



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 10, 2016 — The Baptism 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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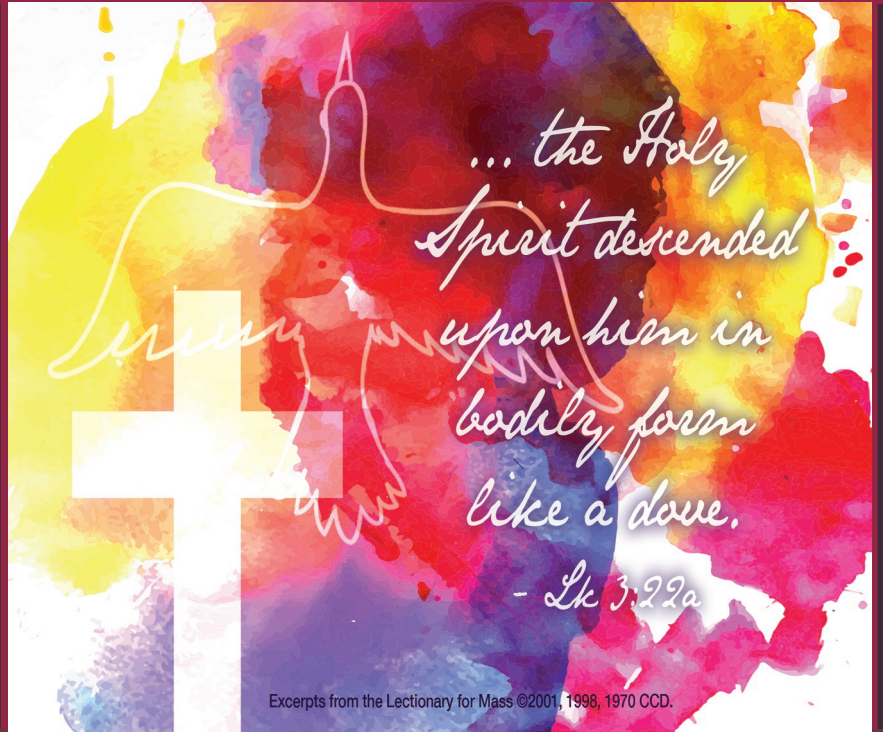
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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

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.

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
January 10, 2016
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Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 9, 2015

4:00 - Paul Norman — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, January 10, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Gene Biagi

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, January 16, 2016

4:00 - Carol Power — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 17, 2016

8:00 - James Clancy — 4th Anniversary

10:30 - Skip Ortenzi — Memorial

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, 1/20, 2/10, 2/17
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 .

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

By prayer, reflection and faith sharing “Meeting Christ in Prayer” can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ in Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Deacon Joe & Lorraine Hopgood leading the sessions. We will have 2 separate groups- one group will meet on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 beginning January 25 and the other group will meet on Tuesday mornings after the 9:00 Mass. Sign-up sheets will be in the church.

*Our Shared Treasure
December 27, 2015*

Offertory: 7,907

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Above Budget: \$2,123**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$ 9,349

Grand Annual \$ 29,543

Thank you for your patience in reporting \$'s

January 10th — Special Parish Collection — Electrical Repairs
January 17th — Special Collection Sunday for the Archdiocese

Christmas Flower Additions

In Memory of:

Given By:

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| Our parents | John & Pat |
| Amanda & Taylor | Grampy & Grammy |
| Loretta Mitchell, Ralph & | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Murphy |
| Lillian Melito, John & | |
| Marg Murphy | |
| Sullivan & Scarlata | John & Camella Sullivan |
| Jennie & Michael Gawronski, | Mrs. Elenor Warren |
| Katherine Grenberg, Phyllis | |
| Sharkey | |
| Clara & Paul Breen, Mary | Bob & Peggy DeFazio |
| Theresa, Antonio DiFazio | |

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. John’s would like to thank everyone in the parish for your generous support in 2015. The December 21st pantry served 51 families. Please help us continue to keep the shelves stocked, not only during the holidays but all year round.

If you know of anyone in East Bridgewater who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 508-378-3760 and leave a message. *Remember: What you give to the pantry is used for the pantry!*

January 17, 2015 3pm-4pm

St. John the Evangelist

Holy Hour for Life with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

John Paul II said, “Life on earth...remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.” Please join us in an hour of prayer and reflection on the sacred meaning of life.



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:

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| 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 dare say that most of us don't remember our Baptism (save for those baptized as adults through the RCIA), as we were a bit young at the time. When I was entering the seminary, one of the documents I needed was a copy of my baptismal certificate. When I looked at the date (8/9/64), it dawned on me that I was baptized on my brother's (Tom's) fifth birthday. Perhaps that's why, growing up, he and I had a bit of an antagonistic relationship (e.g. he "taught" me how to ride a bike by taking me up the steepest hill in South Boston with the sole instruction to "hold on tight to the handlebars" and then proceeded to hurl me down the hill, headlong! Hmm...). In any event, we've overcome those differences and have become good friends!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (and the conclusion of the Christmas Season!). Jesus, to the protestation of John, is baptized in the Jordan so that he can "solemnize" what has been, up until this point, a ritual of purification rather than salvation. In our Sacraments which we celebrate in the Church, Jesus is at the center; Baptism is no different. In being baptized by John, Jesus "raises" the celebration of Baptism to the sacramental level, thus making it the "gateway" to other Sacraments. Throughout the centuries, the Church has wrestled with the question of baptism. The "when" of Baptism has been debated for centuries, with the question centering on the readiness of the child to receive such a gift. In our Church, it is the parents who answer for the child in infant baptism; many wonder if this doesn't alter, if not negate, the power of the sacrament. I tend to think not, as we have other opportunities (such as First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) throughout our lives to validate our faith.

In any event, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord gives us, as a Church, an opportunity to reflect on the gift that Baptism is for us. One of the great joys I have, as you might imagine, is to celebrate a baptism. It is made even more special when it can be celebrated at Mass, with the full support of the people. It highlights the importance of the community in the life of faith of the individual Catholic. While we, and we alone, receive the Sacraments of the Church, they are a sign and symbol of a larger reality. That reality is that it is in and through the community that we live our faith and it is in and through the community that this faith is sustained, nourished and strengthened. May we realize the gift that Baptism (and all Sacraments) is for the Church, the People of God. May we know God's love through the Sacraments, and may we share that love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed (Conclusion of the) Christmas Season,

Fr. Paul

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