



*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. September 18, 2016—25h Sunday in OT*

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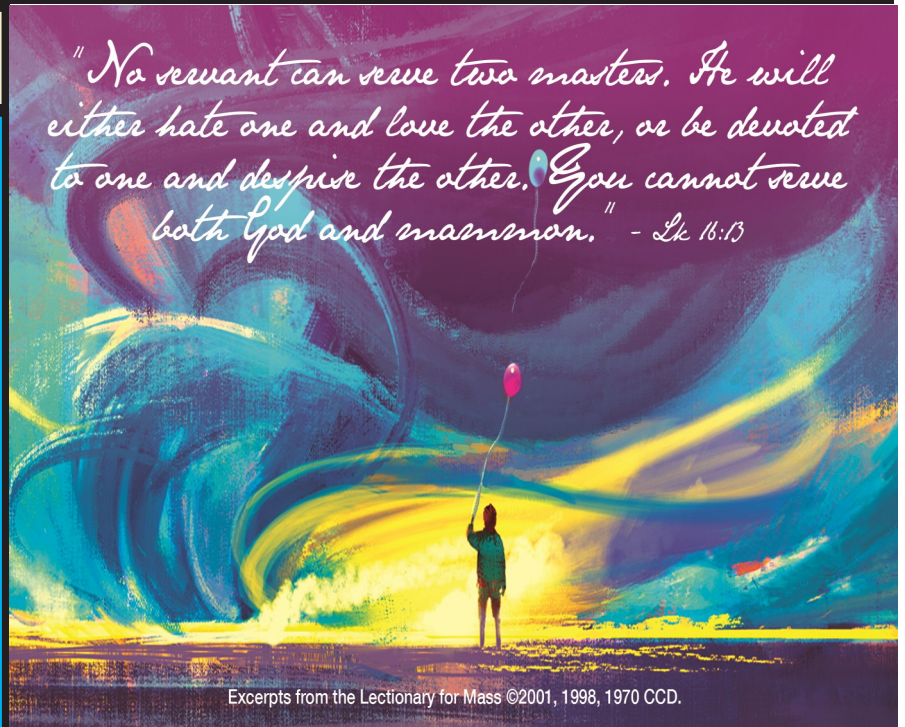
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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**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  
September 18, 2016  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

4:00 - Daniel Briggs - Memorial

**Sunday September 18, 2016**

8:00 - Pamela Adornato - Month's Mind

10:30 - Maria Chaves & Family - 2nd Anniversary

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

4:00 - Stacia Franciosi - 8th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

8:00 - Harold & Dorathea Barney - Memorial

10:30 - Robert Sullivan - 12th Anniversary  
Ann Sullivan - 1st Anniversary

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

9:00 - Paul & Ida Nisby - Memorial

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Ann Storti, Karen DeBenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, 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, 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. 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 — 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.**  
**Sun., Sept 18 — PARISH PICNIC**  
**Sun/Sat., Sept 17/18—distribution of St. V de Paul Bags**  
**Mon., Sept. 19—Food Pantry —3:00—4:30**  
**Fri. Sept 23—Sons & Daughters Prayer Group-10-11 AM —Parish Hall**  
**Sat/Sun Sept.24/25th— St V. de Paul Collection of Bags**  
**Sat., Sept 24th —Sophomore Class Car Wash 9 am—1 pm**  
**Sun., Sept 25th - Student/Parent Mgt. Grs 9 & 10**  
**Wed. Sept 28 —Pizza Fundraiser—Parish Hall—5-7 PM**

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.  
**In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families through our Food Pantry. Thank You!**

*Our Shared Treasure  
September 11, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>September 11, 2016</i>		<i>4,612</i>
	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>\$1,288</i>
<i>Special Parish Collection</i>		<i>\$2,911</i>

*Fr. Stephen is very grateful for your generosity.*

September 18, 2016 — Clergy Benefit Trust  
September 25, 2016 — Pilot Subscription Envelope

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive will take place in September. The distribution of food bags will be held on September 17/18. Please return your donations when you come to Mass the weekend of September 24/25. Your donations serve the needs of people in East Bridge-water. Remember what you give to the pantry is used for the pantry! Thank you in advance for



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

Don't forget to join us

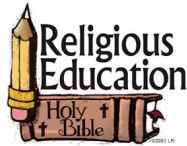
**Collaboration News:**

Many have been asking about training dates for "Disciples in Mission" for the Collaborative of St. John and St. Ann. Attending one of these training sessions will give you insight into the mission we are called to live. Forming Disciples is being offered free of charge for parishioners within a current collaborative and one may register by going to the website [www.disciplesinmission.com/workshops](http://www.disciplesinmission.com/workshops)

10/1/16 — 9am to 5pm Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree MA  
11/16/16 and 11/17/16 — 5:30 to 9pm, Resurrection Parish, 1057 Main Street, Hingham MA  
1/10/17 and 1/11/17 — 5:30 to 9pm, Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree MA  
**For further information you may call the St John / St. Ann Offices at 508-378-4207.**

**Religious Education  
Grades 1–10**

**REGISTRA-  
FALL  
CLASSES**



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**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.**

**First Week of Classes**

**Sat. Oct. 1 — Grades 1-6**

**Thurs. Oct 6 — Grades 1-8**

**Sat. Oct. 8 — No classes —Columbus Day**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

**AFTER THE 4:00 MASS**

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**OCTOBER 29**

**NOVEMBER 26**

**DECEMBER 31**

**JANUARY 28**

**FEBRUARY 25**

**MARCH 25**

**APRIL 29**

**MAY 27**

There will be a Permanent Diaconate Inquirers session on 9/27/16 entitled, **"Is Christ Calling You?"**

If you are being called to the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate you should plan to attend this first of a four session series to understand the vocation of a Deacon. The meeting is to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Brockton MA from 7-8:30pm.

If you are interested in attending you may contact Deacon Christopher Connelly at [deacon\\_vocations@rcab.org](mailto:deacon_vocations@rcab.org)

Monday, the 26th is the date for the "Praising Jesus thru Mary" rosary meeting. — Riddell Hall 10 A.M.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today's gospel often takes folks aback at Jesus' commentary on His own "parable of the dishonest steward". Jesus *seemingly* praises the worker for using "earthly" means to deal with his imminent dismissal from the employ of the rich man, even to the point of using (seemingly) unscrupulous means. I say, "seemingly" (twice, for emphasis) because one has to look beneath the surface to get at the "heart" of the parable and its meaning. Stewards, those (in Jesus' day) who were put in charge of large households of rich people, were known to take a "cut" of anything that came into the house (goods, money, property) for themselves. It was a way to augment their salary which often times wasn't that great; it was accepted policy for them to do this, and even their employers would turn a "blind eye" to this practice. The rich man in today's gospel is letting the steward go for squandering his property, thus losing money for him.

Jesus goes on to praise the steward for going to his master's debtors and cutting the invoice by twenty and fifty percent. In doing this, he was essentially taking out his "cut", giving all money back to his master. In doing this, the steward would win back esteem (and his job!) from his master. The steward's cunning comes in knowing how the world operates. He uses the tools of the world to further his career. Jesus uses this practice to teach His disciples how to live and act in the world. We must be aware of how the world operates, for we cannot "absent" ourselves from it. This is not to say that we should act in this way, but just be aware of it. We are always to live *in* the world, but not *of* the world. Our focus must always be the Kingdom, regardless of our physical placement in the world. Jesus reminds us that "no servant can serve two masters" (Lk 16:13); that servant will always have a divided heart. Our focus, in serving God, must be singular – on the Kingdom. We would do well, however, to know and be aware of how the world operates.

May we always "have our eyes on the prize", namely Eternal Life. May we always trust that God, our divine Master, is aware of our good works and will, one day, be ready to reward us in our goodness. May our faith sustain us, our purpose be sure and our fidelity be single-minded/hearted. May we, one day, see the Kingdom and hear those words from Almighty God: "well done, good and faithful servant, share in your Master's joy" (Mt 25:23)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul