



*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.*

*December 20, 2015 — 4th Sunday in Advent*

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#### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00**

**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**

**Please 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.**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
December 20, 2015  
4th Sunday in Advent**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, December 19, 2015**

4:00 - John & Mary Barry — Memorial

**Sunday, December 20, 2015**

8:00 - Stacia & Robert Franciosi — Birthdays

10:30 - Ewa Morawski — 21st Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, December 26, 2015**

4:00 - Suzanne Shepard — 26th Anniversary

**Sunday, December 27, 2015**

8:00 - Christopher Thompson — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

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

*Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Patrick Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donavan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Kathleen Creighton, Tim Tully, Lori Cullen, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Aisling Grace Chapman, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

ADORATION — WED'S — 1/11, 1/18, 2/17

Sat. 12/19 — Christmas Pageant following 4PM Mass

Sun. 12/27 — Skating Family Night—8 PM—Bridgewater Ice Arena

Fri. 1/1/16 - Solemnity of Mary —Holy Day of Obligation



VICTORIA ROSE KEITH & KATELYNN MARIE  
TESTAVERDE

*The Year of Mercy began on December 8th and will continue until the 20th of November, 2016. "It is time to heal wounds & offer forgiveness." Pope Francis*

*Our Shared Treasure  
December 13, 2015*

*Due to the new deadlines for the printing of The bulletin, the figures for the collections will be adjusted when they are available.*

*Thank you for your patience.*

PIME Mission Appeal this weekend.  
Christmas — Clergy Benefit Trust

**PIME MISSION APPEAL**

The PIME Missionaries are Catholic priests and brothers who commit themselves to lifelong missionary service, especially to non-Christians. (PIME stands for the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Mission in Latin.) Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME is an International Society of Apostolic Life with about 500 members in 17 countries. PIME's priority is the proclamation of the Gospel. We are actively involved in human development and the promotion of justice and peace. Our ministries include the foundation of schools, hospitals and clinic, orphanages, and the pastoral care of newly founded Catholic communities.

**This Christmas, our parish collection once again will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. This important fund ensures that our priests will be cared for and supported throughout their lives. Remember priests such as Fr. Paul and Fr. Don who have made a meaningful difference in you life, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to the Christmas collection. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



4:00 Christmas Eve Upstairs  
4:00 Christmas Eve Downstairs  
6:00 Christmas Eve Upstairs  
12:00 Midnight Mass Upstairs  
Christmas Day 10:30 AM



**With us  
on  
Tuesday, Dec. 22  
At 7 pm.**

**All are welcome to come and help!**



## LOOP Life of Our Parish

**Sun. Dec 19** — Christmas Pageant  
following 4:30 Mass in the Hall

**Fri. Jan 8** — Fiesta Friday — 7-10 pm  
Come enjoy friends, fun and tacos. Everyone  
Welcome.

**Fri. Jan 15–18** — Ski Weekend, Waterville  
Valley Resort — weekend include three nights  
lodging, 2-day lift tickets, meals & transporta-  
tion. Swimming pool, skating ring fireworks.

**Fri. Jan 29-31** — PJ ANDERSON WEEKEND  
Including retreats, prayer & worship, music &  
Mass.

2017 Pilgrimage to Rome—See Nancy Smith

### A Mass and Healing Service

At

The Church of Blessed Sacrament

10 Diamond St., Walpole, MA

Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 pm

With Fr. Joseph P. McDermott



*May the peace and love of this holiday season be ever  
present in your homes and hearts this Christmas. God  
Bless you and yours.*

*Love*

*Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, Deacon Joy, Lorraine, Debbie,  
Nancy, Jackie, Paul and Nellie & Toby*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we find ourselves in the  
“home stretch” of Advent.  
Christmas is in just a couple of  
days, and we take these “final  
days” (presuming the “street  
corner prophets” are wrong about

the “final days”!) to reflect on this four week journey  
that we have undertaken. Our readings beautifully link  
the themes on which we have been contemplating and  
praying during our Advent Season, namely “promise”,  
“joy”, “repentance” and “transformation”.

In our first reading, the prophet Micah gives assurance  
to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that  
God will bring to prominence the “unimportant” village  
of Bethlehem. In doing this, God (through the prophet  
Micah) shows to us that no one and nothing that one  
does, is insignificant. In the second reading, St. Paul  
reminds us that Jesus, in doing the will of the Father,  
shows us that through sacrifice and obedience we draw  
ourselves closer into the mystery of God. In our gospel,  
we have the encounter of two *seemingly* “insignificant”  
women highlighting the fact that nothing that we do in  
the name of God is ever insignificant. Mary and  
Elizabeth are powerful models of faith and faithfulness  
to us all, and their individual “fiats” (saying “yes” to  
God’s plan) are a reflection of the “yes” that we are  
called to give to God.

Advent has been, I hope and pray, a time when we  
prepare our minds, hearts and lives for the coming of  
Christ. Over the last four weeks this time of preparation  
has been, please God, not an insignificant journey in  
which we have been transformed by God’s grace and  
love. As we stand on the threshold of Christmas (both  
the Day and the Season), may we use these final days  
not just to “make a list and check it twice” but also to  
continue to reflect on the goodness of God. As we  
approach the Christmas miracle of the Virgin Birth, may  
we come to see that Christ is already a part of our lives,  
even as we prepare to welcome Him once again. May  
this upcoming Christmas Day (and Season) be a time of  
prosperity, hope and joy. May we come to see the Christ  
Child as the One who comes into the world to set us  
free, so that when He comes in glory, He may find us  
watching, waiting and knowing that He is  
Emmanuel....”God With Us”!

A Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul