



*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.* August 21, 2016

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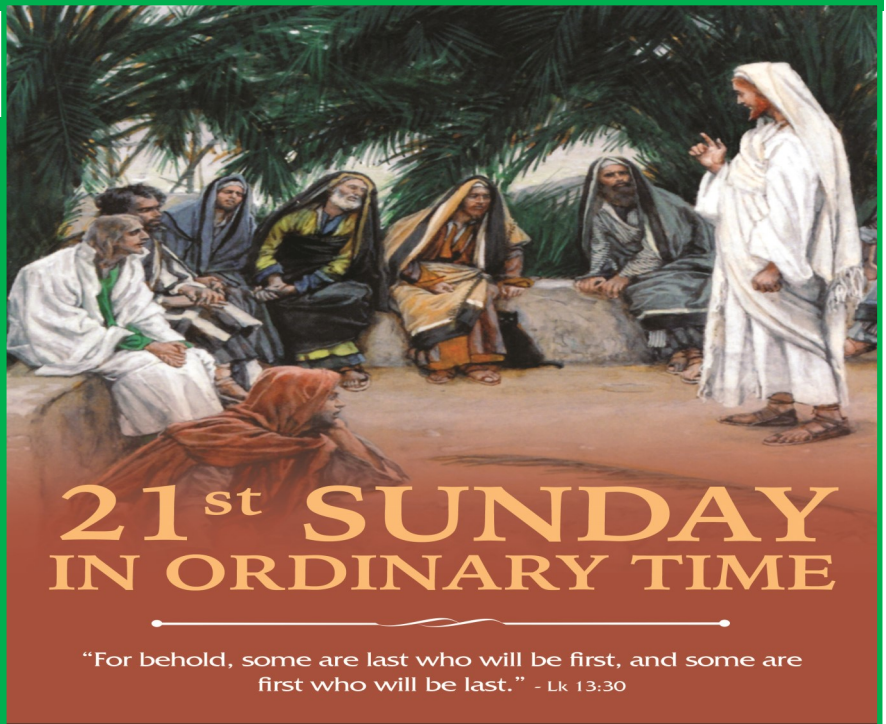
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#### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

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

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
August 21, 2016  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

4:00 - Anne Contrada, Patrick Connolly, Eric Fishbaugh—Memorial

**Sunday August 21, 2016**

8:00 - Patrice McGinty—Month's Mind  
10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, August 27, 2016**

4:00 - Dennis Rando — Memorial

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

8:00 - Nancy Saya — 15th Anniversary  
10:30 - Jennie Kucinski — 23rd Anniversary

**Monday, August 29, 2016**

9:00 - Patrick & Michael Robichaud

**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 Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Jeanne Lavin, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Jim Clem, Florence Lacey, Pat Larson, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 8/10, 8/17 St. John and— 9:30—10:30 1ST FRI of Month St. Ann's  
Rosary after daily masses  
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.  
Tues., Aug 23—Dish Garden Fundraiser—6:00 pm  
Thurs., Aug. 25—Adult & Youth PYM Mtg.—6:30 pm.  
Sat. Sept. 3 — Service Saturday — 8:00—11:00 —  
Parish Yard Cleanup by PYM  
Thurs., Sept 8 — Ultreya —7 PM in the Chapel  
Sat., Sept. 10 — EBBA EXPO on the Common  
Tues., Sept 12 — Fr. Stephen departs for home.



**Collin Peter Neto Lisbon  
Steven Joshua Sullivan  
Cecilia Annabell Casimiro  
Hugh Terence Devlin  
Harper Jae Rose  
Wyatt Richard Colburn**

**Please welcome our new parishioners!**

*Our Shared Treasure  
August 21, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>August 14, 2016</i>		<i>\$4,636</i>
	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>\$1,264</i>
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>\$71</i>	

*Please don't forget St. John's when you are on vacation. Unfortunately, our bills do not go on vacation.*

August 21, 2016 — Special Parish Collection  
August 28, 2016 — No Second Collection

*The Parish Pastoral Council:  
Agents of Grace  
in a Church Full of Change*



**Elections for parishioners becoming members of  
The New Joint Parish Pastoral Council  
Will be held in September.  
Anyone interested should contact Debbie for their  
name to be on the ballot.**



**The Annual Parish  
Picnic will be  
September 18th  
after the 10:30  
Mass  
Behind the church  
at St. John's  
ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

The menu as always will be delicious. A variety of: salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, beverage, and, of course, desserts.

There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volley ball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 13<sup>th</sup> after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included). Please get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count.

**BIBLE STUDY ON  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
TO RETURN IN THE FALL  
With Deacon Joe**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. STEPHEN

Beloved parishioners of St. John and St. Ann,

I am Fr. Stephen Lusiba, a diocesan priest in Uganda Africa. Fr. Paul L. Ring is a great friend of mine since 2008 and I have visited him and his parishioners since then. His parish (St. John and St. Ann) is my home away from home. I am happy to be back this summer until September 12th.

While I am here, I help where need be to celebrate mass. At the same time, I share with you my mission back in Uganda and then put my appeal to you for generous help. Last year with the funds you gave our school, St. Benedict High School in Uganda, we were able to begin the second floor of the girls' dormitory as you can see in the pictures on the board. It's not yet done. I am appealing to your generosity to raise \$25,000.00 to complete it.

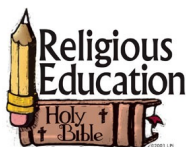
The challenge is that our students walk long distances (between 3 to 8 miles) and risk great dangers to come to school. We have no buses. They arrive tired. We would like to have them in a dormitory so that they can reside at school and only go back home during holidays. If a dormitory is built, they'll be able to concentrate on education and be safe.

How to donate? Write your check to St. John or St. Ann and the parishes will wire the money to St. Benedict's. In the memo write St. Benedict or Fr. Stephen. You can also contact me at: [lusteve2012@gmail.com](mailto:lusteve2012@gmail.com)

Thank you for helping the needy kids in Africa.

### Religious Education Grades 1–10

REGISTRATION  
CLASSES



FOR FALL  
HAS BEGUN!

PLEASE CALL MRS. HOPGOOD AT  
508-378-1521

OR

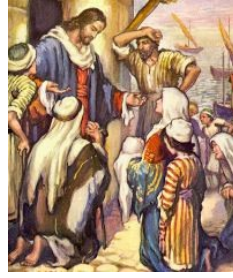
VISIT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

OR

USE OUR WEBSITE

[www.stjohnsb.org](http://www.stjohnsb.org)

To obtain a registration form  
Class schedule options  
Tuition rates  
Payment Options  
General information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As the story is told, a Baptist minister passes away and enters into the Kingdom. As he's being shown around, St. Peter is showing him the different "rooms" in Heaven. As they pass one room, the minister is informed that this is the "Baptist room"; as they go down the hall, the minister is shown the "Lutheran hall", the "Methodist hall", etc. As they pass by one room, St. Peter asks the minister to be quiet; when the minister asks why, St. Peter informs him that "this is the Catholic room – they think that they're the only ones up here!" I tell that story not to disparage the Catholic faith, but to illustrate a point.

I've always felt, as the song goes, that "there's wideness in God's mercy". Today's gospel reminds us that it takes more than "lip service" to be a Christian. It further reminds us that we might be surprised both who's *in* the Kingdom and who's *not*. We must not only *know about* God, we must *know* God. This comes from prayer, study and relationship. Our prayer draws us closer to God; our study helps us to understand our faith; our relationship with God helps us grow closer in relationship to one another.

There is no doubt that to enter into the Kingdom means entering through the "narrow gate" (Lk 13:24). This idea applies not only to our life after this world, but also our life in this world. To be a Christian means to enter into a focused way of living, sometimes shutting out or disposing of those things that are not of God. It could be a wrong attitude, an incorrect way of living or a bad relationship. In each of these cases, we must decide what matters most to us. Ultimately, we stand before the judgment seat of Christ answering for our life's decisions. At that time, it won't matter how many times we have uttered the Lord's name – all that will matter is whether we put the Lord first, above all things. God's mercy is, indeed, wide, but narrow is the way to the Kingdom. Let us prepare right here and now for that time, so that God may welcome us into His Kingdom of Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul