



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.

March 6, 2016 — The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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THE SECOND SCRUTINY



They said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” - Jn 9:10-11

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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

March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

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

Saturday, March 12, 2016

4:00 - Eva LePine — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday March 13, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Maria Chaves & Family Memorial

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

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
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

Sun. 3/20 — Pancake Breakfast — 7—12PM

Wed. 3/30 — Fin Com Mtg — 7 PM

Thurs. 3/31 — Seder Meal — 7 & 8th Gr. CCD Students

Weds. 4/6 — PPC Mtg. — 7 PM



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

From- 7 - 8 PM

Friday evenings - 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 28, 2016

Offertory: \$4,528 Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below Budget \$1,256**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present Deficit \$16,424

Special Parish Collection — \$1,618

Grand Annual \$ 32,478 Goal \$35,000

Almost there...

No second Collection March 6th.
March 13th — Special Parish Collection

*Congratulations to Fr. Paul for being named as the new
Pastor of St. John's and St. Ann's. Great Choice!*



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 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

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.



**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast—
March 20th
7:00—12:00 pm. In addition to the yummy breakfast, volunteers will help make crosses from the palms.**



Catholic Heart

Work Camp

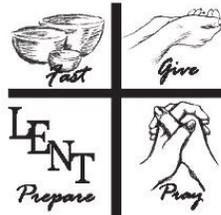
Mission Trip

**Open to Juniors or older
June 18—June 25th**

**See Nancy Smith for more info.
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Catholic Appeal

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates “Laetare Sunday”. The word “laetare” is taken from the Latin and means to “rejoice”, which may seem strange to us during this Lenten Season. This designation comes into play, however, when we recognize that we are very close to the celebration of Easter, and there is “cause for rejoicing here”. Today’s readings bear this out as well.

Today’s first reading speaks of the anointing of David as king. Samuel, in being sent by God, is prompted by God to anoint David. David’s other brothers may seem, on the surface, to be more “qualified” to assume the role of king, but God sees beyond the surface. In anointing David, God shows that He “sees” us in a different way than we might see ourselves or others. In looking at the kingship of David (of which Jesus is “in line”), one sees that being anointed is no guarantee to perfection – which is good news for us, indeed! God shows to us that He “anoints” in a different way than society does.

Our second reading speaks of the second “theme” (of three) through which we walk with our RCIA candidates, that of “light”. We are called to walk in the light of Christ, for we are “children of light” (Eph 5:8). This might seem easy, for walking in light is much easier, safer and comforting than walking in darkness. Sometimes we might be drawn to darkness, however, because things in darkness are seemingly hidden. I say “seemingly”, for God sees all, which is a good thing as God can help us move from darkness into light.

Our gospel brings forth this idea of “light” in a different way, with the story of the man born blind. This is a physical blindness, but it is tied into the spiritual realm by the fact that in Jesus’ day sin and illness had a direct “linkage”. When one was ill or disabled, one was seen as being “born totally in sin” (as the Pharisees say in Jn 9:34); we know this not to be the case now, partly due to the actions of Jesus, who has no issue with healing the man. In “schooling” the Pharisees, helps us by teaching us to look beyond what is “seen” with the eye and to “see” with the heart. When we do this, we see as God sees.

Let us be people of the light, walking in the light of Christ.
Let us follow the Lord in the light of His truth and love.
Let us come to know Jesus and live in the light of life!

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul