



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 17, 2016 — 4th Sunday of Easter

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” - Jn 10:27-30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

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Masses for the Week

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

Saturday, April 23, 2015

4:00 - Families Suffering with Cancer

Sunday, April 24, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Susan Quill — 7th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Reardon whose Funeral Mass was celebrated April 6, 2015.

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, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan & 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

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

Praising Jesus Thru Mary Rosary Group

Fifteen years ago Mother Angelica asked for help in distributing rosaries to the world. Enter *Praising Jesus Thru Mary Rosary Group*.

So far we have made 601,000 Rosary Beads and are still going strong. Anyone interested in joining our group call Maryann and join us. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 10 a.m, at Riddell Rd. Hall.

Our Shared Treasure

April 17, 2016

April 10, 2016

Offertory \$5,048

Budgeted \$5,784

Below Budget \$ 736

Special Parish Collection

\$1,713

Grand Annual \$ 34,703

Goal \$35,000

We wish we made it!

Below Goal \$297

Mia Culpa on the reported error of last week.

April 17th, Fr. Paul Wilderotter will speak on the behalf of "Food for the Poor.

2nd Collection — April 24th — Home Missions

A parishioner is in need of rides to and/or from the Brockton VA Hospital for medical treatments. If you can help please call the Rectory.

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 28th. Specifics will be forthcoming.

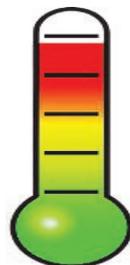
LENDING LIBRARY

Family Life Ministry is sponsoring and has started a Christian Books Library for adults and children. It is located outside the CD Office and will be available during the hours the Church is open. There will be a log book in which to sign books in and out. Hoping the reading selections will be enjoyed by all and additional reading material will be an ongoing process.

Catholic Appeal Update

Our Catholic Appeal as off 4/7 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 81% of the target (\$21,500/\$26,392).

GRAND ANNUAL (April Fools)

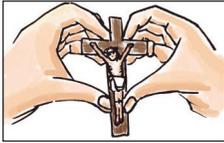


\$35,000

\$34,703— To-Date WE'VE ALMOST MADE IT!!!!

Wishful thinking must have Influenced the reporting Last week. Mia Culpa

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
May 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.

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohneb>

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,

In writing this column, I recall a conversation I had with a seminary classmate of mine who is from Greece and has relatives who are shepherds. One of the interesting things he told me about the sheep is that when they have been with the shepherd for a long enough period of time, they become “attuned” to the voice of the shepherd. After a while they will not respond to another voice, not even another shepherd’s.

This is why Jesus uses the image of the sheep and the shepherd in conveying the relationship that we are to have with Him. Jesus knows us, and He knows us intimately. We, for our part, are called to know Him, to know His voice. The only way that we can do this is by “tuning out” other voices, voices which are contrary to the Lord’s. This can be a difficult, seemingly impossible thing. There are so many voices which run contrary to His that it can be hard to tell to which ones we are to listen. These “other” voices can lead us in directions which may seem, for a time, to be good places. Ultimately, however, the decisions we make and the roads we choose to walk are meant to lead us to a deeper and complete relationship with and in God.

So how do we “tune out” these other voices? The first way, I believe, is to invite God into our everyday life. To make God a part of every decision, every conversation and every encounter we have with/in the world is vitally important. The next way is prayer. When we open up our mind and heart to God, God can show us amazing things! When we communicate with God, both speaking and listening, we can realize the good things God has in store for us. Finally, we need to act on that communication, practicing what we preach. In this way, we can establish, maintain and grow our relationship with God.

May we have the courage to “tune out” those voices which are not God. May we, in our decision-making and in our conversations, never be afraid to make God a part of them. May we know God, serve His people and love all who come into our midst. May we, when we hear the voice of the good shepherd (who is Christ) respond with full and open hearts. May we respond in love, willing to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in the same way that Jesus has laid down His life.

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul