



*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 28, 2016—22nd Sunday in OT*

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“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him.” - Lk 14:8

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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 28, 2016  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses For The Week**

**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

**Saturday, September 3, 2016**

4:00 - Richard Venesky — 9th Anniversary

**Sunday September 4, 2016**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Jessica Thurston — 3rd 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 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, Jackie Monahan, Danny Nichols & 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.  
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.  
Fri. Sept. 16 — Fun Friday —7 PM — Parish Hall  
Sun., Sept 18 — PARISH PICNIC

**BIBLE STUDY  
ON  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
TO RETURN  
IN THE FALL  
WITH  
DEACON JOE  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

*Our Shared Treasure  
August 28, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>August 21, 2016</i>		<i>\$4,336</i>
	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>\$1,564</i>

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

August 28, 2016 — No Second Collection  
September 4, 2016 — 2nd Collection — Catholic University

*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.

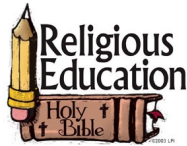
Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 13<sup>th</sup> after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included). Please get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count.

**BINGO EVERY THURSDAY AT ST. ANN'S  
6:30 p.m.  
EVERY ONE IS WELCOME!**



**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.**

**St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

**Don't forget the food pantry. School is starting up soon and the usual foods for school lunches will be needed.**

**Money donations as well as gift cards are always helpful.**

**As always, thank you for your continued generosity.**

The Little Sisters of the Poor are seeking a talented, energetic Maintenance Supervisor with minimum 5 years experience maintaining facilities mechanical systems (hot/chilled water plant, domestic hot water, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, motors and pumps), appliance, furniture repair, wall repair, painting and routine preventive maintenance tasks as required. Plumber's or electrician license a plus! Candidate will work with, and supervise maintenance assistants in executing daily work orders in order of priority. Must be physically able to perform tasks, such as shoveling snow and lifting heavy objects. Maintenance Supervisor will be responsible for maintaining records of equipment service and logs required by Department of Public Health Life Safety during annual surveys. In case of emergencies, on-call availability required. Candidate will be responsible for conducting monthly fire drills and safety officer tasks, such as new-hire orientations. Must have Microsoft Office Suite experience.

Please fax resume to 617-629-7926 or email to [smhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:smhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

The "Caring Hands" shawl making group will meet September 11th at Riddell Hall 2 o'clock. (note time change) New members are welcome.



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

It was the custom in Jesus' day, to have "tiered" seating; this was an ancient Roman custom adopted by many Jewish families. In taking this multi-leveled approach, there were "seats of honor", which were reserved for high-powered folk or close family/friends of the host. One would never dare to sit in one of these seats, lest he be asked to move to a lower place and thus suffering embarrassment in front of the whole assembly. One would (or should) wait to be asked to take their place at one of these seats of honor. Jesus uses this custom to illustrate how one is to live the Christian life. In following Jesus, one is to live a life of humility; this humble way of living, never assuming "places of honor" but being willing to take a lower place (one of service), is how one is to live. This is not to say that we are to be "doormats", to let people walk all over us. On the contrary, if we live our lives in quiet service then we are winning for ourselves esteem in the eyes of God (the only one we should be concerned about offending or embarrassing). Humility, in the eyes of the world, is often seen as a weakness, something to be avoided. True humility, humility that is rooted not in this world but in the Kingdom, is not at all humiliating; it is quite the opposite, in fact, if we do it right. Sirach reminds of this in today's first reading. In extolling the virtue of humility, the author tells us that one that practices humility "will be loved more than a giver of good gifts" (Sir 3:17). Sirach further reminds the listener that true humility means that we "will find favor with God" (Sir 3:18). We should be focused on pleasing God; yet, so very often we are concerned about our "standing" with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, etc. What most of us fail to realize is that when we please God, others will benefit. When we strive to please God above all else, we become more secure in who we truly are, who we have been created to be. In loving God, it is by extension that we love our brothers and sisters. If we love God, but not our neighbor, we are only doing half of the work.

May we have the courage to love God above all else. May we serve God, and our brothers and sisters, in true humility, charity and love. May we come to know God by extending ourselves in love to one another and, by doing so, serve God with all our heart.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul