



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 27, 2015 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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The Holy Family

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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.

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

December 27, 2015

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Masses For The Week

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

Saturday, January 2, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, January 3, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Addison Barrett — 7th Anniversary

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 Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Teri Callanhan, Tim Tully, Don Bernier, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad, Theresa Capachione, Maryhelen MacKenzie, Louise Registre & 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

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

Fri. 1/8 — Fiesta Friday — 7 PM

Fri 1/15-18 — Ski Weekend to Waterville Valley

Tues 1/ 12 — LIFT — 7 PM — Holy Family, Rockland

Sun 1/24 - PMY Meat Raffle at Standish Grille - 2-4 PM

Fri 1/29—PJ Anderson arrives

Sat. 1/30—College Retreat at St. Basil Chapel, BSU

9 am—2 pm

Sat. 1/30 -- Concert by PJ Anderson in the Hall at St.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Will be celebrated
Friday, New Year's Day
At
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
A Holy Day of Obligation

Our Shared Treasure

December 13, 2015

Offertory: \$5,271

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below Budget: \$ 513**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$11,038

Special Parish Collection—Roof:

\$ 1,899

Grand Annual \$ 25, 657

Thank you for your patience.

No second collections this week or next.



**Jubilee Year Of
Mercy
Parish Prayer**

Lord Jesus You are loving and
Your mercy endures forever.
You are compassionate and
gracious,
slow to anger, overflowing
with love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have
mercy on me,
forgive my sins and grant me
the Grace to live the life
worthy of Your praise,
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Amen.



LOOP Life of Our Parish

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

Tues, Jan 12 — LIFT at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church, Rockland, with speaker Frank Connell

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

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

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

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Saturday December 26th through Sunday, January 24th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed below:

Disposable diapers

Crib Sheets

Sleep n Play sleepers

Baby Bottles

Receiving Blankets

Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers

Toiletries ie... Wipes, rash ointment,

baby shampoo

Baby soap, baby lotion, powder,

Baby nail clippers,

Baby thermometers.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up as the youngest of five in an Irish-Catholic family had its “ups and downs”, its joys and challenges (and continue to do so into adulthood!). There were times that we were each other’s worst enemy, yet there were also times when we were each other’s best friend! It was (and sometimes still is) a “love-hate” relationship. I have no doubt that the Holy Family, as iconic as they are with regard to family life, had their challenges. When one looks at today’s gospel, one recognizes that while there was perfection within the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus, things were (at times) far from perfect. Our gospel reading shows us, in Jesus being “lost” in the temple (although, truth be told, He was exactly where He was supposed to be), the challenge of family life and the angst that even a family such as the Holy Family goes through in daily living.

The Feast of the Holy Family, as well as today’s readings, brings to mind the challenges and the “helps” to living as a Christian family. When one looks at the Holy Family, one might think that “we, as a family, could never reach the status of the Holy Family”. This might be a prevailing thought, but it shouldn’t stop us from at least *trying* to live like them. Often times, it is in the *trying* that one has the most success. Although the Holy Family did have the “Immaculate Conception” (in Mary) and the “Incarnation” (in Jesus) (as well as a saint (in Joseph)!), their life was far from perfect! Again, one only has to look to the events in the life of the Holy Family to see the “ups and downs” that they faced, ones that would rival any challenges which we, as family, must go through, even in this day and age.

Today’s readings give us “blueprints” as to how *we* are to live as a Holy Family. These “guidelines” are relevant to us who are connected by baptism, as well as by blood. We can look at the different “roles” that we have in the Church and equate them to life in a family. I often refer to us as a “family of faith”, and those familial bonds are ones which are forged through the “ups and downs” through which every family goes. The challenge is to overcome those hurdles through the God-given gifts of faith, hope and love. May we strive to live as the Holy Family. May we continue to look to one another for support and strength. May we know that the Holy Family is there to either intercede (in the case of Mary and Joseph) or act directly (in the case of Jesus) on our behalf. May this Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be for us a sign, symbol and reality of God’s love for us, our Church and the world.

A Blessed Feast to All,

Fr. Paul