



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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Registration:

Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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23rd
 Sunday
 In
 Ordinary
 Time

September
 6,
 2015



May the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

PSALM 90:17
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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LABOR DAY

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
September 6, 2015
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, September 12, 2015

4:00 — Leonard Shepard — 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 30, 2015

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Albert J. Mullen whose Funeral Service was celebrated on Friday, August 27, 2015

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. 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
Wed. 9/9 — Welcome back Mass & Luncheon—
Catholic Women's Club at Noon.
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

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
Will be holding its
WELCOME BACK MASS AND LUNCHEON
At Noon
In the Chapel
On Wednesday, September 9, 2015
New members are always welcomed.
Call MaryAnn Boyle at 508-378-4704

Our Shared Treasure August 30, 2015

Offertory: \$4,632 Budgeted: \$5,784
 ****Below budget: \$1,060**
Special Parish Collection: \$1,152

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$6,394**
 Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection — September 13, 2015 — Special Parish

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.

TODAY'S BULLETIN

Today's Bulletin was printed by Liturgical Publications, Inc. We have been working all summer to create a four-page color bulletin worthy of your attention. Our hope is that through the expansion of the ads on the back, we will be able to expand the number of pages and the material presented to you.

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 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 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,

In the Rite of Baptism, there is an optional “action” undertaken by the priest/deacon in which the “Prayer of Ephphatha” is invoked. It is a prayer in which the celebrant blesses the ears and mouth of the one being baptized, thus readying that person for hearing and speaking God’s word. The word “ephphatha” means “be opened”, and it was used by Jesus to cure the man with the speech impediment.

Jesus, in healing the deaf man, did more than restore the man’s hearing. He brought him “back to life” in a real way, restoring him to fullness of relationship within the community. While the scripture does not say this, it is assumed (given the feelings of the culture of Jesus’ day) that the man born deaf must be a sinner. Sin and sickness were so closely “linked” that the worse the illness/impediment, the worse the sin. The deaf man, therefore, must be a sinner. In healing the man with the impediment, Jesus shows Himself to be the master of sin and sickness, with the ability to break the “chains” of sin and free one who is “bound” in this way.

One of the interesting aspects of this healing comes after it. Jesus orders the healed man (and those around him) not to tell anyone of this healing. Of course, human nature being what it is, the more Jesus tells them not to speak of this healing the more they do so. This “spreading the good news” is human and natural – and Jesus knows it, I think. I believe that Jesus, who knew human nature (being fully human Himself, of course!) knew exactly how people would react; he counted on that reaction to assist Him in sharing God’s healing power.

Where is it that we need healing? Where is it that we have been healed? Who is it among family, friends and neighbors that need to hear the “good news” of God’s goodness to us? May we have the insight to recognize the good God had done for us. May we have the courage to share this good news with all whom we meet!

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul