



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 30, 2016—301st Sun in OT

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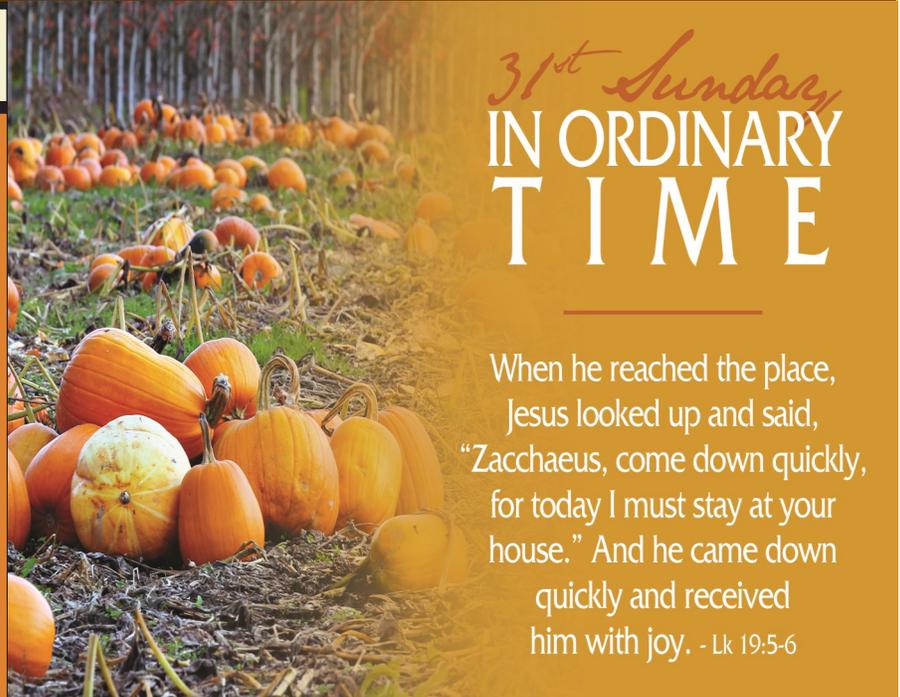
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31st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place,
Jesus looked up and said,
“Zacchaeus, come down quickly,
for today I must stay at your
house.” And he came down
quickly and received
him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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EUCHARISTIC 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 30, 2016
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, October 29, 2016

4:00 - Deceased Members of the McLaughlin Family

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Deceased Members of the Hanley Family

Thursday, November 3, 2016

9:00 - Lisa Cousineau - Month's mind

Saturday, November 5, 2016

4:00 - Patricia & Raymond MacDonald & Patricia Hunnewell - 5th Anniversary for all.

Sunday, November 6, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Paul Russell - First 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 Margesion, 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, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, & 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 Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Sun. Oct 23—Pancakes with the Pastor— 9—10AM
Tues. Oct 25—Lift Ministries — 7 PM
Fri. Oct 28 — Sons & Daughters Prayer Group—10AM
Tues. Nov 1 — All Saints Day —9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Weds. Nov 2 -- PPC @ St. John's 7 PM in Hall
Sun. Nov 6 — TEEN MASS — 6 PM

RCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN.

RCIA is designed for anyone interested in converting to Catholicism or who wants to become a Catholic. The classes are at St. John's in the Chapel Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM

People looking to be confirmed would attend a separate class. Please contact St. John's Office if you are interested in either program.

*Our Shared Treasure
October 30, 2016*

Offertory Wkly Goal for fy 2016 \$5,900

*October 23, 2016 \$4,086
Below goal \$1,814*

Special Parish Collection \$1,540

St John's Offertory Budget is currently \$13,182 below goal.

2nd Collection — October 30th — Hurricane victims in Haiti

November 1, 2016

**All Saints Day — A Day of Holy Obligation
Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

CORI'S ARE DUE.



YOU KNOW THE DRILL.

VIRTUS TRAINING

**IS BEING OFFERED AT ST. ANN'S
7 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2,**

**ALL PARISHIONERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO BE
CORI'D MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED.**

**You only have to be trained once.
So if you have been trained, you do not have to attend.**

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and volunteered to join a mission. We now have 7 counting teams and a new team of cleaners, and 2 new Eucharistic Ministers. We can still use Greeters at Church and Lectors and Eucharist Ministers. The more the merrier.

Collaboration News: 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 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.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. John's would like to express their gratitude for all the generous donations made to the Food Pantry during our annual food drive in September. Your donations serve the needs of people here in our Parish and East Bridgewater. Remember what you give to the pantry is used for the pantry! Thank you and God Bless!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
ELECTRONIC RECYCLE FUNDRAISER
FOR THE PARISH.

November 19 & 20 the Family Life Mission will be selling Lollipops after each Mass for Thanksgiving.



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 gifts for the mass or the weekly vigil candle.

This would be posted in the bulletin.

October
30th
Is our
Collection



Haiti is reeling from the blows of Hurricane Matthew, which crashed ashore on October 4, bringing 145 mile per hour winds, storm surges and up to 40 inches of rainfall. The category 4 storm has caused massive devastation and flooding in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and which has yet to fully recover from a catastrophic earthquake in 2010.

Acknowledging that some parishes may have an existing second collection planned for October 15-16, please maintain the second collection schedule for your respective parish, and move this Collection to the next available weekend.

To process this collection, please ask parishioners to address their checks to your parish, with "2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection" in the memo. One check should be sent from the parish, payable to the Archdiocese of Boston, with

"2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection" in the memo.

Please send checks to:

Attn: Cashier, c/o 2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center 66 Brooks Drive Braintree, MA 02184-3839

(letter sent by Cardinal Sean)

My Dear Friends in Christ,



This coming week our neighborhoods will be filled with ghosts and goblins (not to mention soldiers, cowboys, princesses and super heroes!), all in the hopes of receiving treats from folks willing to participate in the time-honored traditions of Halloween (or unwilling to have "tricks" put upon them!). I can remember in my younger days this being a special night, one ripe with eager anticipation of obtaining goodies from neighbors and friends. As we get older, however, our desire for "treats" doesn't lessen but, perhaps, is tempered by a desire for richer and more lasting blessings.

In today's gospel, Zacchaeus is desirous of just catching a glimpse of Jesus as He passes through Jericho (with no intention of stopping). He has no doubt heard about Jesus and perhaps will feel blessed by just looking at Jesus (who wouldn't?). As Jesus passes through, Zacchaeus cannot see Him; the "vertically challenged" man goes to the length of climbing a sycamore tree in the hopes of just seeing Jesus pass by on His way. Little did the tax collector (or anyone else, for that matter) know that Jesus would "single out" Zacchaeus, with the ultimate intention of breaking bread with him. What is striking to many is the wording which Jesus uses in speaking to Zacchaeus, telling him that "today I *must* stay at your house" (Lk 19:5; italics added). Jesus doesn't just *want* to visit with Zacchaeus; it is *imperative* that he does so. Jesus knows who Zacchaeus is, and how he is viewed, as a tax collector. This should not come as a surprise who knows the movements of Jesus. Time and time again, Jesus has stated that He has come to seek out the sinner, those who have lost their way.

This should be good news for us. There are times, no doubt, that we feel like Zacchaeus. Imagine how we would feel if Jesus insisted on staying at our house. Hopefully, we would react like Zacchaeus, and receive the Lord with great joy. We might, at first, react like the crowd and wonder why Jesus would want to stay with me, a sinner. It is this unworthiness that we must constantly combat in our spiritual lives. Whenever I speak with our Eucharistic Ministers, a wonderful group of men and women, dedicated to bring Our Lord to the people (both mobile (churchgoers, that is) and those bound to home, hospital and long-term care facilities) I mention that one of the "hurdles" which we must overcome in undertaking this ministry is our feeling of "unworthiness". I seek to reassure them that **none of us** (myself included) are worthy of this ministry; it is only the grace of God which makes us worthy of such an important ministry. May we, like Zacchaeus, receive the Lord joyfully. May we overcome any feeling of unworthiness by accepting, humbly, the grace which Our Lord affords us by coming to us in Word and Sacrament. May we have the courage to share this presence with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul