



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.

April 3, 2016 — 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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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

April 3, 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 2, 2016

4:00 - People suffering from addictions

Sunday April 3, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Christians in the Middle East

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, April 9, 2015

4:00 - Doris (15th) & Clifford Briggs (13th Ann)

Sunday, April 10, 2015

8:00 - Robert Small — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Sue Ellwood—Month's Mind

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sue Elwood whose Funeral Mass was celebrated March 18, 2016 and Margaret J. DeGara whose Funeral was March 25, 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, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad, Theresa Capachione, Louise Registre, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Bob Reardon, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 4/13, 4/20

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. 4-9 — Left, Right, Center Tournament — 7 PM

Thurs. 4/14 — Confirmation Rehearsal — 7 PM

Fri. 4/15 — Confirmation — 6:30 PM

Sat/Sun 4/16-17 — "Food for the Poor"

Fr. Paul Wilderotter

Mon. 4/25 — Fr. Kani arrives for a visit

Weds. 4/27 — Fin Comm Mtg. — 7 PM

Thurs. 4/28 — PYM Committee Mtg. -7 PM in Rectory

Wed. 5/4 — 1st Communion Rehearsals — 6 PM

Thurs 5/5 — 1st Communion Rehearsals — 6 PM

Sat. 5/7 — 1st Communions—9 AM & Noon

June 1, 2016 — Collaboration Officially begins with St. Ann's in West Bridgewater

Our Shared Treasure

March 27 2016

Offertory — Holy Thursday \$ 263
Offertory Good Friday-Holy Land \$ 531
Offertory Easter—Clergy Benefit Trust \$7,189

March 20th

Offertory \$5,127 *Budgeted \$5,784*
Below Budget \$ 657

Youth Ministry \$1,485

Grand Annual \$ 33,338 *Goal \$35,000*
\$1,662 away

No second collection on April 3, 2016
 April 10, 2016 —Special Parish Collection — Continuation of
 Roof and repairs to Rectory Stairs and Church stairs

Thanks to your support and generosity, the emergency lights in both the church and the hall have been replaced. We are currently working to have the church roof repaired. The first stage has been completed and we are progressing with the second stage. The third stage will be repairs to the Rectory Roof.

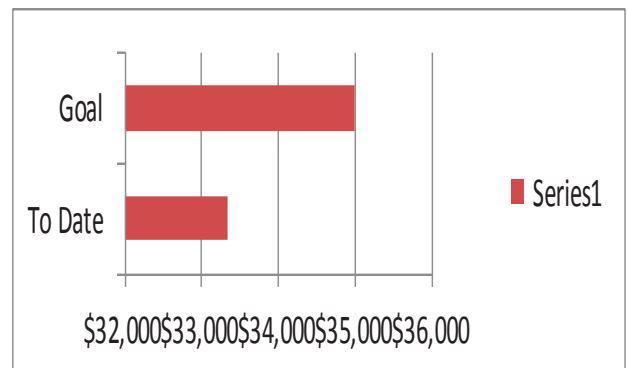
Thank You to All who made the Easter Triduum such a beautiful experience. Congratulations to our Catechumen, Jessica Keith and our two Candidates, Doug Colburn and Matthew Pendergast on their official entry into the church at the Easter Vigil. It was a beautiful ceremony enjoyed by many. Welcome to our parish.

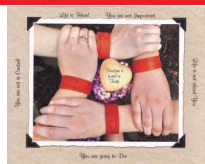
Catholic Appeal

Our Catholic Appeal is off to a great start with 49% of our \$26,392 goal already in with the support of 65 donors contributing \$12,910.

Please take a pledge form from the Ushers' tables or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org.

GRAND ANNUAL





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



**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**



**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)



**Baccalaureate Mass—10:30 Mass
June 1, 2016
Brunch to Follow**



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

Cost \$600—800 approx. Fundraising to offset



**July 15—17th
Sign ups have started —
Cost \$215**

**Open to all HS students (incoming Fresh to
Graduated Srs.)**



**VBS -July 25th -29th
Sign ups have begun
Cost \$43 per Child; \$100 fam max.**

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

In Memory of:

Donated By:

**Our Loved Ones
Joseph & Mary Carrol
Loretta Mitchell
Edward B/Edward J Keys
Our Loved Ones
Ronald Federico**

**Gerard & Rose Penney
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Murphy
Marie Keys
Mary Ahern
Albert & Rosalie Federico**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over fifteen years ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul II. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, "Jesus, I trust in You". When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, "my Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn't approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn't have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we "take it on faith" that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who "have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul