



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 4, 2015

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

FAX 508-378-7317

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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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760

St. John the Evangelist Parish –210 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333



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
October 4, 2015
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses For The Week

Saturday, October 3, 2015

4:00 – Maurice Figueiredo — 17th Anniversary

Sunday, October 4, 2015

8:00 – Alfred Smith — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 — Bronislaw Morawski — Memorial

6:00 — Ida Nisby — 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, October 10, 2015

4:00 – Timothy & Jay Barry

Sunday, October 11, 2015

8:00 – The McLaughlin Family — Memorial

10:30 – Dennis D. McCarthy - 3 Month Anniversary

6:00 -- Parishioners of St. John

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, 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, Patrick Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED’S — 10/14, 10/21, 11/11, 11/18

Mon. 9/14 — Bible Study in Rel. Ed. Office — 7 PM

Mon, 10-6 — 1st Children's Choir Rehearsal— 6 PM

Mon. 10/6 — Lector, Eucharistic Ministry Training

Sun. 10/11 — First Mass for Children’s Choir — 10:30

Tues. 10/13 — RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS GR. 1-8

10/13—LIFT MINISTRY IN DANVERS—7 PM

10/24—Silpada Fundraiser—12:00—4:00 in Hall

Sat. 10/24 — 6:30 — Spooky Salsa Saturday — Parish/
Youth Ministry

10/28—Fin Com Mtg.—7 PM

11/4—PPC Meeting — 7 PM

CRAFT FAIR

Is coming November 28th.

It’s time to get all the Attic Treasures together

And sign up for a table for all you crafters — it fills up
fast, so don’t be left out

Call MaryAnn Boyle

The 1st Children’s Choir Rehearsal will be at 6 PM on Oct. 6

Our Shared Treasure

September 27, 2015

Offertory: \$5,345

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$439**

Pilot \$701

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$6,729**

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection — Oct.11, 2015 — Youth Ministry
which was moved from October 4th for St. Benedict’s School

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive today!

A special thank you goes out to everyone at St. John’s Parish for supporting the annual St. Vincent de Paul food drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and in turn we are able to help many families.

We are always looking for volunteers! Please consider becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John’s. It only takes a few hours a month. If you are interested, call our hotline at 508-378-3760 and leave a message.

Remember: What you give to the pantry is used for the



SILPADA PARISH FUNDRAISER COMING

October 24, 2015

From 12– 4 p.m.

In the Church Hall

Parish & Youth Ministry

SPOOKY SALSA SATURDAY, October 24,

5-6 little ones, 6:30-8:00 tweens, 8:00-10:00 teens



Dear Parishioners of St. John, I bring you greetings of love and appreciation from St. Benedict school, Uganda. My community I serve is so grateful for what you are to us especially your helping hand in building a girls' dormitory. The first floor is done and it is intended for 100 girls much as at the moment it is accommodating 160 girl students because of need! The main reasons for building a girls' dormitory range from giving them maximum protection, curbing long distances of about six miles to school from homes, women empowerment in education, avoiding early pregnancies and marriages...

Our next step/target/priority is to construct the second floor on top worth \$35,000.00. This will also accommodate 100 girls. It is on this note I am appealing to your generosity.

The second priority is a school wall fence worth \$ 45,000.00. This will go around the school premises in order to give maximum security to the students, teachers and property.

How to donate? Write a check to St. John and indicate in the memo St. Benedict school Uganda.

Contact Fr. Stephen Lusiba at: lusteve2012@gmail.com

THE PARISH NEEDS HELP!!!!

We are looking for people of all ages and walks of life from the Parish to help out by offering their time and talents to the following ministries.

**Please call the Rectory to volunteer.
508-378-4207**

Lectors — read the readings and announcements of the Mass

Eucharistic Ministers — help to distribute communion at the Masses

Greeters — make the parishioners feel welcome coming in the doors for each Mass

Ushers — assist with collections during Mass



East Bridgewater COA—New Loss/Grief Support
6 wks: Mon 3-4 PM: 9/28, 10/5, 10/19, 10/26
General Support: Every third Monday 3-4 PM
All are welcome anytime.

For more info, contact Vicki Wagner, Bereavement Coordinator, at 508-324-1900 or visit the poster on our

Dear parishioners of Saint John's,

As you may or may not know, I have finally finished my Eagle Project. Without many members of this community, however, I would still be stuck in the planning stage. Therefore, I would like to thank the McCarthy, the Farrell, the Yocum, the Almurray, the O'Connor, the Conroy, the Crowley, the Day, the Dolbec, the Ahlberg, the Saccocia, the McPartlin, the Curran, the Schrader, the Cameron, the Meuse, and the Bonner families, Morris Real Estate, and an anonymous donor. My thanks go to you all and everyone in the parish for their support and assistance!

God Bless,
Jon Hamilton



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A number of years ago, my siblings and I held a 40th Anniversary party for my parents. We wanted to show our love and appreciation for all that they had done for us, and so we invited all sorts of family and friends to the occasion. At the close of the evening, my parents got up to speak, expressing their appreciation at all that had been done for them that evening. When someone asked my mother if she had ever thought of divorcing my father, her response was that “divorce never crossed my mind...murder, yes, but never divorce!” It was a humorous way to say that while they had had their challenges, they always found a way to work them out.

Divorce in our nation has grown over the years at an alarming rate. There are many factors in this increase: the ease of divorce, the lack of commitment between the parties, and the lack of preparation going into marriage are just a few reasons. One of the main reasons, I believe, is that the couple sees it as another “contract” into which they are entering. This is in conflict with the Christian ideal of marriage, which sees the union as a *covenant*, not a contract. Christian marriage has many of the elements of a contract: two parties, the exchange of promises, and the eventual dissolution of the agreement (“until death do us part”). It becomes a *covenant* when the two parties bring God into the equation; then it is no longer two, but three, who are involved in the agreement. When one brings God into the “mix”, it “raises the stakes” for when God becomes involved there is an element of faith in the agreement. When God is involved, one trusts that the Almighty has the best interest of the parties in mind, and they themselves put their needs second to those of their partner. In Christian marriage, the element of self-giving love, mirroring the selfless love that God first gave to His people, is present in this agreement, this covenant.

We would do well to work towards restoring this element of self-giving love into marriage. Marriage has benefits not only for the parties involved, but all of society. Christian marriage, the union of one man and one woman, brings forth elements that are both unitive (i.e. the joining of the couple in love, for mutual support) and procreative (i.e. the bringing forth of children) that are unique to this pairing. There are certain segments of society which see marriage as a civil construct, thus rendering it answerable to that society. In our Catholic-Christian milieu, we see marriage through a covenantal lens (and not merely contractual) which thus puts it as part of society, yes, but distinct in a very real way.

May we pray for traditional marriage to be upheld by our society for both the unitive and procreative dimensions that they offer to society. It is in these ways that marriage is, and continues to be, a great benefit for the parties involved, their offspring and society as a whole. May we as good people of good will continue to dialogue with people who see this differently so that we may change minds and hearts to see the necessary good in traditional marriage.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING
IS BACK FOLLOWING
THE 4:00 MASS**

The dates are the last Saturday of the month.

Sept 27 Jan 30
Oct 31 Feb 27
Nov 28 Mar 26
Dec 2 April 30
 May 28

Please post these dates
in your home.

**Teachers and
Assistants are
needed for the
Religious Education
Classes.**



**Grades 1-6.
Please contact
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508-378-1521**