



*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.*

*January 3, 2015 — The Epiphany of the Lord*

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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  
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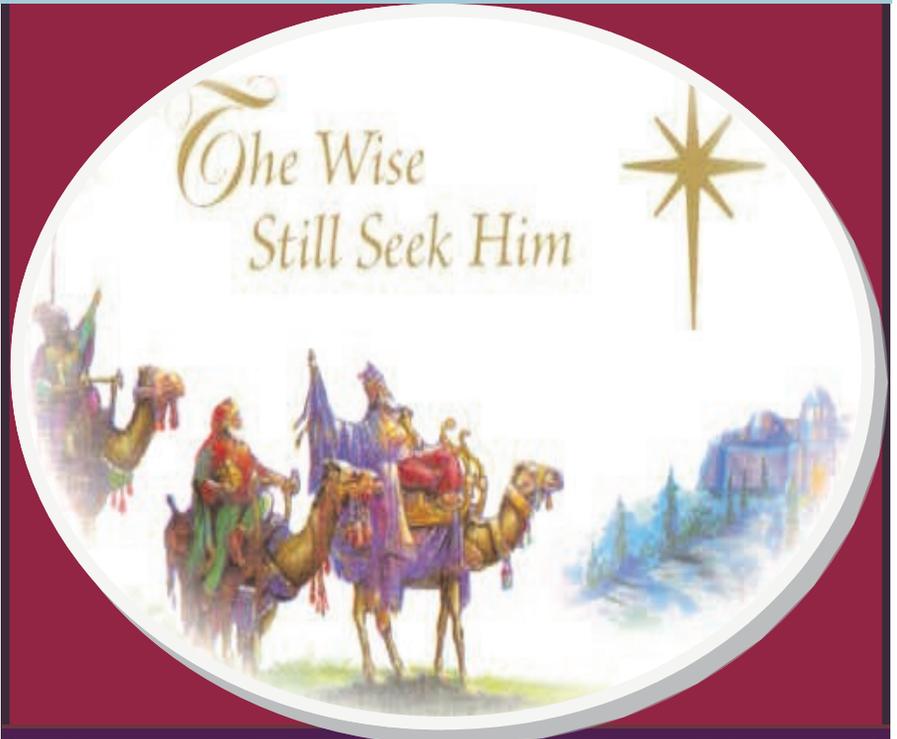
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508-378-3760



#### **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. Please call for registration.**

#### **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**

**Please contact the rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage**

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

**If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a priest.**

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Come spend some quiet time with the Lord on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7—8 PM in the Church.**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

**January 3, 2016**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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**Masses for the Week**

**Saturday, January 2, 2016**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Addison Barrett — 7th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, January 9, 2015**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, January 10, 2015**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Gene Baggia

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, 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, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Teri Callanhan, Tim Tully, Don Bernier, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad, Theresa Capachione, Maryhelen MacKenzie, Louise Registre & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

ADORATION — WED'S — 1/13, 1/18, 2/17

Fri. 1/16 - Solemnity of Mary — Holy Day of Obligation

Fri. 1/8 — Fiesta Friday — 7 PM

Fri 1/15-18 — Ski Weekend to Waterville Valley

Tues 1/ 12 — LIFT — 7 PM — Holy Family, Rockland

Sun 1/17 — Holy Hour for Life — 3-4 PM

Sun 1/24 - PMY Meat Raffle at Standish Grille - 2-4 PM

Fri 1/29—PJ Anderson arrives—See LOOP for details

Sat. 1/30—Retreat at St. Basil Chapel, BSU 9 am—2 pm

Sat. 1/30 -- Concert by PJ Anderson in the Hall at St. John's

**Christmas Flower Additions**

***In Memory of:***

**Mike McGrath,**

**Ann Daley**

**Sandra Lufkin**

**Millie Harrington**

**More to come next bulletin**

***Given By:***

**Joyce & Maura Eastman**

***Our Shared Treasure***

***December 20 2015***

**Offertory: \$5,350**

**Budgeted: \$5,784**

**\*\*Below Budget: \$ 434**

**Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present**

**Deficit \$11,472**

**PIME Ministry**

**\$ 1,347**

**Grand Annual \$ 28,072**

***Thank you for your patience.***

January 10th — Special Parish Collection — Electrical Repairs



**Jubilee Year Of Mercy Parish Prayer**

Lord Jesus You are loving and Your mercy endures forever. You are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, overflowing with love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, forgive my sins and grant me the Grace to live the life worthy of Your praise, We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord Amen.



## LOOP Life of Our Parish

**Fri. Jan 29-31 — PJ ANDERSON WEEKEND**

**Friday service activities 3:30-5:30, 6-9:30  
dinner and Year of Mercy & the Holy Door  
retreat (parish wide) .**

**Saturday 9:30-2:30 Jrs & Srs. in HS/College  
Retreat @ St. Basil Chapel BSU.**

**Saturday, 7 PM — PJ Anderson Concert —  
inspirational night of song and stories.**

**Sunday —10:30 Mass — PJ Anderson joins our  
choir.**

**2017 Pilgrimage to Rome— in order to reserve a  
spot each person will need to put down a \$295  
deposit by January 20th — [http://  
www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-  
catholic](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-catholic)**

**Feb 26- 28th — Deep Freeze, Camp Berea — a  
fun weekend away for 6th grader and up. Mu-  
sic, paintball, tubing and more. 11 spots open.  
[http://www.signupgenius.com/  
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**See Nancy Smith for more info**

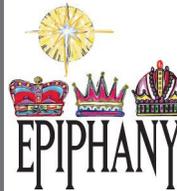
The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual Parish Baby Shower from Saturday December 26th through Sunday, January 24th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed below:

Disposable diapers	Diaper bags
Crib Sheets	Baby towels
Sleep n Play sleepers	Nightgowns
Baby Bottles	Blanket Sleepers

Receiving Blankets  
Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers  
Toiletries ie... Wipes, rash ointment,

baby shampoo  
Baby soap, baby lotion,  
powder,  
Baby nail clippers,

Baby thermometers.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I can always remember the Feast of the Epiphany, mainly due to the traditions we held in our household. We would set up the crèche on Christmas Eve (minus the Baby Jesus, of course!), placing Baby Jesus in the manger when we returned home from Midnight Mass. On Christmas Day, the Magi would make their appearance, but not at the manger – they would be placed on the kitchen counter! Over the next week or so, they would slowly be moved (in successive weeks) from the counter, to the back of the oil burner, to the back of the couch, over to the china cabinet and finally into the manger scene. This, of course, gave each of the five children a chance to “relocate” the Magi. The Magi were three in number (as in the song “We Three Kings?”); this, we later came to find out, was probably not *entirely* accurate. We came to find, through investigation, that there were as many as a dozen “magi”, which is, not coincidentally, related to our modern word, “magic”. The Magi were a class of palace workers who were part magician, part alchemist, part astrologer (thus their knowledge of, and reliance on, stars for guidance). They were “jacks of all trade” (although “jacks” probably isn’t completely accurate either, as there may have been some women in their company), relied on by the king (such as Herod) for guidance and direction for many things.

Today our Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. Growing up, I always understood this to be the “end of the Christmas Season”. This makes sense for many reasons: it speaks of God’s manifestation to humanity in Christ, it highlights the appearance of the Magi, and it is a bit of a “birthday party” for Jesus. How wrong I was! The Christmas Season actually/officially ends with next week’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This makes infinitely more sense! After all, our entrance into the Church isn’t marked by our birth but by our baptism. The Baptism of Jesus, about which we will read next week, begins Jesus’ entrance into “public” ministry. It is His “coming out party” as it were.

Now back to today’s feast. The Feast of the Epiphany, a word which has its roots in the Greek word “epiphaneia”, which means “manifestation”, marks and celebrates the appearance of the Magi upon the scene of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. In the classic Greek it was used to mark the appearance of gods. Of course, in our monotheistic tradition, this is adapted to mark the appearance of the One True God in the Person of Jesus Christ. The first reference in Christian literature to the Epiphany would be in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, which speaks of Jesus’ “birth, that is, His Epiphany” by St. Epiphanius of Salamis in his work “Panarion” (written in 361). It was celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup> for the longest time (as is this year’s feast), and currently is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (thus the short “down time” this year between Christmas and Epiphany).

The Feast of the Epiphany gives us an opportunity for a “breather” between Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord. May we, like the Magi, come to the manger and reflect on the good things God has provided for us – namely, Christ the Lord.

Have a (Continued) Blessed Christmas Season,

Fr. Paul

We were able to help 30 families with your gift cards!!!