



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.

June 26, 2016 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

**JESUS ANSWERED HIM,
“FOXES HAVE DENS AND
BIRDS OF THE SKY HAVE
NESTS, BUT THE SON OF
MAN HAS NOWHERE TO
REST HIS HEAD.”**

- LK 9:58



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
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

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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
June 26, 2016
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, June 25, 2016

4:00 - Ruth & Roland Marx—Memorial

Sunday June 26, 2016

8:00 - Manuel Luz Tavares — 21st Anniversary

10:30—Maria Chaves — Anniversary (wedding)

Saturday, July 2, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, July 3, 2016

8:00 - Ronald Federico — Memorial

10:30 - Joseph Zemeitas — 10th Anniversary

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, Emily Armand, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Jeanne Lavin, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Jim Clem, Florence Lacey & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 6/8, 6/15
Sun. 6/19 — Mission Trip to Nashville
Sat. 6/25 — Parish Yard Sale — 9:00—2:00 PM
Tues. 6/28 — Taco Tuesday at Nancy Smith's

Thank you to Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home for providing St. John's & St. Ann's with beautiful reservation signs to be used during funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.



We appreciate your generosity very much.



One of our parishioners has graciously donated a statue of Our Lady of Fatima formally known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima with the hope that our parishioners will say the Rosary more frequently and teach their children the Rosary.

The statue is currently in the Chapel near the tabernacle.

There are Rosary beads there for your family.

There are several sites on the web on how to say the Rosary and apps that you can download on your phones.

Our Shared Treasure

June 26 2016

June 19, 2016 Goal \$5,487
 \$4,354

Below Budget \$1,133

Special Parish Collection \$1,504

Catholic Appeal — Goal \$26,392

97% in Currently \$25,840

Need \$ 552

If we reach our goal, by June 30th, we will receive a rebate on our assessment instead of a bill.

2nd Collection June 26 — Holy Father—Peter's Pence

No second collection on July 3, 2016

This week's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to the needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

We are so close — \$552 away from meeting our goal of the Catholic appeal. If we meet or exceed this goal, **by June 30th** we retain 60% of the overage for our parish.

An earring was found in the church. Please call the Rectory if you lost an earring.

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 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 6/21, we are at 98% of the target (\$25,840/\$26,392). Only \$552 to go.

**Mass Schedule for St. Ann's
in**

West Bridgewater

Daily Mass (9:00 a.m. M,T,TH,F)

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 10:30

A warm welcome has been extended to members of St. John to visit whenever convenient.

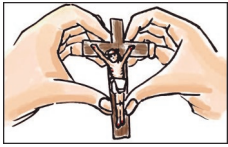


PLEASE WELCOME ST. JOHN'S NEWEST MEMBERS.

NICHOLAS JAMES JOHNSTON

LILA GAIL MACDONALD

BLAKE DANIEL SCHWEITZER



LOOP Life of Our Parish

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>

Country Shindig
Sat., July 23, 2016
From 5-11 PM



Church Backyard
Tickets: \$10 teen/adults, \$5
Seniors/children
\$25 Family Pass (immediate fami-
ly members)

This event is being planned by our Youth Leadership Team consisting of over 20 members. It will be an old fashioned night of summer fun including music, dancing, barbeque, corn-hole tournament, and games for all ages. Pony rides, three-legged races, volleyball, face painting, sack races, country line dancing, music & BBQ and more.

1st Annual Corn Hole
Tournament
\$25 per team



Prizes:
1st-\$250,
2nd-\$125
3rd-\$50,
4th-\$25

FLOCKING HAS BEGUN!!
Contact Nancy Smith
508-838-8490



The bin for bottles and cans will be permanently in the same spot. This will be an on-going fundraiser for PYM.

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is
planned for August 7 -- 11
at Craigville Beach
Only 3 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,

Over thirty years ago, I received my "call" to priesthood. So why, you might ask, am I a priest for only twenty-one years? Well, the short answer is that my first response was "no"!

I can remember standing in the sacristy of my home parish church, and my pastor asked me the fateful question, "Paul, have you ever thought about being a priest?" I must admit, sheepishly, that I literally laughed in the man's face! Looking back now, how mortified he must have been at my response. When I realized he was serious, I composed myself and told him I hadn't really ever thought about it. This inquiry was followed by two others (from a great-aunt who was a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament and from my high school chaplain) over the course of six months. Independent of one another, they all saw something in me that I didn't (until later) see in myself.

I sense it must have been the same for Elisha (in today's first reading) and to the ones who were called by Jesus – one who said that he would follow Jesus, but may have been put off by Jesus' response and the other two who had commitments which they felt they had to attend to first. Jesus' (and Elijah's) response to their needs may seem harsh (especially "let the dead bury their dead" (Lk 9:60)), but Jesus' reasoning is sound. For one to follow Jesus, all else must come second. The same is true for us. Whatever commitments we might have in life (family, work, school) has to come behind our following God. This doesn't necessarily mean that we abandon all we know/have/are, but it does mean that all else comes second (and sometimes a far second). In this way, God can have His due and we can focus in on what is true, lasting and of real value.

When Elisha is called by Elijah to be anointed and to be his attendant, he has a life which is, most likely, fulfilling; it's not like he has nothing going for him. The call to Elisha from Elijah, however, isn't from Elijah – it is from God. This is why Elijah's response is so strong. Elijah realizes that God sees in Elisha something that he doesn't see himself (I know the feeling!). I think the same is true for all of us. We are all called by God to take a part in the mission of the Church. We, like Elisha, may feel that we have other, more pressing matters. These matters, however important, can never supersede our call from God. If it is a true calling from God, it will be "in line" with the life which God is calling us to live. Sometimes this means a radical shift in our way of life, sometimes not. Sometimes it just means a little "adjustment" to what we are doing and how we are living. In any case, we need to be open to hear God's call in our lives.

May we have the courage to be "open" to hear God's call. When that call comes, may we respond with immediacy and surety. May this call, enriching our lives, be a fulfillment of all that we are in our own lives, and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. May we know and believe that this call, from God, will both fulfill our "mission" in the Church, and the mission of the Church itself – to call all to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Paul