

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 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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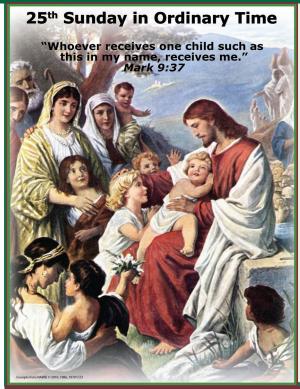
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

Catechetical Sunday

ELICHARISTIC 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 **September 20, 2015** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses For The Week

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

Saturday, September 26, 2015

4:00 - St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 - Alexis Doucette — Memorial

10:30 – Jennie Kucinski — 22nd Anniversary

6:00 -- Harold & Dorathia Barney -- Memorial

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 Donavan , William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Sun, 9/20 —Gr. 10 Religious Education Class — 7 PM

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

Sun, 9/27 — Gr. 9 Religious Education Class — 7 PM

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

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

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

Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the Parishioners who give each week through the On-Line A Giving Program to the Food Pantry. Your donations make a considerable difference.

Thanks to all who helped to make this year's Parish Picnic a huge success. The weather was not perfect but it did not stop people from enjoying themselves in the hall.

CORI'S NEXT WEEKEND — PLEASE BRING YOUR ID.

Our Shared Treasure September 613 2015

Offertory: \$5,798 Budgeted: \$5,784

**Above budget: \$14

Special Parish Collection: \$1,720

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: Deficit \$5,970 Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection — September 27, 2015 — The Pilot



Clergy Trust Fund Collection

The diocese-wide collection today for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust is for our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 614 men including Fr. Paul and Fr. Don who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and His family. Your gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue their work serving others. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. All are welcome to make a gift online at 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 for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

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 fist 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: <u>lusteve2012@gmail.com</u>



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



Please welcome to the Parish four new members of our church that were Baptized last weekend.

Scarlett Grace Johnson Quinton Richard Johns

Tate Logan Ryan Logan Ronald Bellas

May God bless them in their journey through life.

Teachers and Assistants are needed for the Religious Education Classes.

If you can time to help the parish faith, please Hopgood at



spare an hour of your teach the children of learn about their contact Lorraine 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 Grs. 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. Beginning 9/20 — Gr. 10

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

7 PM





My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a "freshly-minted priest" (as my coin collecting uncle called me!), just a few months removed from my ordination, I had

the amazing opportunity to meet Mother Teresa. In a set of circumstances that many would consider coincidental, but that I would call providential (meant to happen, as opposed to accidently happening), I found myself standing in a New Bedford convent, in the presence of a woman who radiated holiness. Short in stature, "Mother" (as she liked to be called, apparently) was not short of what I would call "presence". When she was in the room, you knew it – you could just sense it. She was the type of person who, in her simplicity, emanated a complexity beyond this world. This is why, I believe, she is on the "road to sainthood".

Jesus, in His message, mission and life radiated this same presence, I believe. Jesus knew who He was, He knew what He had to do and He never deviated from that message, mission and life. Jesus did so by living simply, but profoundly, living a life of service and putting His needs, His will second to the Father. Jesus calls us to do the same, to put our will second to those around us and to God. We do this most profoundly by seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters as more important than our own. The challenge with this, of course, is that this runs counter to everything that our society teaches and espouses. Our culture is a "me first", "I've got mine, so the heck with you" society. This is why it is so difficult to live life as a Christian in the world today, for there are very few paths in life that are more counter-cultural.

Jesus, in today's gospel calls us, in serving the needs of all, to "be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mk 9:35). We serve our brothers and sisters best, I believe, when we espouse the truths of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. We serve the needs of all when we reach out to the poor, marginalized and downtrodden – those seen as "less than". We achieve greatness (in the eyes of God) when we eschew the "greatness" of this world and amass treasures in heaven, such as a peaceful spirit and a humble heart. We can do this by looking beyond ourselves, our needs, and seeking to meet the needs of others, especially the "less than" of which I previously spoke.

May we have the courage to be like that little child Jesus placed in the midst of the Twelve. May we live simply, humbly and joyously. May we come to know Jesus as Savior and Friend and may we "introduce" Him (in word and deed) to all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul