



**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 8, 2016 — 7th Sunday of Easter**

Parish Office-----508-378-4207

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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**Registration:**

Families not registered, please call the  
Parish Office

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760



#### **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.**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Masses for the Week**

**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

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**

4:00 - Armand Franciosi — Birthday Remem.

**Sunday May 15, 2016**

8:00 - Maurice Hennessey — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

6:00 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial

**Congratulations to Tim & Ellen Lahane on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! God Bless.**

***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 Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Jeanne Lavin, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne & 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**  
**Thurs. 5/12 — 1st Communion Rehearsal — 6 PM**  
**Sat. 5/14 — 1st Communion — 9 AM**  
**Sat. 5/21 — EBHS Media Club Car Wash — 12-4 PM**  
**Sun. 5/22 — PYM Meat Raffle — 2-4 PM**  
**Wed. 5/25 — Fin Comm Mtg. — 7 PM**  
**Wed. 6/1 — PPC Mtg. — 7 PM**  
**Sat. 6/18 — Mission Trip to Nashville**  
**June 1, 2016 — Collaboration Officially begins with St. Ann's in West Bridgewater**

**ST JOHN'S BE PROUD!**

Two of our young adults, Lauren Benvie and Pat McKenna, who were afforded the opportunity to go on past mission trips to Catholic Heart Work Camps in Nashville, have been hired by Catholic Heart to work as a Media Manager and a Tool Room Assistant Manager respectively. This summer they will be traveling around the country as ambassadors of their faith founded here at St. John's. They are very excited and so are we.

*Our Shared Treasure*

*May 8, 2016*

**May 1, 2016**

**Offertory \$5,363**

**Budgeted \$5,784**

**Below Budget \$ 31**

**Collection for Ecuador**

**\$817**

**Grand Annual \$ 35,335**

**Goal \$35,000**

***WE MADE IT AND MORE!!!!  
FABULOUS!!!! THANK YOU!!!!***

Second Collection — May 8, — Catholic Communication Campaign  
2nd Collection — May 15, — Seminarians (Pentecost)

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priest. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

**THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA**

Is a great way for families to say the Rosary together daily. As Fr. Peyton says, "The family that prays together, stays together."

Families are asked to sign up for one week and take possession of a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to inspire pray.

Any questions can be directed to MaryAnn Boyle (508-378-4704) or John O'Malley (508-378-7789)

*Why say the rosary?*

*Because Our Lady of Fatima says so!!!*

**Catholic Appeal Update**

Our Catholic Appeal as off 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 make our overall goal, we will get a 5% bonus (if we meet the \$ total goal). We are well on our way to making the overall goal, as of today 4/28, we are at 95% of the target (\$25,020/\$26,392). Only 1,372 to go.

**GRAND ANNUAL**

\$35,000

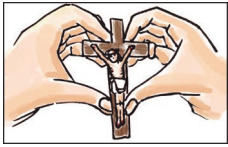
**35,000+ — To-Date**

**WE'VE MADE IT!!!!!!**

**Many thanks for your generosity!**



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. Adrián Milik, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



## LOOP Life of Our Parish

### 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/stjohneb>

Flocking to begin in May



Taco Tuesday

June 28th

6:30 pm

Nancy Smith's House

**"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is  
planned for August 7 -- 11  
at Craigville Beach  
Only 6 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](mailto:repstjohn@stjohnrep.net) for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was preparing to receive Confirmation, I chose the name "Stephen" as my Confirmation name, a step in the journey toward the Sacrament which signifies the "change" which takes place in the Confirmandi. When I mentioned this to my sponsor, they remarked how wonderful it was that I had chosen that name. When I asked why, they pointed out that all of my given names (first, middle and (now) Confirmation) were all martyrs. I wasn't quite sure, at the time, how wonderful this was!

As a teenager, I didn't necessarily think of martyrdom as a good thing; as I've gotten older, I realize that each one of us who live the Christian life is called to be a martyr in some fashion. When one accepts and lives their relationship with Christ, one is called to "die to self" so that Christ might live in us. St. Stephen, widely recognized as the first Christian martyr, saw this union with Christ as something to be striven for, something to be entered into fully. Even his final words in which he commends his spirit to God and forgives his persecutors echo the words and actions of Christ. Stephen remains for the Church a powerful witness and testament to how a life lived in union with Christ can bear great fruit.

As Jesus readies the disciples for their new roles of service and ministry, He prays for both the preacher and those who will receive the Word. Jesus further prays for union between Himself (and the Father) and the disciples. This union will be necessary during those times when they are weary and might lose hope. If they feel that they are alone, that they are doing this by themselves, then they might abandon the cause. If they know, however, that God does not and will not leave them abandoned, then they can do amazing things. This is where we "fit in". We have, through our Baptism and Confirmation, been given a "commission" to go out and preach and teach, heal and minister. Like those disciples prayed for by Jesus, we, too, have the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. Like those sent forth by Christ, we do so in union with God, sharing in the One Spirit who comes to all who call upon the Spirit for strength, guidance and peace.

There may be times when we think that we are in charge, that we are "calling the shots". This is a dangerous thing, indeed, because when we lose sight of the fact that we are nothing without God, we run the risk of falling prey to the Evil One. As the old expression goes, "pride goeth before the fall"; it is a sin which has been repeated time and time again. If, however, we realize that with God (and only with God) we can do all things, then we will, indeed, bear great fruit. May we have the courage to strive for union with God in Christ Jesus. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, not only call upon but rely on the gifts of the Spirit. May these gifts, freely given out of love for us by God, help us to go out to all the world and tell the Good News, the saving message, that Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life!

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter Season,  
Fr. Paul