



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.

November 29, 2015 — 1st Sunday in Advent

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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WATCH
PREPARE
SHARE
BELIEVE

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

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Masses of Intention

Saturday, November 28, 2015

4:00 - Marc Meranios — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, November 29, 2015

8:00 - Richard H. Foss — 19th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, December 5, 2015

4:00 - Donald Brems — Memorial

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 5th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of soul of Paul Russell whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on November 17, 2015

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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED'S — 12/9, 12/16

Sat. 11/28 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Thurs. 12/3 — Interfaith Advent Service & Lighting of the Tree on the Common — 6 PM

Fri. 12/4 — Lift at the Cathedral in Boston w/ a national speaker — 7-9 PM

Sat. 12/5 — Christmas on the Common

Sun. 12/6, 13 — Christmas Pageant Rehearsal — 9-10 am.

Tues. 12/8 — Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Ob.

Thurs. 12/10 — Family Prayer Workshop — 6:30

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

Sat/Sun 12/19-20 — PIME Mission Appeal weekend.

Come and learn the various ways to pray at
THE FAMILY PRAYER WORKSHOP
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015
At 6:30 — Everyone welcome
A great way to enter into Advent!



Our Shared Treasure

November 22, 2015

Offertory: \$4,963

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below Budget \$ 821**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$10,525**

Retired Religious Sisters: \$1,683

Grand Annual: \$12,536

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Christmas Envelopes are in the pews!!! — Due 12/15/15
2nd Collection Dec. 6th — St. Vincent de Paul Society

Family Life Lollipops were a big success!
Delicious as always.
Can't wait til next year.



Thank you Merchant Sign of East Bridgewater for donating the sign for advertising our special events in the Fall.

St. John's Christmas Choir 2015

Christmas choir rehearsals will begin Monday, Nov. 30. The children will rehearse at 6 pm and the Adults at 7:15. The Teen choir will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 5-6 pm, beginning Dec. 1. Contact Paul Hoffman for more information or if you are interested in joining a choir!



Going to the Parade for Christmas on the Common? Remember how cold and hungry you got in past years?

Well, Look for St. John's selling hot chocolate and cookies this year. We'll be at the end of the driveway just waiting to fill your tummy with warm goodies.

**Announcing Pilgrimage to Rome
In 2017**

With Catholic Heart Work Camps.

**Join the PYM for an informational meeting on
MONDAY, DEC. 7th AT 7:00 PM**

ECHUMENICAL SERVICE

At St. John's— 6 PM

LIGHTING OF THE COMMON — 6:30

**SAT. DEC 5 — KIWANIS CHRISTMAS ON THE
COMMON — 9 AM—3 PM — EBJSHS**

PARADE AT 10 AM

Entertainment, Face painting, magician,

Food Vendors, Kids rides

Great day for the Family!

DECEMBER 4, 2015
7-9 PM
At the Cathedral in Boston

The LIFT Ministries has a special program for the month of December. Guest speaker Jackie Francois Angel, an international speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader is featured.

A bus will be provided for St. John Parishioners for a free-will offering and will leave at 5:00 PM. The program runs from 7-9 PM.

All are welcome. It should be a wonderful program for the whole family! Please join us!



St Vincent de Paul



Was able to serve 54 dinners this Thanksgiving Season with your help and the coordinated efforts of all the volunteers in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry who travel into Boston to work with The Greater

Boston Food Bank putting together the dinner packages and making the Food Pantry available every other week during the year.

Bravo to these people! Thank you for your discipleship.

ALMOST ALL THE TAGS ARE GONE ON THE GIVING TREE!

Please take a ticket for a Gift Card

All gift cards should be returned by December 13th

Make sure you write the \$ amount on the Gift Card.



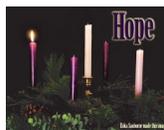
Baptisms

Please welcome the newest members of our Parish:

Gabriella Mae Deragon Sarah Ann Edkin
Victoria Ella Langer Ariana Lynn Morocco

Baptized on November 8, 2015

My Dear Friends in Christ,



While I haven't done it in a while, I used to run marathons regularly. In doing this, you come to realize that many things (life, work, family and, yes, Advent) are a "marathon, not a sprint". We begin our Advent journey this weekend in the usual ways. The Church waits in joyful anticipation for a time – namely, Christmas – which the world is already (seemingly) celebrating. You never see an "Advent Sale" or an "Advent Tree" (although many churches have a "Jesse Tree", and ours takes the form of a "Giving Tree", helping out with the needs of our local community this time of year). No, for the world it's "Christmas, Christmas, Christmas". This is certainly in line with a society of immediate gratification and one that doesn't know the meaning of the word "wait"!

This Advent Season begins with the prophet Jeremiah speaking of a time of fulfillment, when the "just shoot" (Jer 33:15) who will bring justice to the world. This "just shoot" (ibid) is, of course, Jesus and He will bring God's justice to the world when He comes again in glory. St. Paul helps us to be ready by being "blameless in holiness" (1 Thes 3:13) so as to be able to join God in His Kingdom. Jesus then "seals the deal" by calling us to be watchful, to be "vigilant" (Lk 21:36) so that we can stand before God's judgment and be ready for the life to come.

Advent may seem like the "same old, same old". After all, it comes at relatively the same time of year, has many of the same "themes" ("watch", "wait", "be vigilant") and ends up with the same "goal" (namely, to be ready to welcome Jesus as the Christ Child and the King of Glory). We would do well to not fall into the same routines. I would invite us to try something different, to move out of our "comfort zone". If you haven't followed an Advent calendar, try it this year by following the daily readings and prayers. If you haven't made/kept an Advent wreath for your home, now's the time. I would further encourage you to WAIT. It's easy enough to get "caught up" in the hullabaloo of the preparations for Christmas. These are important and need to be tended to, but not at the expense of our peace of mind or our sanity. So many of us "go overboard" with Christmas and its preparations that they fail to see the opportunity that Advent gives us to "pace ourselves" in these four weeks.

May we take this time of the Advent Season to prepare ourselves, spiritually, for the coming of Christ. Whether it is Christ's coming as the Christ Child or as the King of Glory, may Christ find us ready to welcome Him into our hearts, our homes, and our world. May we give Christ His due, giving Jesus the well-deserved welcome that we would a King. Jesus is our King, enrobed not in a royal garment, but in ordinary swaddling clothes. May we go to the manger in a few weeks, having spent this time preparing for that moment in salvation history when "God so loved the world that He gave us His Only Begotten Son" (Jn 3:16). Advent is a marathon, not a sprint – enjoy it...savor it...live it!

A Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul