



*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 25, 2015 — CHRISTMAS*

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## Nativity of the Lord

### 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 25, 2015  
CHRISTMAS**

**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.**

***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, 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**  
**Fri. 1/8 — Fiesta Friday — 7 PM**  
**Fri 1/15-18 — Ski Weekend to Waterville Valley**  
**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.**



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.*

Christmas — Clergy Benefit Trust

**St John’s Ministries and Organizations—  
would love to include you!**

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Ushers & Greeters
- Music Ministry
- Liturgy Commission
- Hospitality Comm.
- Peace and Justice Comm.
- Family Life Ministry
- Holy Stickers
- Catholic Women’s Club
- Rosary Markers
- Building Commission
- Pro-Life Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Fund Raising
- Bereavement Team
- Parish & Youth Ministry



*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 Jay, Lorraine, Debbie, Nancy, Jackie, Paul and Nellie & Toby*





## LOOP Life of Our Parish

**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 & transportation. Swimming pool, skating rink, fireworks.

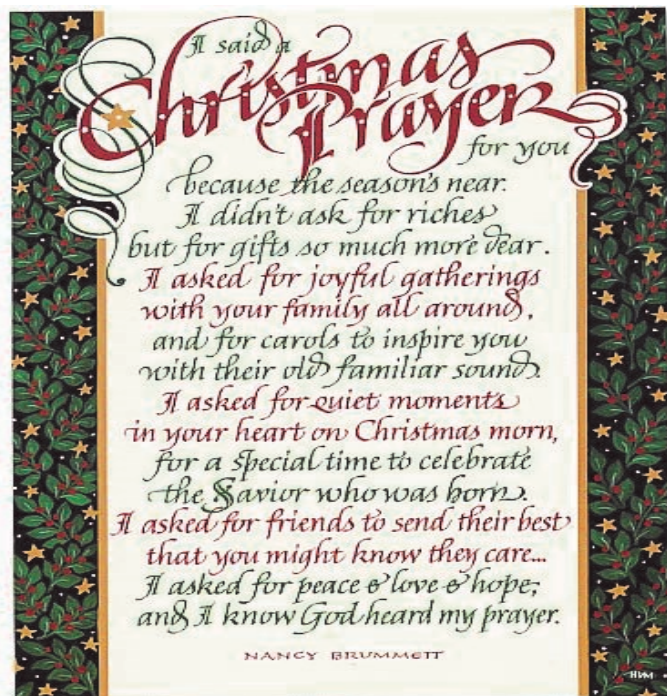
**Fri. Jan 29-31** — PJ ANDERSON WEEKEND  
Including retreats, prayer & worship, music & Mass.

**2017 Pilgrimage to Rome—See Nancy Smith  
508-378-1521**

**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 Staff of St. John's



My Dear Friends in Christ,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!** The time has come. The day, and season, of Christmas is upon us. Our Advent journey is at an end, and the time to welcome the Savior has arrived. Hopefully, we can take at least a moment on this day, if not in this Season, to reflect on what we are doing here. Christmas – the *holy* day, not the *holiday* – is, for us as Catholic-Christians, an entire season in which we reflect on the goodness of God. The long reign of sin has ended, and our vindication is at hand. The Savior promised to us has arrived, and we are glad, indeed, for it.

So what is it that we are celebrating? It is more than just giving thanks to God for giving us the gift of His Son. It is an understanding that this day, as great as it is, points to an even greater reality – the hope and promise of “new life” found in the *Resurrection*. Yes, resurrection. You may wonder why I am speaking of this at Christmas, given that this day/season focuses on the birth of Christ, not His resurrection. If it does, than only half of the work is being done. The other half (the half not focused on the birth) is centered around the fact that Jesus came into the world to offer His life for us on the Cross. As one of our songs reminds us, the “**wood of the cradle**” is intrinsically linked with the “**wood of the cross**”. This is because the birth of Christ is intrinsically linked with the death, and resurrection of Christ.

The reality that the birth and death of Christ are linked come as a shock for many – but it shouldn't. It shouldn't because our own life and death are “linked”. When Catholic-Christians are brought into the world, they are baptized shortly thereafter. When we are baptized, we are baptized not only into the life of Christ, but also into the death of Christ – and into His resurrection. This fact shouldn't strike dread or sadness into us; on the contrary, it should bring great joy, peace and hope into our hearts. If we are linked into the life, death and resurrection of Christ, then we fear nothing and we want for nothing. We fear and want for nothing because our hope is then in the Lord and His promise of new life.

May we come to see in this Christmas Season the promise of new life and new hope come to fruition. May we recognize that in the life, death and resurrection of Christ we have our hope and salvation. May we, as we approach the manger of Christ, be “fed” by the One who has come into the world to bring life, and life abundantly. May we have the courage to share this new life with all whom we meet.

A Blessed Christmas to All,

Fr. Paul and the Staff of St. John's Parish

*Merry Christmas to our Advertisers !*



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