturday, January 8.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11:45AM followed by Benediction.
Please feel free to drop in for a visit.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.

Has Something Changed?

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call or email the Parish Office at 435-3313x203 or stjohnshopkinton@verizon.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records. Thank you!

BIBLE **STUDY**

St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to rusoire@aol.com.



Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.



WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

"The Blessed Mother never forgot her Infant, and, therefore, we cannot fail to recall the fidelity of the Lord to His covenant with us. Pope Saint John Paul II states that every motherhood in human history is related to the covenant God established with the human race through the maternity of Mary. **The Blessed Mother's conception of Jesus by the power of the Most High and her ensuing care for the Son of the Most High, to the point of tears on Calvary, is a mighty witness to the power of one woman's influence on history, and how every mother's fulfillment of her vocation also helps to shape the history of the world.**"

Msgr. Robert Batule, *The Catholic Thing* website, 12/19/21



Religious Education Classes

REMINDERS:

Monday, January 3, Grade 9, 7-8PM classes resume.

Grades 7 & 8 classes resume on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:30PM.**

Grades 1-6 classes resume the week of **1/9/2022.**

Grade 10 Confirmation Parent & student meeting: Sunday, January 9, 2022, 5:15-6:15PM with Mass at 6:30PM.

Grade 9 Confirmation meeting: Monday, January 10, 7PM

Grade 10 Confirmation retreat: Saturday January 22, 11AM-5 PM at Betania II in Medway.

At Home Faith Formation Resource

Looking for something new and uplifting to watch with your children? The faith formation resource Formed.org has many options for children's programs. There are many resources for teens and adults as well.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

Knights of Columbus free-throw championship competition to be held on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022** at the Hopkinton High School after the Hopkinton/Ashland varsity boys basketball game. The game starts at 6:45pm and registration will begin in the High School Gym at 7:30pm. **All boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate regardless of disabilities!** The Knights of Columbus free-throw competition is an annual event sponsored by the Ashland/Hopkinton Council (Bishop Rice council #4822) The event is open to all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 in the local communities. Trophies will be presented to first and second place winners and a medal is awarded to the third-place winner in each age category. First place winners advance to the district finals. The event brings the youth of the community together for a friendly competition and all can participate regardless of disabilities. Since 1972 The Knights of Columbus have sponsored a basketball free-throw competition for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is an Organization of Roman Catholic men whose charter is to support both their parishes and communities. Based upon the founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus provide numerous services to their local communities. The Bishop Rice Council #4822 conducts numerous charity events in support of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Hopkinton and St. Cecilia's in Ashland. For more information please contact: Joe Altman, 508-380-0163. joealtman@verizon.net.

JANUARY 2, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

In its most lofty definition, an epiphany is a profound revelation, understanding, and realization of something. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. What could be more profound than the revelation and realization that God is with us through his Son, His Word Made Flesh, the Divine Light that cannot and would not be extinguished. In this monumental revelation, it is made clear that the rift between Gentile and Jew is eliminated, as the presence of God Among Us is revealed not only to the Jews in the persons of the poor shepherds, but also to the Gentiles in the persons of the learned and persistent Magi. Gentiles and Jews alike are all invited from all nations and races to be heirs to the Kingdom of God.

Also revealed is the difference between temporal authority, and that of God. Herod exemplifies the authority of force, subjugation, violence, greed, and lust for power over people and things. Divine authority is exemplified through the Christ Child as sacrificial love, vulnerability, humility, patience, gentleness, and mercy. When Herod learns from the Magi of the birth of the Christ, he consults with the chief priests and scribes. That demonstrates Herod's ignorance of Holy Scripture. But after that consultation, Herod sees a threat to his power, and reacts as Satan did. Herod decided, to fight God. In Herod's case, he decided to find and to murder the newly born Messiah. This scene also foreshadows the eventual rejection of Christ by the Jewish leaders. Thus, the shadow of the Cross is revealed.

Nevertheless, the Magi followed the light of the star to where the Light Of God was, to a humble manger. They humbly prostrated themselves before the Christ Child and presented their gifts of gold (signifying kingship), frankincense (signifying divinity), and myrrh (signifying Christ's anointing and burial). Like the Magi, we are called to follow the Light of Christ. We also are called **to be** a light that leads others to Christ, by exemplifying sacrificial love, peace, justice, forgiveness, humility, and relief for the lowly, the poor, and the persecuted. Let us pray that God reveal to each of us what He knows we are now, and what He knows we could and should be with His help, that we as Church may become a light to the world.



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