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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

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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 lower chapel

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

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bernadette Nadeau

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,
please call: 508-435-3313x207



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, January 16, 2022:
 Is 62:1-5/ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
 1Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM Alessandrina D'Errico

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Misha Norland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM Sheba Bautista (living intention)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

5:00 PM Yvonne Marchon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Marcia Cabral

6:30 AM Kieran Kelly

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
 Grade 2 parent meeting

5:15 PM Grade 10

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

2:45 PM Grade 6

4:30 PM Grades 1 & 3

7:00 PM Grade 9

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30 PM Grade 2, First Penance

6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

4:30 PM Grades 1, 2 & 5

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16—NO CLASSES,
 MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND

2nd collection **NEXT** weekend
 Parish Upkeep & Maintenance

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.

Synodality Survey

From the Archdiocese of Boston

Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. The Holy Father will meet with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the Church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life. In preparation for the 2023 diocesan phase of the synod process, the Archdiocese has set up a preliminary survey, inviting the faithful to share their ideas for how the Church can better listen to her people at various levels. Though anonymous and confidential, the survey asks some demographic questions, such as the participant's location, age, ethnicity, and status as a layperson, clergy, or religious. Then, it asks participants to briefly answer questions about how parishes, the Archdiocese, and the universal Church can listen to their people. The preliminary process will begin here in Boston now with asking as many people as possible to take the simple survey. The link to the survey can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9>. This survey is the first step. Other upcoming steps will be: Discussions in the Presbyteral Council, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils, using a set of questions which will be distributed soon. Focus groups in various ministries, religious communities, and demographic populations across the Archdiocese. Five regional sessions that will be open to the public. In this process, we hope to be able to make some contribution to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese, as well as of the Archdiocese itself.

Please feel free to address any questions about the process to psoper@rcab.org.

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 15.

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 BAPTISM 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.

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's Safe Environment Request (CORI Clearance)

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all staff and volunteers complete a CORI (criminal record check) form **each year**. This form applies to all volunteers 18 years of age and older ministering to children, youth, elderly, and the disabled serving within various ministries. The requirement is that each individual completing the CORI request form come to the parish office or parish hall to have their CORI Request form **verified in person** with a government issued picture ID. Please do your part to ensure that we continue to create a safe environment at St. John's. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Fitzgerald, Parish Center Manager at 508-435-3313 x210 or parishhallstjn@gmail.com.

St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

A note from the chairman of the "Baby Born Alive" petition drive, December 2021: "Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Newborn Protection Petition drive. Although we did not get the needed number of certified signatures, we did collect over 100,000 raw signatures! Amazing work, especially with the late start caused by the Attorney General's refusal to okay the language [on the petition]. Of course, like all of you, I am disappointed the question will not appear on the ballot. But, as Mother Teresa reminds us, "we are not called to be successful, only faithful". We have to trust that God has another Plan. He doesn't need to do things our ways."



Religious Education Classes REMINDERS:

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

Grade 10 Confirmation student/class 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 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all the children who participated in this year's Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Everyone did a remarkable job. Congratulations to the following winners along with the runners up.

Age 5-7 group – Winner: Edmund Gillis with Honorable Mention to Hayley Ballas, Emily Desrochers and Aileen Pyers

Age 8-10 group – Winner: Charlotte Lawyer with Honorable Mention to Kaitlyn Ballas, Grace Getchell and Allie Tighe

Age 11-14 group – Winner: Nora Gronemeyer with Honorable Mention to Ellie Power

Edmund's, Charlotte's and Nora's posters will advance to the regional contest and possible state level for judging. Great job!

JANUARY 9, 2022

CROSS ROADS

By Deacon Tony

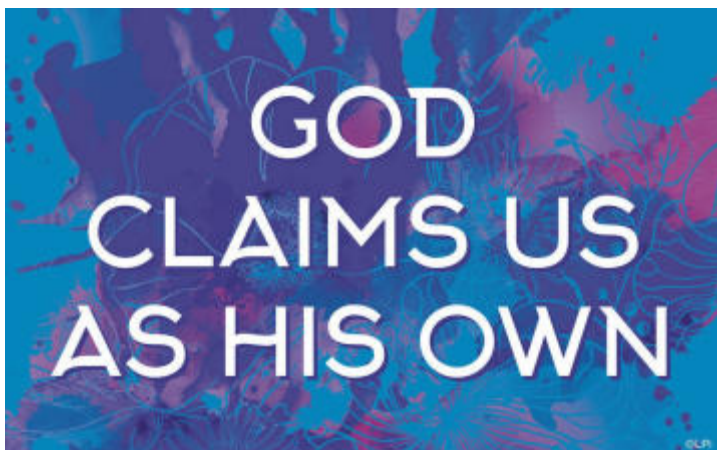
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30;

Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

As the official Christmas Season comes to an end, the Baptism of the Lord tells us something about who God is and about who we are; and what we are called to be. God is love who came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus Christ to share in our struggles, and to bring salvation. At the Baptism of the Lord, as Jesus prayed, He was anointed by the Holy Spirit who appeared in the form of a dove. Then the Father declared Jesus to be His BELOVED SON in whom He is well pleased.

By our Baptisms we too became sons and daughters of the Father and brothers and sisters to Jesus. We too were anointed by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned to grow in holiness, to go about doing good and to declare the good news. The Father shows no partiality. He sent the Son for the salvation of all people. To reach our potential as sons and daughters of the Father, we are to model ourselves after the Son, to accept the divine grace bestowed by the Holy Spirit, to love as God loves, to be temperate, just, and devout. We are to pray as Jesus did (in the very next chapter of Luke Jesus goes into the desert to pray and to be tempted). We all are called to pray for the grace to do good, to resist temptation, to face fatigue, hardship, and discouragement; and for the grace to carry our crosses.

Let us praise God for his infinite love for us. Let us praise him in prayer, by the quality of our lives, by our love and generosity toward one another, by our willingness to help each other to carry our crosses. Through it all, as Our Lord Jesus Christ never abandoned his mission. Likewise, He will never abandon us. By our Baptism we are his brothers and sisters. Even when we falter, we too are BELOVED by the Father. We must never allow discouragement to take hold of us. As the Christmas season has taught us, we are to continue to live in hopeful expectation, because even now Jesus remains with us through the Eucharist (body and blood, soul and divinity), and He will be with us always!



2022 calendars are available at the back of the church.

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