



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 28, 2016 — The Third Sunday of Lent

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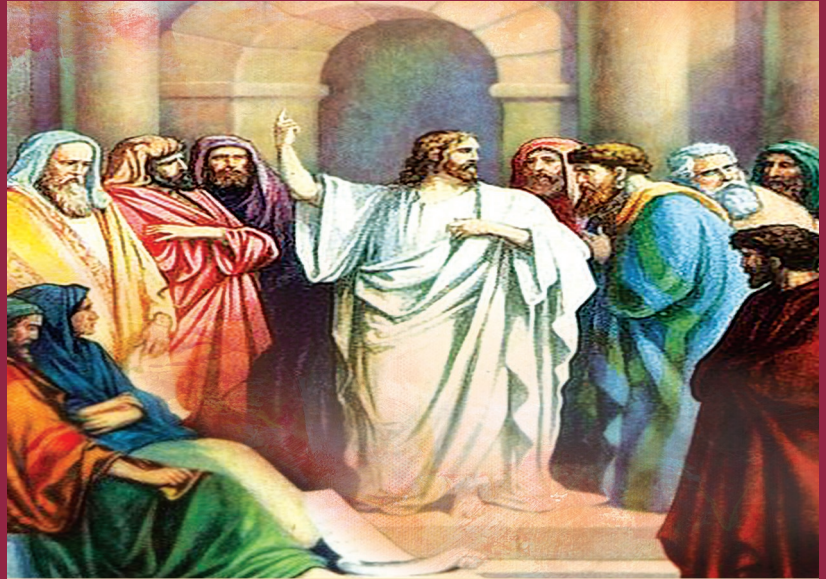
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Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” - Lk 13:2-3

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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.

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
February 28, 2016
Third Sunday of Lent**

Masses for the Week

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

Saturday, March 5, 2015

4:00 - Stephen Hopkins — 17th Anniversary

Sunday, March 6, 2015

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, 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, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun. 2/28—Alteration

Bowling Night—7– 9 PM — Viking Rec. Center

ADORATION — 7 PM WED’S — 3/9, 3/16, 4/13, 4/20

The Light is on for You (every Wed. in Lent) 6:30 –8 pm

Weds. 3/2—PPC Mtg—8 PM

Fri. 3/4— Simple Supper — 5:30—7:00

Thurs. 3/10—Night of Mercy (Reconciliation workshop)

6:30—8 PM.

Fri. 3/11—Divine Mercy—7 PM

Fri. 3/18 — Simple Supper — 5:30—7:00

Fri. 3/18 — Left, Right, Center Tournament 7-9 PM at Meadowbrook Restaurant, Hanson



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 17th --March 23, 2016

Our Shared Treasure

February 21, 2016

Offertory: \$6,191

Budgeted: \$5,784

*****Above Budget \$ 407***

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$15,168

Grand Annual \$ 32,428

Goal \$35,000

So Close...

February 28th — Special Parish Collection for Electrical Bill
No second Collection March 6th.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24th

7 PM — Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, March 25th

3 PM — Seven Last Words

7 PM — Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 26th

8 PM — Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27th

8, 9:30, 11:30 AM Masses



SIMPLE SUPPERS

Friday Evenings in Lent

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

Bowling Night, Mon. Feb 29th 7-9 PM, Tickets \$10 each and include unlimited Cosmic Bowling and Shoe Rental. Important Fundraiser for the Mission Trip this summer.

Night of Mercy, Thurs. Mar. 10th at 6:30—7:30—Babysitting Activities for children grades 3-5th in the Hall including crafts, games and a movie. Activities for Adults in the Church. Designed to explain what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is, how to take the fear and avoidance out of it, and how to receive the beautiful grace of this Sacrament.

Left, Right, Center Tournament. Fri. Mar 18 (Don't need to know how to play) at 7 PM at the Meadowbrook Restaurant in Hanson. \$20 Entry fee—\$500 cash prize. Reserve a spot — contact Sharon Lawler @ sharonphoto@verizon.com This is a fund raiser for the Mission Trip

Catholic Appeal

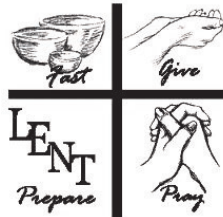
Next week, Catholics across the Archdiocese will be invited to pledge their support to the ministries and programs supported by the Catholic Appeal that directly benefit St. John's. Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful 2016 Catholic Appeal.

Baptisms

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

*Liam Charles Sousa
Avery Jane Becker
Corey James Norton*

The Caring Hands shawl making group meets the second Sunday of the month. 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,

It is at this point in the journey of one going through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) that the candidate would undertake the first of the “scrutinies”, a period of deep introspection preparing one for reception of the Sacraments of the Church. We are blessed here at St. John's to have one catechumen (being received into full Communion in the Church) and two candidates (who are completing their Sacraments), and so we read the particular gospel passage appropriate for the day. The three “themes” covered in these scrutinies are “water”, “light” and “life”. Today's gospel (along with the first reading) covers the first of these themes, “water”.

In the first reading, Moses is leading the Israelites from bondage in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. They have had it rough – they are running low, or are out of, food and water. They are grumbling against Moses and rebelling against his leadership. They are fed up! In complaining to Moses, their wish is to go back to Egypt, for they feel that it's better to live in bondage than to die in freedom. Moses then moves up the “chain of command” and brings the people's plea to God. God then commands Moses to draw water from the rock, striking it with the staff with which he previously parted the Red Sea. The people are then nourished with water from the rock, showing them that God is, indeed, in their midst (as they had doubted God's presence).

In today's gospel, we see again that theme of “water” at work. In this account of Jesus and the “woman at the well” (as she has been come to be known throughout salvation history), there are two different “types” of water at work here: there is actual, *physical* water, being drawn from a well, and there is *spiritual* water, found in the person of Jesus. It seems that there are many “surprises” throughout this passage, as well. Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well is unusual enough – a man speaking with a woman in public (unheard of at the time), a Samaritan and a Jew having anything to do with one another (unheard of, as well). Then you have the insights of Jesus which surprise the woman to the point of “provoking” her to engage in **discipleship**, by calling others to come and see this stranger who seems to know so much about her. She takes her personal encounter with Christ and brings others to the knowledge of the truth which she has encountered.

Throughout our Lenten journey, we are called to encounter Jesus in many ways, especially in the three-fold tenets of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May we direct our prayer to seeking to know Jesus better. May we fast so as to join in the sacrifice of Christ. May we engage ourselves in almsgiving, using our time, talent and treasure to build up our community of faith. May our Lenten journey be “successful” in drawing us ever closer into the mystery that is God.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul