



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 210 CENTRAL ST., E.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.

Parish Office-----508-378-4207

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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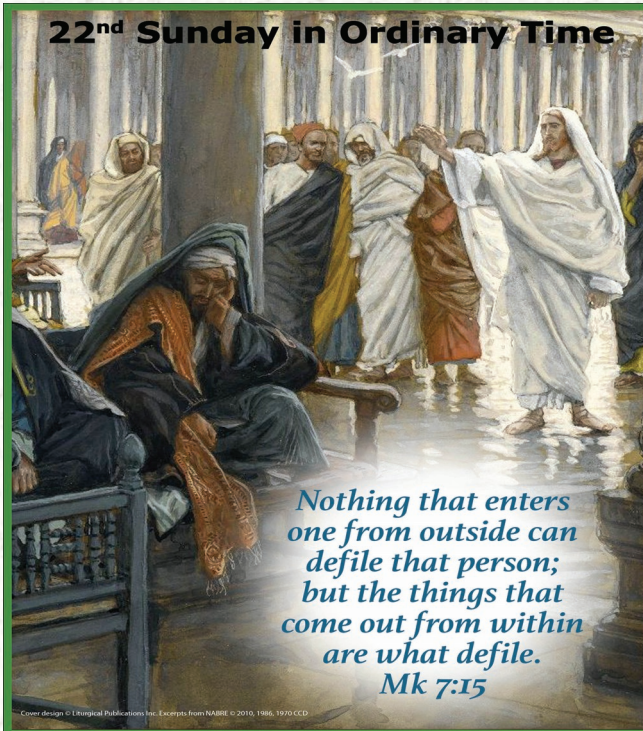
www.stjohneb.org

Facebook: John Church (St John CYO)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Nothing that enters
one from outside can
defile that person;
but the things that
come out from within
are what defile.
Mk 7:15*

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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

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 30, 2015
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

 **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 29, 2015

4:00 – Dennis Rando—Memorial

Sunday, August 30, 2015

8:00 – Patricia Rocichaud—4th Anniversary
 Michael Robichaud—14th Anniversary

10:30 – Jessica Thurston — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, September 5, 2015

10:00 — Ann Sullivan —Mass of Remembrance

4:00 – Richard Venesky— 8th Anniversary

Sunday, September 6, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Maria Chaves — Memorial

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Barris whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, August 21, 2015

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen De Benedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, 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, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad & The residents of Sachem & 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

ADORATION — WED'S — 9/9, 9/16, 10/14, 10/21
 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. 3:00 Riddel Rd.
 Sun. 9/13/15 — 7 PM Confirmation Family Meeting
 Mon. 9/14 — Bible Study in Rel. Ed. Office — 7 PM
 Sat/Sun—9-19/9-20—Collection of St. Vincent Bags
 Tues. 10/13 — RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS GR. 1-8

Please welcome the Christians of the Holy Land this weekend.

A display of their olive wood—articles will be on display after each mass in the Hall. Please visit with Vincent and show your support.

Our Shared Treasure
 August 23, 2015

Offeritory: \$4,724	Budgeted: \$5,784
	**Below budget: \$1,060
Special Parish Collection:	\$1,003
Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present:	Deficit \$3,178

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection – September 6, 2015 – Catholic University

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be resuming on Monday evenings in the Religious Education office starting 9/14/15 at 7 PM. We will be studying "The Acts of the Apostles". All are welcome! If you are interested in joining us please email Deacon Joe Hopgood at Deaconjoe@comcast.net so the study materials may be ordered.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to the following programs and retreat opportunities. Visit our website, www.csjretreatcenter.org, email Retreat.Center@csjboston.org or call 781-383-6024.

Join us for our mornings of prayer.

Sept 14: A Disciples's Heart; Oct 17 Discovering Good Things in Good Time: The Treasure Within; Nov 16: Living the Call to Discipleship. Arrival and light refreshments 9:00-9:30 a.m. reflective input 9:30 a.m. followed by private time for prayer, closing communal experience, departure by 12:15.

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 CUSILLO

Cusillo 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

Contact Lorraine Hopgood at 508-378-1521

**The Parish and Youth Ministry
Invites you to join them
Friday, September 18th**

For a

Lift Ministry

Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth

Guest Speaker: Fr. Matt Williams

**This is a free event including music, speakers
and Adoration.**

**Come check it out with us, once you do you'll
want to come every month!**

Retrouvaille of New England

Retrouvaille is a Christian Peer Ministry sponsored by the Catholic Church for married couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages. Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrections in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. Upcoming renewal weekends 2015-2016: Sept 11-13, Jan 8-10, April 8-10, Sept 16-18. To register call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TUES., OCTOBER 13, 2015

Gr. 1—6	4:30—5:30 9:00—10:00	Tues, Weds, Thurs or Saturday
Gr. 7 & 8	6:00—7:00 7:00—8:00	Wednesday 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,

Every Christmas growing up, we had a traditional way to celebrate and mark the day (not unlike most/all families). On Christmas eve, we would decorate the tree, which would be followed by midnight Mass and then (upon arriving home) the opening of *one* present; it could be any gift, but all other presents had to wait until the morning to be opened. This was important to us, as it marked security and continuity for us as a family. Our faith is no different; rituals and traditions are important, for they help us bond and be formed as a people. These events or customs help us to worship in a way befitting the sacrifice God offers us in Christ Jesus. They cannot, however, get in the way of the meaning behind that worship.

This is the dilemma posed to Jesus. Some of His disciples do not follow the custom of washing one's hands before eating; this would make sense, as some of these followers were Gentiles coming over to the "New Way", as it was being called. It had its *roots* in Judaism (and adapted many of its traditions) to be sure, but it wasn't Judaism. Jesus answers the Pharisees by quoting the prophet Isaiah, who basically warned against "lip service". It is not enough, Jesus contends, to say that you follow God; your actions, your manner and your very life must reflect this truth. In the case of the ritual hand-washing, one could scrub "until the cows came home", but it would not cleanse the soul. This is something which takes an internal "cleansing". In our own tradition, this would include an "examination of conscience" and, ultimately, sacramental confession. In this way, one makes oneself ready to not only **receive Jesus** (in Word and Sacrament) but also **live Jesus** (in Spirit and Truth).

This is not to say that ritual is useless or unimportant. On the contrary, if we live as Jesus calls us to live then the rituals and symbols which we use and enter into can only serve to enhance that relationship. The rituals we undertake are meant to lead to a "greater good", and a deeper truth. On the surface they may seem unimportant, but if done right they can strengthen not only our relationship with God but our resolve to share this truth.

May all that we do, in word and deed, lead to a better understanding of who God is for us. May we know that Jesus, who is the one who calls us into relationship, is at the heart of every ritual, every liturgical action, and every sacred moment. May we have the courage to share this presence, this real and abiding presence, with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul