



*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 21, 2016 — The Second Sunday of Lent*

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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#### **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  
February 21, 2016  
Second Sunday of Lent**

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**Masses for the Week**

**Saturday, February 20, 2015**

4:00 - Patrick W. Sullivan—Birthday

**Sunday, February 21, 2015**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - John Sylvia, Sr.—Memorial

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday February 28 2016**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Lori Hannan — 3rd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Domenic S. Capachione whose Funeral Mass was celebrated February 13, 2016.

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, 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, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere & 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  
Mon 2/15 —7 PM & Tues 2/16—9:30 AM — Meeting  
Christ in Prayer

Weds 2/17 — (Confession) —\7-8 PM

The Light is on for You (every Wed. in Lent)

Fri. 2/18— Simple Supper — 5:30—7:00

Weds. 2/24—Fin Com Meeting—8 PM

Fri. 2/26—Divine Mercy—7 PM

Fri—Sun 2/26-28—Berea Weekend

Sun. 2/28—Alteration



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

**From— 7 - 8 PM**

**Friday evenings - Feb 26, Mar 11th**

**An hour of Adoration and**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

*Confessions - The Light is on for You*

*Every Wednesday night in Lent*

*From 7:00 - 8:00 pm*

*February 17<sup>th</sup> --March 23, 2016*

*Our Shared Treasure*

*February 7, 2016*

*Offertory: \$6,319*

*Budgeted: \$5,784*

*\*\*Above Budget: \$535*

*February 14, 2016*

*Offertory: \$4,139*

*Budgeted: \$5,784*

*\*\*Below Budget \$1,645*

*Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present*

*Deficit \$15,575*

*Grand Annual \$ 32,178*

*Goal \$35,000*

No second Collection on February 21st.  
February 28th — Special Parish Collection for Electrical Bill

**Lenten Regulations**

**Abstinence** -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

**Fast** -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

**Almsgiving** -- Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of “mortification.”



**Friday Evenings in Lent**

**Feb 19th, Mar 4th & 18th**

**5:30 - 7:00**

**Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread, Mac n’ Cheese**

**Good Will Offering – All are welcome!**

**EASTER CHOIR REHEARSALS**

The Easter Choir Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday Evenings.

Children: 6:30; Adults: 7:15

All are welcome.





## LOOP Life of Our Parish

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.

Fiesta Friday — March 11th—7 PM

See Nancy Smith for more info.



Please welcome our newest members to St. John's Parish Family!

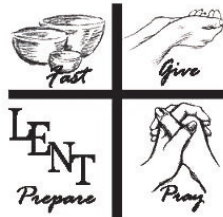
*Liam Charles Sousa  
Avery Jane Becker  
Corey James Norton*

### Catholic Appeal

If you have not seen the inspiring, brief video about the 2016 Catholic Appeal, a link is available at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you in advance for your support of this year's Catholic Appeal.

Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be announced in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Please be sure to take home next week's bulletin, which includes an insert with some helpful information about how the Catholic Appeal directly benefits our parish.

The Caring Hands shawl making group meets second Sunday of the month. Next meeting will be Feb. 14th at Riddell Road at 3 o'clock. New members welcome. We recently gave shawls to My Brother's Keeper, West Acres, Baypoint, Lifecare and Bridgewater Nursing Home also St Joseph's Nursing Home.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I love going to the movies; it's one of my great "passions". I especially enjoy getting there in time for the "coming attractions", the previews of movies that will be released. It is there that I begin to "pick and choose" what movies I'm going to see and what ones I'm going to avoid. It is in today's gospel that we have a "preview" of something to come, something to which we can look forward.

In today's gospel, the Transfiguration is "front and center". This moment in salvation history is seen by Peter, James and John, and is "seen" by those of us who have "eyes" (in the spiritual sense) to see. When this moment happens, the three disciples who are with Jesus are not seeing things clearly. This is understandable due to the fact that they (nor anyone else) had never seen anything like this, nor had anyone else. They were fearful and confused, but in some sense they trusted that Lord had their best interest at heart; He had never led them astray, and wasn't about to here. They fell silent because no words could convey the power of that moment.

Lent is for us a time of reflection. Lent for us is a time of conversion. Today's gospel is, for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear, a moment of reflection and conversion as well. We reflect on the fact that in this moment of the Transfiguration, Jesus shows to us not only who it is He will become, but also who it is that *we* will become. When we believe in the power and presence of Jesus, we ourselves are "transfigured" – made anew as new creations of God's love and power; this must be for us a moment of reflection and conversion. We reflect on the love which Jesus has for us in showing us the way to the Kingdom. We are converted in the sense that it is a moment of renewal for us in being shown who it is that we will become.

May we use this moment of reflection and conversion to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church. May we come to see Jesus for who He is for us. May we come to believe that in the transfigured Christ, we have our hope and salvation. May this Lenten Season be a time of reflection and conversion, so that when Easter comes, Jesus may find us watching, waiting and ready to welcome Him anew.

A Blessed Lent to All,

Fr. Paul