



*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. OCTOBER 2, 2016—27th Sun in OT*

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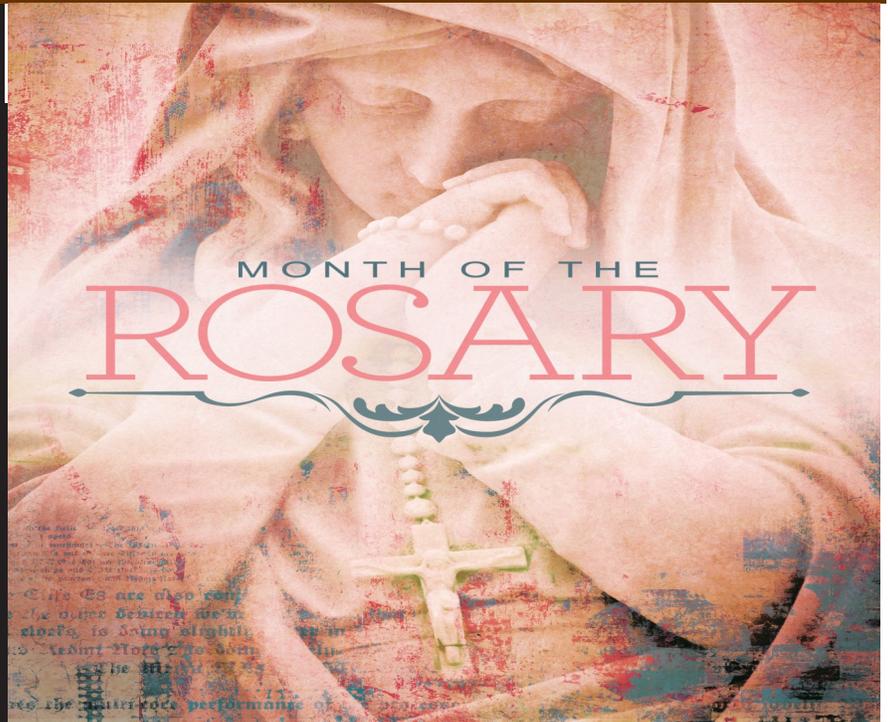
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#### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**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  
October 2, 2016  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Masses For The Week**

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**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

4:00 - Donald Brems — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday October 2, 2016**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

4:00 - Maria Figueiredo—18th Anniversary

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti -Birthday Remembrance

10:30 - Dennis D. McCarthy-Birthday Remem.

**Monday, October 10, 2016**

9:00 -Rev. Thomas, Marguerite & JohnFlaherty

**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, Virginia Hopgood & 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. Oct. 1—Service Saturday—Prayer Garden Clean Up @ St. John's— 8 AM**

**Sun, Oct 2 — TEEN MASS & 1st Class for Grs. 9 & 10**

**Sat., Oct 8 — Blessing of the Pets—12:00 Noon — St. John's Parking Lot.**

**Wed., Oct 12 — Paint night PYM— 7 PM — St. Ann's Parish Hall**

**Thurs., Oct. 13—Ultraya—7 PM—St. John's Chapel**



Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis Assisi is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at noon in the parking lot of St. John's

**Just enough members of the parish volunteered for the Pastoral Parish Council negating the need for an election.**

*Our Shared Treasure  
September 25, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>September 25, 2016</i>		<i>5,296</i>
	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>\$ 604</i>
<i>Pilot Printing</i>		<i>\$ 498</i>

October 2, 2016 — PYM — 2nd Collection  
October 9, 2016 — NO 2nd Collection — moved to Oct. 2.

The second collection scheduled for October 9th for Youth Ministry was moved to Oct 2, 2016 for the PYM.

**OCTOBER WILL BE CORI MONTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY INTERACTION WITH CHILDREN IN ANY WAY, YOU NEED TO BE CORIED. CORI'S WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR DIRECTORS OR IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE SEE DEBBIE IN WEST BRIDGEWATER OR LORRAINE HOPGOOD IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE FOR VERIFICATION.**

**St. John's is in need of volunteers to help in the following capacities.**

- GREETERS**
- LECTORS**
- EUCHARIST MINISTERS**
- COUNTERS**
- CLEANERS**

**Your help would be very appreciated to keep the parish moving in the right direction.**

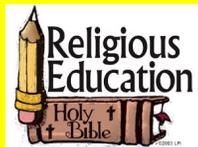
**If you can help, please call Debbie at 508-378-4207.**

**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  
/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  
Begins this week**

**TEACHERS AND AIDES ARE NEEDED**

**PLEASE CALL MRS. HOPGOOD AT  
508-378-1521**

**OR**

**VISIT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Calling all Volunteers for the  
Religious Education Program**

**ST JOHN'S IS HAVING AN**

**ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE  
RECYCLE DAY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016**

**BRING YOUR OLD:  
COMPUTERS, SCANNERS,  
VCR's, COPIERS, DVD PLAYERS,  
STEREO EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER TOWERS,  
LIGHTING, VACUUMS, FAX's,  
SPEAKERS, COMPACT DISCS, RADIOS,  
RECORD PLAYERS, MODEMS, FANS,  
WORD PROCESSORS, GAME CONSOLES,  
DISHWASHERS, DRYERS, STOVES,  
MICROWAVES, LAWN MOWERS,  
DEHUMIDIFIERS, SNOW BLOWERS,  
SMALL ENGINES  
TV's**

**Get rid of this stuff for a small fee and help  
St. John's in the process.**

**Fee Structure:**

**Most items - \$10**

**Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors—\$10**

**TV's - \$15-30**

**Refrigerators -\$20**

**Air Conditioners -\$15**

**Scrap Junk Metal -\$10 car load**

**Cables, Keyboards, Car Batteries -No fee**

**ALL OLD BIKES ARE ALSO WELCOME . NO FEE.  
THEY WILL BE REFURBISHED SO THEY CAN BE  
REUSED.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In this day and age of “options” (“Press #1 for..., Press #2 for...”), we shy away from the word “obligation”. Yet at times, it can be a very powerful, even necessary, word to employ. When one has an obligation (as opposed to an “offer” or “suggestion”), one is more compelled to show up and do their part. In today’s gospel, the idea of obligation comes up with regard to our relationship to God. There are certain things, done as part of a full relationship with God, which we are obliged to do.

In the analogy put forth in today’s gospel, Jesus compares our relationship to a slave and a master’s relationship. While we may bristle at that comparison (after all, we are more than slaves, aren’t we?) we would do well to recognize that while God desires to be in relationship with us, God is the “creator” and we are the “created”. As such, we are beholden to God for everything we are and have; without God, we are nothing and our efforts come to nothing – nothing lasting, at least. This may be a humbling thought, but how else are we to react when we put into perspective all that we have done, as opposed to all God has done. It pales in comparison, doesn’t it? As great as we are, that greatness is a result of using the God-given talents and abilities which we have at our disposal.

I remember as a young boy my mother telling me how to react when I was given a gift. I was to receive that gift (whether it is a new, sought-after toy or a badly-knit, handmade sweater) with a smile and a heartfelt “thank you”. I was then to say no more, no less; in that way, I wouldn’t say something I would come to regret (by hurting the giver’s feelings). In much the same way, we might do well to react to all God has given us – the challenges as well as the good things we have – by thanking Him and moving on. In that way, perhaps the difficulties we face can be minimized (perhaps even eliminated) by us realizing that even the challenges we encounter can help us to grow.

God desires a certain sense of “loyalty”. It is not to be a “blind” loyalty (for God doesn’t want “robots”), otherwise how does one explain “free will” (itself a gift from God)? No, God wants us to put the things we have/are into the “context” of faith. With faith, we can “move mountains” (perhaps not literally...perhaps so!); we can do amazing things. Let us have the courage to see God’s gifts for what they are – moments when we acknowledge our dependence on God, thanking Him for all those things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul