



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.

February 7, 2016 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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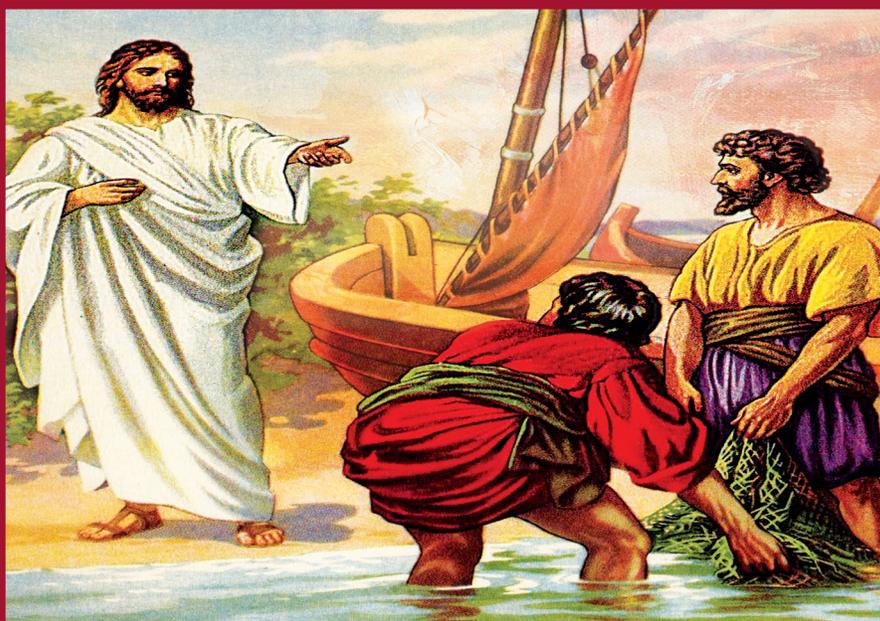
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Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCF

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
February 7, 2016
The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 6, 2015

4:00 - Ralph Ortenzi — 36th Anniversary

Sunday, February 7, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Christopher Thompson — 18th Anniv.

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, February 13, 2016

4:00 - Barbara Deal — 1st Anniversary

Sunday February 14, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

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, Louise Registre & The residents of SACHEM & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED'S — 2/10, 2/17, 3/9, 3/16

Sat/Sun 2/6-7 - Blessing of the Throats - after ea. Mass

Fri 2/ 12 — Divine Mercy — 7 PM

Sat. 2/13 — 5:30 — PYM—Drive-in Movie Night

Mon 2/15 —7 PM & Tues 2/16—9:30 AM — Meeting Christ in Prayer

Weds 2/17 — The Light is on for You (Confession) — 7-8 PM

Fri. 2/18— Simple Supper — 5:30

SURPASSED 2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL —

THANK YOU!

Congratulations! St. John's Parish has surpassed its 2015 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$26,637**. I am truly grateful to the **174** parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán's call to witness more clearly the depths of God's love for each one of us through this important effort.

*Our Shared Treasure
February 7, 2016*

January 31, 2016

Offertory: \$7, 197

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Above Budget: \$1,413**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$ 12,820

Grand Annual \$ 31,763

Goal \$35,000

So Close

No 2nd collection on this weekend.

2nd Collection—Feb. 14th —Religious Education Program

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday — February 10, 2016

Masses at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Make this your best Lent ever by using a free email program offered by The Dynamic Catholic Institute.

Sign up online at DynamicCatholic.com/lent

You will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew and a member of the team who will guide you through the 40 chapters in **Rediscover Jesus**.

You will discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading a more personal relationship with Jesus and your best Lent ever.

Dear Fr. Paul greetings of love. Hope you are well. This is the much we have done so far.
Fr. Stephen



P J ANDERSON IS BEGINNING A KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN TO FUND HIS NEXT ALBUM

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR OBTAINING ANY OF HIS MUSIC, VISIT HIS WEBSITE.
Pjandersonmusic.com**



LOOP
Life of Our Parish
Night of Mercy—6:30—7:30

Special evening to prepare for Lent. Activities for 3-5th Gr. and Adults. THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 10TH

Drive In Movie Night—Sat. Feb 13th—\$7 pp includes snacks.

Feb 26- 28th — Deep Freeze, Camp Berea — a fun weekend away for 6th grader and up. Music, paintball, tubing and more. 11 spots open. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-deep>

Bowling Night, Mon. Feb 29th 7-9 PM, Tickets \$10 each and include unlimited Cosmic Bowling and Shoe Rental.

**See Nancy Smith for more info.
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PARISH & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LAST WEEKEND'S FESTIVITIES WITH OUR GUEST,
PJ ANDERSON,
WERE EXCEPTIONAL!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED/PARTICIPATED
AND MADE EACH EVENT SO SPECIAL.**

**THE SERVICE PROJECTS FRIDAY AFTERNOON
PRODUCED 12 BLANKETS, 3 BENCHES FOR THE PRAYER
GARDEN, 3 KNEELERS FOR THE CHAPEL AND A NEWLY
PAINTED FOYER AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE
CHURCH.**

**THE RETREAT ON FRIDAY EVENING FOCUSING ON THE
YEAR OF MERCY, THE RETREAT FOR THE HS/COLLEGE
KIDS, THE CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT, THE 10:30
MASS WHICH WAS THE KICK OFF FOR THE CONFIRMA-
TION RETREAT, AND OF COURSE THE CONFIRMATION
RETREAT WERE ALL HUGE SUCCESSES.**

BRAVO TO PYM FOR THIS WONDERFUL WEEKEND!!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A man went out fishing one day and, much to his dismay, caught nothing! Realizing that he couldn't face his wife without at least one fish, he went to the fish market and approached the counter. He picked out a beautiful fish, and proceeded to ask the "fish monger" to throw him the fish over the counter. When asked why the man would want this, the fisherman replied, "this way, I can honestly tell my wife that I *caught a fish*"!

The disciples who Jesus approaches are fishermen, by trade. In fishing "the Lake of Gennesaret" (Lk 5:1), which is the Greek name for Galilee, they were plying their trade in a fish-rich area. The body of water in question is thirteen miles long and seven-and-a-half miles wide and, in Jesus' day, had ten prosperous towns along the coastline. Needless to say, it was a great place to fish and it must have been both frustrating and nerve-racking for Simon Peter and his mates not to have caught anything. As Jesus approaches, He asks them to put out to sea once more; at first, Peter is skeptical but then gives in to Jesus' request. In doing so, Peter shows his trust in Jesus – a faith that will serve him well in future years. Of course, there is such an abundance of fish that it didn't take Peter long to "get the point": if one trusts in Jesus, there will be an abundance of "riches" - not necessarily material ones, but ones that will serve us well as we work as disciples of the Lord.

The "abundance" miracle that is seen here is repeated many times over in scripture. In Exodus 16, we have the manna in the wilderness; in 1 Kings 17:8-16, we have the widow's never-empty oil jug; just a few weeks ago, we had the wine supplied by Jesus at the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). In all of these, we see two things at work: 1) God provides for the "human" needs of His people, and 2) they show forth the immense power of God. This particular miracle also shows a few other things. In providing, in a miraculous fashion, for the needs of the disciples, there is *recognition* by the disciples of Jesus' power. There is then a *response* by those disciples of a confession of the unworthiness of these same disciples. Finally, there is an *assurance* of success when we follow God's word.

May we have the courage to recognize God's call for us. May we have the openness to respond to that call for us with our whole hearts. May we be assured that when we do this, we will have an abundance of "riches" – not in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul