



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 9, 2016—28th Sun in OT

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND ONE OF THEM, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED, RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE; AND HE FELL AT THE FEET OF JESUS AND THANKED HIM. HE WAS A SAMARITAN.

– LK 17:15-16

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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
October 9, 2016
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

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-BD Remembrance

Monday, October 10, 2016

9:00 - Rev. Thomas, Marguerite & John Flaherty

Saturday, October 15, 2016

4:00 - Linda Fontaine -13th Anniversary

Sunday, October 16, 2016

8:00 - Donald & Lorraine Kerrigan—Memorial

10:30 - Bronislaw Morowski -27th Anniversary

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 — 10/12, 10/19 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 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—\$25
Paint Night—PYM-7 PM @ St. Ann's Parish Center
Thurs., Oct. 13—Ultraya—7 PM—St. John's Chapel
Fri., Oct 22, Fun Friday-7PM-Fall Craft Night-Halloween Party
Sat., Oct 22 — Electronic Recycle Day 10:30-3:30**



Join LIFT Ministries on **Tuesday, October 25th @ 7pm** for an inspiring night of worship at **St. John Church in East Bridgewater** with speaker Dave VanVickle. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

*Our Shared Treasure
October 9, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>October 2, 2016</i>		<i>6,244</i>
	<i>Above goal</i>	<i>\$ 344</i>
<i>Parish & Youth Ministry</i>		<i>\$1,425</i>

October 9, 2016 — NO 2nd Collection — moved to Oct. 2.
October 16, 2016 — World Mission Sunday

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

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.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in helping to make the church picnic such a success.

Bill Dowling for the use of his grill and all the grillers. Pat McKenna and his helpers for the setting up of the tent, tables, and chairs and then the take down. John Tibbetts for the great music as always. The numerous preparers and servers of the foods and their donations. And also the many pot luck desserts that were donated.

Again many thanks and blessing to all....Carmen Pearson

BLESSINGS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

St John's is beginning a program of remembering loved ones by offering

Masses of intentions (already in place)

Weekly vigil candle in their name

The gifts offered at Mass in their name.

Due to the limited number of masses available, we wanted to expand the opportunities of remembrance. The offertory for this service would be \$25 for Masses of Intention and \$30 for the bread and wine and vigil candle.

This would be posted in the bulletin.

ST JOHN'S IS HAVING AN

ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE RECYCLE DAY

SATURAY, 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

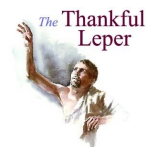
Refrigerators -\$20

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,

A few years ago, I went to a day-long seminar entitled "Developing an 'Attitude of Gratitude'". The presenter challenged the listener to cultivate a viewpoint that everything is a "gift", things for which we should be grateful. He pointed out that even the challenging events and moments of our lives are times when we should not necessarily *rejoice*, but see them as "teachable moments" (as we used to call them in seminary). They are (or can be) life-changing, and should be seen in that light. The speaker went on further to say that if we missed out on these "teachable moments", then we miss out on opportunities of growth and enrichment.

In today's gospel, Jesus encounters ten lepers. They all cry out to Him to have pity on them. They are not asking for a handout, but a miracle. In addressing Him as "master", they recognize Jesus' power over this leprosy which has separated them from the community not only physically, but spiritually as well, for disease (in Jesus' time) had a spiritual component to it. Their outcry comes from a desire for restoration, for "wholeness". Jesus directs them to the priest (as was the custom in Mosaic Law); as they do so, they are healed. This links Jesus to the Law, something which He had been accused of "skirting" by the Pharisees. In realizing that they were cured, only one (a "foreigner", probably a Samaritan) comes back to pay Jesus homage. Why is this? Were the others ungrateful? Were they unaware of what this meant? Was the "foreigner" the only one to realize that Jesus' power knew no bounds, as He healed this "outsider"? The gospel leaves this question for our imagining.

This is where we come in. In "placing ourselves in the story", we might do well to ask the question, "for what am I grateful?" I think that one of things for which we can all be grateful is our very existence, which is the ultimate gift from God – the gift of life. Each year, we as a Church celebrated "Respect Life Sunday". At this time, the Church asks us to take a reflective moment to see the value of life, from "conception to natural death". It calls on us to challenge the "culture of death" which has continued to devalue life of the pre-born, the mentally and physically challenged and the elderly, as well as the marginalized and outcasts of society (such as the homeless or the immigrant seeking entrance (through proper channels) to our country). This attitude (which is most certainly *not* an "attitude of gratitude") must end.

Another thing for which we should be grateful is our life of faith here at St. John the Evangelist. In my short time here, I have come to know St. John's as a vibrant, caring community. In times we have been called to help to our neighbor (i.e. the call for catechists, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive), we have responded with generosity and love. We are called, each day, to reach out to one another in a spirit of charity, humility and love. Let us do just that, so as to foster a community where one can feel welcomed and loved.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul