



*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.*

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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**A**t this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

– Mk 8:33-34



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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 13, 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

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.

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
September 13, 2015  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**MASSES OF INTENTION**

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

4:00 – Leonard Shepard — 23rd Anniversary  
Lena Shepard — 13th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

8:00 – Nancy Saya — 14th Anniversary  
10:30 – Ellen Cassidy — 6th Anniversary  
6:00 – William Orr — 5th Anniversary

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

4:00 – Thomas Cosgrove — Memorial

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

8:00 – Maurice Hennessy — Month’s Mind  
10:30 – Robert Johnston — 2nd Anniversary  
6:00 – Carl DeRocha — 15th Anniversary

**Monday, September 21, 2015**

9:00 – Robert DeCosta — Birthday

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

9:00 – Stacia M. Franciosi — 7th Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace M. Sullivan whose Funeral Mass was celebrated September 9th.

***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, 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.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

ADORATION — WED’S — 9/9, 9/16, 10/14, 10/21  
Sat/Sun—9/12-9/13 — St. V de P bag distribution  
SUN. 9/13 — CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS  
Sun, 9/13 — Caring hands meeting. 3:00 Riddell Rd.  
Sun. 9/13/15 — 7 PM Confirmation Family Meeting—  
Living Rosary & Dinner  
Mon. 9/14 — Bible Study in Rel. Ed. Office — 7 PM  
Fri, 9/18—Lift Ministry — 7 PM—Weymouth, MA  
Sat/Sun—9-19/9-20—Collection of St. Vincent Bags  
Tues. 10/13 — RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS GR. 1-8

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Thank you for your contributions to last week’s second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country.

*Our Shared Treasure*  
*September 6, 2015*

Offertory: \$6,194                      Budgeted: \$5,784  
Catholic University: \$833                      \*\*Above budget: \$410

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$5,984**  
**Thank you for your continued generosity**

2nd Collection — September 20, 2015 — Clergy Trust

**Clergy Trust Fund Collection**

Next week, the diocese-wide collection will support the health and well-being of our 614 Boston priests. Our priests have been there when we needed them. Now, it is our turn to help fulfill the promises made to ensure an appropriate level of care and quality of life for them when they need us. All are welcome to make a gift online at [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) or use the in-pew envelopes provided. You also can make a gift by texting the word **PRIEST** to **56512**. Data and message rates may apply. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

**THE BULLETIN**

The bulletin is now being printed by Liturgical Publication, Inc. We hope that you will enjoy the enhanced printing and graphics.

Please show your appreciation to those businesses that support our parish by advertising in our bulletin every week by patronizing their establishments. Be sure to tell them you saw their ad in St. John’s bulletin.

**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 date 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 — 7 PM**

**For a**

**Lift Ministry**

**At 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!**

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

**If you can  
time to help  
the parish to  
faith, please**



**spare an hour of your  
teach the children of  
learn about their  
contact Lorraine**

**Hopgood at 508-378-1521.  
You do not need to be a trained teacher,  
you only have to want to help!**

**Teacher Mtgs : Gr. 9 & 10 = 9/16, 6:45-8:00**

**Gr. 1- 8 = 10/1—7 PM**

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

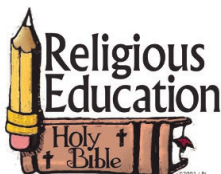
CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TUES., OCTOBER 13, 2015

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,

St. Francis de Sales was once quoted as saying that “God does not give us a cross that is an ounce too heavy or an inch too long”. This thought gives rise to the notion that God does, indeed, allow for crosses in our life. What St. Francis is alluding to, however, is that they are not unbearable. We realize that when we look at the life of Christ. Christ was able to bear His cross because He knew that it must be done, not only in His life, but in ours as well.

In today's gospel, Jesus looks to His disciples to gauge how His earthly mission is going. When Jesus asks the question about who people say that He is, Jesus is not taking a “popularity poll”. Jesus doesn't really care if people *like* Him or His message, just that they're *getting it*. Jesus wants to know this so as to be able to “fine tune” His message. Jesus then turns to His disciples and asks the same question, but in a much more personal way. When Jesus inquires of the Twelve, “who do *you* say that I am?”(Mk 8:29, italics added), He wants to know if they *get* it, if they understand what He is all about. Jesus needs to know this because He will soon be entrusting His message and mission to them.

This is where we come in. Jesus, in asking the question of His mission to the Twelve, is talking to us in this gospel passage. Jesus is placing the question on our hearts this day so that we can think about where we stand in light of Jesus' mission and message. Do we know who Jesus is? Do we *get it*? This is a vitally important thing, this knowledge of who Jesus is and about what Jesus is trying to teach us.

This is also where the idea of the cross comes in for us. Each one of us has a “cross” to bear, often many of them over the course of a lifetime. They come in all shapes and sizes, unique to the person. We may have corporate experiences, but even then the cross we bear in them is ours and ours alone. We may help one another (much like Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry His Cross), but the burden of carrying one's cross lays squarely on one's own shoulders. We do have help, though. We have the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as well as the model of Christ Himself.

May we know that the crosses we bear assist us in drawing ever closer in union to Christ. May we trust that these crosses are never “an ounce too heavy or an inch too long”. May we know that our God will be with us on this journey – through our life and into the Kingdom.

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul