



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 20, 2016 — PALM SUNDAY

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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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 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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, Harry Hewins & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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

Weds. 4/6 — PPC Mtg. — 7 PM

Thurs. 4/7 — Paint Night @ Standish Grille

Sat. 4/9— First Reconciliation Retreat — 10:30—1 PM

Sat. 4-16 — Left, Right, Center Tournament — 7 PM

Thurs. 4/14 — Confirmation Rehearsal — 7 PM

Fri. 4/15 — Confirmation — 6:30 PM



March 13, 2016 — Ariana Grace Boynton

December 20, 2016 — John Francis O'Malley
Sophia Mae O'Malley
Aisling Grace Chapman

Our Shared Treasure

March 13 2016

Offertory: \$4,952

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below Budget \$ 832**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

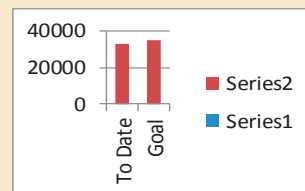
Deficit \$15,478

Spec Collect — \$1,563

Grand Annual \$ 33,163

Goal \$35,000

\$1,837 away



March 20th — Special Collection — Leadership Retreat

Easter Sunday — Clergy Benefit Trust

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priest have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

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



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

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!



**FR = IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER-
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Life of Our Parish**

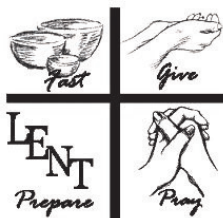
FR **Paint Night at Standish Grill**
April 7, 2016 at 7 PM
\$35 pp 40 spots to fill
Will raise 1/4 of needed funds for car rentals
for mission trip

FR **Left, Right, Center Tournament**
Meadowbrook Restaurant
April 9, 2016— 7 PM
\$20 Entry fee—\$500 cash prize.
(Don't need to know how to play)

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

More summer fun to anticipate!!
Stubenville East — July 15—17th
VBS -July 25th -29th
More information to be in future bulletins

See Nancy Smith for more info.
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My Dear Friends in Christ,

If someone were to ask you, “what is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be? Most, I dare say, would answer “Christmas”...and they’d be wrong!

Now, don’t get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, but it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services) with today’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Both read at today’s liturgy service as “bookends” to our Holy Week services. The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus’ earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,
Fr. Paul



The Easter Egg Hunt is back this year!

Children will be gathering eggs after the 9:30 Mass on Easter.

The Easter Bunny will be Available to pose with the Children if parents want To take their pictures.

Catholic Appeal

Please take a pledge form from the Ushers’ tables or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.