

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 10, 2016 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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Or by appointment

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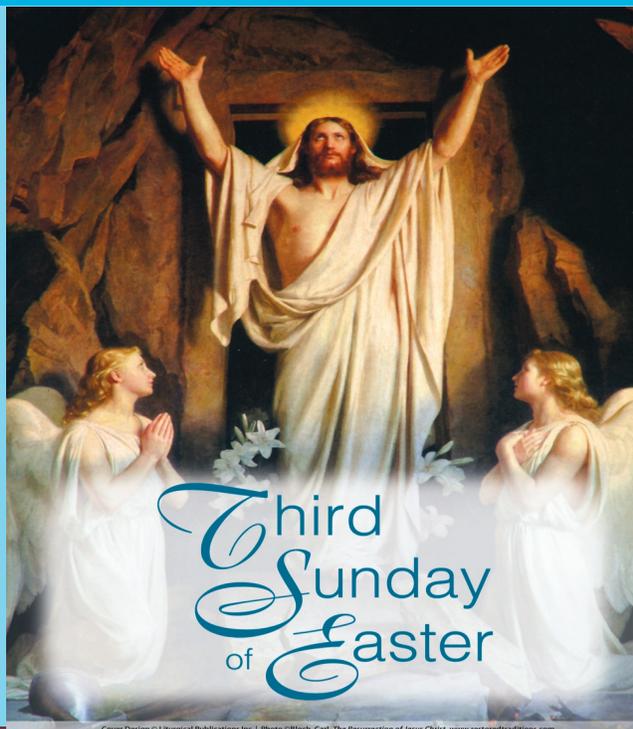
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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 10, 2016
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Masses for the Week

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

Saturday, April 16, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday April 17, 2016

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — 14th Anniversary

10:30 - Fay & McCarthy Families — Memorials

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Robichaud whose Funeral Mass was celebrated March 30th and Marion Brooks whose Funeral Mass was celebrated April 1st.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Teri Callanhan, Don Bernier, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, 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, 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

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

**Weds. 4/20—Collaboration Mtg w St Ann's—7 PM
At St. Ann's**

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
April 10, 2016*

April 3, 2016

Offertory \$5,761 Budgeted \$5,784

Below Budget \$ 23

Offertory — Holy Thursday \$ 273

Offertory Good Friday-Holy Land \$ 563

Offertory Easter—Clergy Benefit Trust \$7,379

Youth Ministry \$1,660

Grand Annual \$ 36,193 Goal \$35,000

We made it and more Above Goal \$1,193

April 10, 2016 —Special Parish Collection — Continuation of Roof and repairs to Rectory Stairs and Church stairs
No second collection on April 17, 2016

The Parish will be awarding 4—\$250 scholarships this year thanks to Jeanette Shalginewicz in memory of her husband Chet. Anyone interested, please pick up an application at the ushers' tables and return it to the Rectory no later than April 20th. Interviews will be the week of April 25th. Specifics will be forthcoming.

Next weekend, Fr. Paul Wilderotter will be here to speak on "Food for the Poor". Food for the Poor was founded on the basis of this Gospel, "As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40. They seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute.

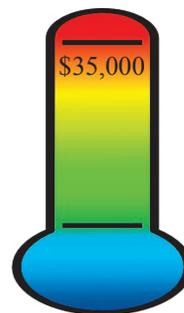
Catholic Appeal Update

Our Catholic Appeal as off 4/4 we have made 160% of our In-Pew Goal (128 in-pew donors out of a goal of 80); this means if we made our overall goal, we will get a 5% bonus. We are well on our way to making the overall goal, as of today 4/4, we are at 78% of the target (\$20,650/\$26,392).

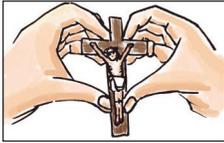
GRAND ANNUAL

**\$36,193— To-Date
WE MADE IT!!!!!!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
CONTIUBUTED!
YOUR GENEROSITY IS
AMAZING!**



Bible Studies to begin again April 11th at 7 pm in the Religious Education Office. All are welcome.



LOOP
Life of Our Parish



LIFT
April 26th at 7 pm.
Cardinal Spellman High School



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.

Flocking to begin in May

See Nancy Smith for more info.
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IMPORTANT COLLABORATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

APRIL 20th AT 7:30 PM
ST ANN'S PARISH CENTER—WEST BRIDGEWATER

FR. PAUL SOPER TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP OF ST. JOHN'S AND ST ANN'S AND TO ANSWER EVERYONE'S QUESTIONS.



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