



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 210 CENTRAL ST., EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02333

St John the Evangelist is a prayerful community in the Roman Catholic tradition called to witness the forgiving, healing, and saving presence of Jesus Christ in our sacramental, liturgical and social activities. Parishioners are called to respect all life and to offer evangelization for the parish, our town and surround communities. We are called to respond to the Gospel through the example of our lives. We reach beyond our parish to serve the needs of all people in our neighborhoods and around the world. We are a community of faith, hope and love.

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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Registration:

Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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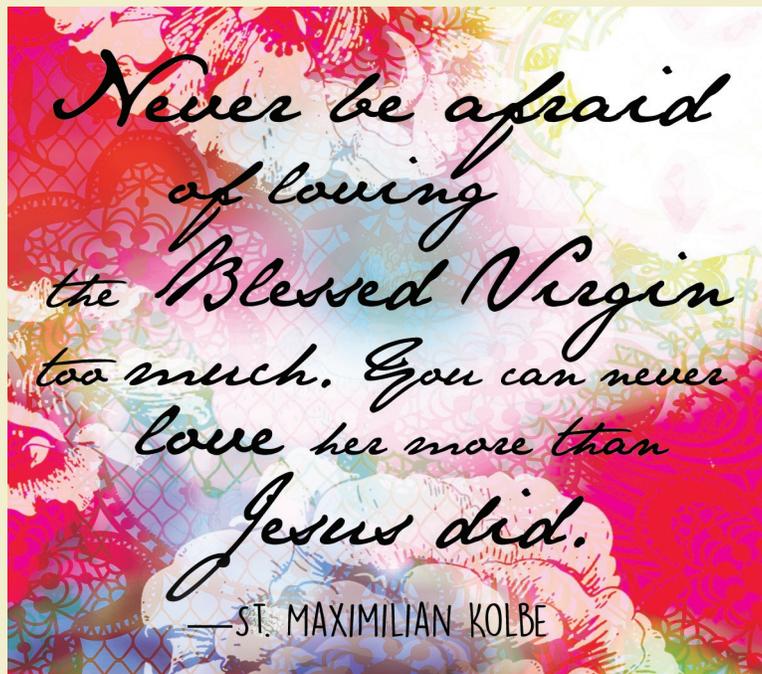
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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 16, 2015

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00
Summer Schedule: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 & 10:30
a.m.

Daily Mass, Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass except in the summer months. Please call for registration and instruction at least one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the rectory anytime.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage should contact the rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage and before they book their reception.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick because of advanced age or sickness, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a priest.

St. John is a Stewardship Parish
August 16, 2015
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 2015

4:00 – Kay Grazado — 11th Anniversary, Albert Ialongo — 61st Anniversary, Linda Lynch — 27th Anniversary

Sunday, August 16, 2015

8:00 – Anna Piagi — 20th Anniversary
10:30 – George DeChristopher — 15th Anniversary

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

9:00 — Donna McGrath — 13th Anniversary

Saturday, August 22, 2015

4:00 – Chip Langer — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, August 23, 2015

8:00 – Robert & Rita Farrell — Memorial
10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen DeBenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau & The residents of Sagem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

IMPORTANT DATES

SAT., August 15, 2015 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wed., 8/19 — Adoration & Devine Mercy — 7-8 PM

Mon. 8/27 — Fr. Stephen arrives

Sat/Sun—9/12-9/13 — St. Vincent de Paul bag distribution

SUN. 9/13 — CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

Sun, 9/13 — Caring hands meeting.

Sun. 9/13/15 — 7 PM Confirmation Family Meeting

Sat/Sun—9-19/9-20—Collection of St. Vincent Bags

Caring Hands (shawl making group) will meet at the Riddel Community Center on September 13th at 3 o'clock. New members welcome also yarn donations.

Any questions, Call MaryAnne at 378-4704 or Rose at 583-5045. We donate to local hospitals, nursing Homes. and to people who are homebound or facing an operation

Our Shared Treasure August 9, 2015

Offertory: \$5702

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$82**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$1974**

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection — August 23, 2015 — Special Parish Collection

Thanks to Deacon Joe, we will have the opportunity to come before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00—8:00 pm. In the Church.



ADORATION & DEVINE MERCY

EVERY 2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
IN THE CHURCH
FROM 7-8 PM.

PLEASE JOIN US BEGINNING AUGUST 12TH.

The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 13, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass

The menu as



always will be delicious. A variety of salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, watermelon beverages, and, of course, desserts. There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volleyball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 8th after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included). Please get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count.



WOMEN'S CURSILLO

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity.

The dates for the Women's Cursillo is October 22—25

Cost \$250, Deposit of \$125 non refundable

Campion Renewal Center

319 Concord Road

Weston, MA 02493

For more info, check www.bostoncursillo.org

South Shore Irish Festival

Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th, 2015 at the Marshfield Fair Grounds —Gates open at 11:00 AM each day.



World Class Irish Entertainment, Children's Activities, Horse Shows, Irish Vendors, "Pat Patriot", New England Patriot cheerleader, the Inflatable Irish Pub, Trace you Irish Roots, Irish Wolfhounds and Setter, and so much more for a great Day of Irish Entertainment. Visit

www.SouthShoreIrishFestival.com

To purchase tickets in advance or for more details.

Vendor and non-profit spots are available.



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TUES., OCTOBER 13, 2015

Gr. 1—6 4:30—5:30 Tues, Weds, Thurs or
 9:00—10:00 Saturday

Gr. 7 & 8 6:00—7:00 Wednesday
 7:00—8:00 Thursday

Gr 9 & 10 7:00—8:30 Sunday Nights
Each grade alternating weeks.

All changes to the Confirmation Classes will be explained at a meeting on September 13th at 7 PM



My Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my great joys is giving our young people an appreciation, if not understanding, of the Eucharist. It can be challenging, however, especially when one gets to the part about it being the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is understandable, given that even the people of Jesus' day had a hard time getting a "handle" on it. Jesus, in speaking of the Eucharist as "flesh" and "blood", confounds the hearers in His presence. It can leave us in a bit of a lurch as well, given that we are not cannibals!

Jesus, in today's gospel, continues the "Bread of Life" discourse found in the sixth chapter of John's gospel. In this chapter, Jesus seeks to help the listener understand that true, full and real life comes when we consume His flesh and drink His blood. In fact, Jesus makes it clear that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you" (Jn 6:53). This is one of those "hard teachings" of Jesus whereby He separates the true believers from those who are just around because Jesus is the "latest 'thing'". It is this teaching, and others like it, that establishes Jesus' credentials as the Messiah. In this gospel passage, Jesus looks to use this "Bread of Life" discourse to help His followers to have something which will sustain them after His death.

The Eucharist is the central teaching of the Catholic faith. It is, as the Catechism calls it, the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC, 1324, "Lumen Gentium", 11). It is thus and so because it makes us who we are; it feeds and sustains us and gives us "food for the journey". It is the Eucharist (a word which means "blessing" or "thanksgiving") that helps us understand God's goodness to us. Jesus, in today's gospel, refers back to the Exodus "event" in which God, through Moses, gives the Israelite community "manna", bread from heaven, which sustains them for their journey. We, for our part, have something greater than manna, for we have the "Real Presence", the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is this gift, freely given and received in love, that helps us to live out the Christian life.

May we have the humility to receive this gift of life from Christ in a spirit of thanksgiving. May we know that it IS Christ that we are receiving, nothing less than Jesus' ACTUAL Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. May we have the courage to let that gift "take root" and "bear great fruit".

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul