



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 13, 2016 — The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.” - Jn 8:10-11

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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 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Masses for the Week

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

Saturday, March 19, 2015

4:00 - Helen M. Lynch — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 20, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Martin J. Hanley — 26th Anniversary

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, Bob Reardon & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 3/16, 4/13, 4/20
The Light is on for You (every Wed. in Lent) — 6:30 – 8 pm — (Confession)
Fri. 3/18 — Simple Supper — 5:30—7:00
Sun. 3/20 — Pancake Breakfast — 7—12 pm
Weds. 3/30—Fin Comm Mtg. — 7 PM

Please take a moment to say a prayer for our parishioners who have been participating in the RCIA Program this year and will be officially entering the church on the Easter Vigil.

Catechumen - Jessica Keith

Candidates- Doug Colburn & Matthew Pendergast

Mission of Mercy in Bridgewater

Join the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for our Lenten Mission from 7 to 8pm this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 14-16). Fr. Bill Neubecker OMV will lead the participants as we prayerfully reflect upon God's mercy and our call to experience and live out the fourteen works of mercy. The event is completely free so please bring a friend with you, especially if they've been away from the Church. If you cannot attend all three days, you are welcome to come.

Our Shared Treasure

March 6, 2016

Offertory: \$6,306

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Above Budget \$ 522**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$14,646

Grand Annual \$ 32,503

Goal \$35,000

So Close...

March 13th — Special Parish Collection — Roof repairs
March 20th — Special Collection — Leadership Retreat

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!

On behalf of the Pro Life Committee here at Saint John and the clients at Pregnancy Help, the Archdiocesan crisis pregnancy center, Thank you for your donations to the Pro Life Baby Shower! Those items will assist women served by Pregnancy Help who have chosen LIFE for their babies!



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.



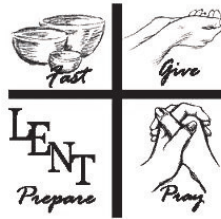
**Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip
Open to Juniors or older
June 18—June 25th**



**See Nancy Smith for more info.
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Catholic Appeal

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make you pledge at Mass last week, 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,

There is an old spiritual titled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”. Could you imagine being a friend of Jesus? I’m not talking about a disciple, apostle or follower of Jesus – we’re all called to be that. I’m talking about a friend – someone with whom you “hang out”, have over to dinner, someone with whom you play golf or tennis. This is the type of relationship which Martha, Mary and Lazarus had with Jesus. Think back to the gospel passage (Lk 10:38-42) where Martha was busy preparing to host Jesus and Mary just sat there (or seemed to, to the untrained eye), ending with Martha being told that Mary had taken the “better part, and it shall not be taken from her” (Lk 10:42). This was a moment when Jesus showed He was a *friend* of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Their friendship was evidenced by the honesty of their words, something friends aren’t afraid to do.

The story of the “raising of Lazarus” is one of friendship, both human and spiritual. Jesus gets word that Lazarus is ill. One would think that Jesus, a friend of the trio, would rush right over (or perhaps send one of His disciples in His name). Yet Jesus waits for two days before departing from where He was. This may seem strange, but Jesus assures those around Him that “this illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God...” (Jn 11:4). Jesus has already formulated a plan in His mind; He knows exactly what He is going to do, for He knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows He has power over life and death, so He knows that even if Lazarus experiences an earthly death that this particular episode will not end in death.

There is another reality at work here as well. Jesus knows that He has power over life and death because, as He proclaims to Martha, He is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25). It is in this “vein” that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus isn’t concerned about the crowds and their wailing; He isn’t concerned about the stench emanating from the tomb; He isn’t even concerned about Lazarus being dead. Jesus knows who He is, what He is about and what He is doing at all times. This is a powerful lesson for us. While we don’t have power over life and death, we have power (in the form of “free will”) to decide how we are to live in this life, and thus how we are to spend Eternal Life. God wants us to be with Him in the Kingdom, sharing Eternal Life, but the choice is ours. We choose God by how we choose to live our lives, either in union with God or with the world. Whatever choices we make, the choice is ours. Let us choose wisely and well, so that we may spend Eternal Life in the Kingdom with God and all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul