



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.

May 1, 2016 — 6th Sunday of Easter

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."
- Jn 14:26

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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

May 1, 2016

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 30, 2016

4:00 - Susan Fitzgerald — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday May 1, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Martha O'Brien — 2nd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, May 7, 2015

4:00 - Jim Eastman — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, May 8, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Thomas Buckley, Sr. — 1st Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemarie Chaves whose Funeral Mass was celebrated April 16, 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, Theresa Capachione, Louise Registre, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 5/11, 5/18

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

Thurs. 5/4 — ASCENSION ON THE LORD — Holy Day of Obligation — Masses @ 9:00 & 7:00

Thurs 5/5 — 1st Communion Rehearsals — 5:30 PM

Thurs 5/5 — Ascension of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation — Masses at 9:00 & 7:00

Sat. 5/7 — 1st Communions—9 AM & Noon

Thurs. 5/12 — 1st Communion Rehearsal — 6 PM

Sat. 5/14 — 1st Communion — 9 AM

Sat. 5/20 — EBHS Media Club Car Wash — 12-4 PM

Sun. 5/22 — PYM Meat Raffle — 2-4 PM

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

***Special Meeting of the Parish and Youth Ministry
Sunday, May 1
7:00- 8:30***

Objective: To develop a leadership opportunity for our youth by planning an activity/fundraiser to take place this summer.

Your input is welcome and necessary; Please join us.

Contact Nancy Smith for more information.

nhenn71@hotmail.com

Our Shared Treasure

May 1, 2016

April 24, 2016

Offertory \$5,470

Budgeted \$5,784

Below Budget \$ 314

Home Missions: \$946

Grand Annual \$ 34,718

Goal \$35,000

Almost there!

Below Goal \$282

No 2nd Collection — May 1st

Second Collection — May 8, — Catholic Communication Campaign

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

Masses will be celebrated at

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Boston Archdiocese is keeping this holy day on Thursday

We need help planting the Easter Lilies and the Hydrangeas. Anyone interested, please contact the Rectory.

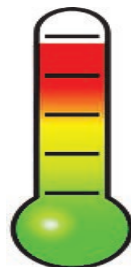
LENDING LIBRARY

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 of 4/12 we have made 160% of our In-Pew Goal (142 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 4/20, we are at 91% of the target (\$23,945/\$26,392).

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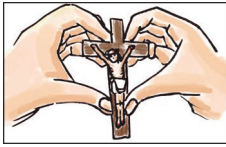
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\$34,718— To-Date

WE'VE ALMOST MADE IT!!!!!!

**JUST A LITTLE MORE WILL
TAKE US TO THE
GOAL.**

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION — St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 103 Center St. Bridgewater, will host the first of the 2016 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker for May 13 will be Rev. Adrian Milik, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



LOOP Life of Our Parish

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip



June 18—June 25th
Open to Juniors or older
11 Spots still open
Cost \$600—800 approx.
Fundraising to offset
Payment plans are available

PYM MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 22, 2-4 pm
@ Standish Grill
Lots of Fun, Great prizes.



July 15-17
Sign ups have started —
Cost \$215
Open to all HS students
(incoming Fresh to Graduated Srs.)
One Spot open



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

Register though this website
[https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/
stjohnb](https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohnb)

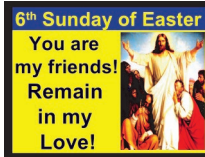


Flocking to begin in May

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is
planned for August 7 -- 11
at Craigville Beach
8 spots open

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact

Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at
508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at
repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In entering into a deeper relationship with God through this sacrament, these young men and women had bestowed upon them a fresh outpouring of grace which will, please God, give them the strength to take on roles of service in the Church as well as live their lives rooted more deeply in the power of God. The beauty of this Sacrament comes when the bishop, in the laying on of hands and the imposition of Sacred Chrism, asks the Holy Spirit to be with them and give gifts which will help these young people to grow in faith, hope and love,

The Holy Spirit, promised to the apostles in this gospel passage, is coupled with another gift: peace. This gift of God's peace, a peace which only God can give, is meant to calm the fears of the disciples as they are given charge of the new entity which will be seen by many as a manifestation of God's love. They are fearful because they feel that they are being abandoned. I know this fear of abandonment and what it looks/feels like each time I leave my dog, Nellie, behind somewhere (at the rectory, in the car, at a friend's house). Her following me to the door is a sign to me that she has a sense of my leaving without the security of knowing that I will return. When I do return, her joy is measurable, palpable! Just as I reassure Nellie that I will return, so does Jesus assure that He will return. Better still, Jesus reassures His disciples that He will not leave them abandoned. This is where the Holy Spirit comes into play.

The advocacy of the Holy Spirit is something upon which we can rely as well. In receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (seven, traditionally, in number but truly as infinite as God Himself), is the power of God at work in our lives which gives us the courage to love as God loves. This love, again like that gift of peace, is a type of love which the world does not/cannot give. The love which the world gives is conditional and finite; the love which God gives is unconditional and infinite. The difference is rooted in God Himself. As the infinite Creator of all that was, is and is to come, God knows what we need before we do. God anticipates those needs and gives us remedies (such as the gifts of the Holy Spirit) to meet those needs.

May God, the giver of all good gifts, allow us to feel the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. May the love of God, which surpasses all known love, take root in our hearts and bear great fruit. May the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost and Confirmation, enflame our hearts with a love of God and God's people. May we have no fear of what the world can do to us, secure in the knowledge that God will not leave us abandoned.

Have a Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul