



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, 210 CENTRAL ST., EAST 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.*

Parish Office-----508-378-4207

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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**Registration:**

Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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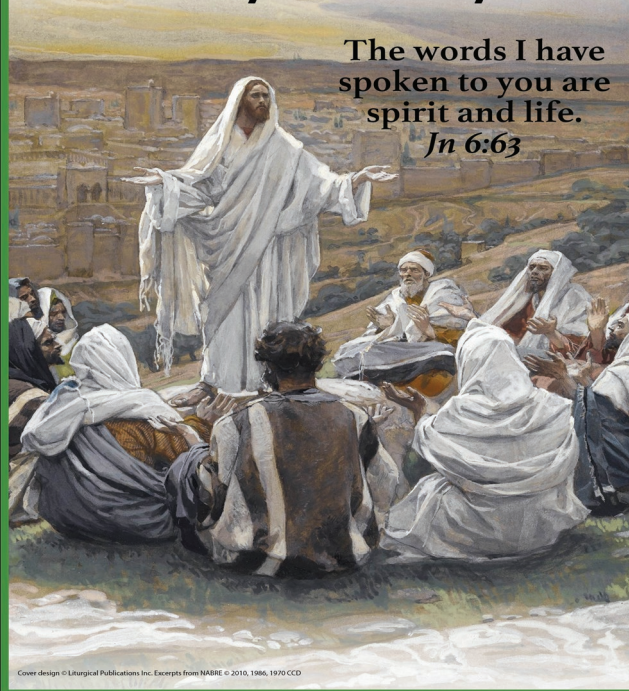
[www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.org)

Facebook: John Church (St. John CYO)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 a.m.

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 except in the summer months. Please call for registration and instruction at least one month in advance.

### 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

Couples planning marriage should contact the rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage and before they book their reception.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick because of advanced age or sickness, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a priest.

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
August 23, 2015  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 22, 2015

4:00 – Chip Langer — 2nd Anniversary

### Sunday, August 23, 2015

8:00 – Robert & Rita Farrell — Memorial

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

### Saturday, August 29, 2015

4:00 – Dennis Rando—Memorial

### Sunday, August 30, 2015

8:00 – Patricia Rocichaud—4th Anniversary

Michael Robichaud—14th Anniversary

10:30 – Jessica Thurston — 2nd Anniversary

### ***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, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

*If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED'S — 9/9, 9/16, 10/14, 10/21  
Sat/Sun—9/12-9/13 — St. Vincent de Paul bag distribution  
SUN. 9/13 — CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS  
Sun, 9/13 — Caring hands meeting. 3:00 Riddel Rd.  
Sun. 9/13/15 — 7 PM Confirmation Family Meeting  
Mon. 9/14 — Bible Study in Rel. Ed. Office — 7 PM  
Sat/Sun—9-19/9-20—Collection of St. Vincent Bags  
Tues. 10/13 — RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS GR. 1-8

**Caring Hands** (shawl making group) will meet at the Riddel Community Center on September 13th at 3 o'clock. New members welcome also yarn donations.

Any questions, Call MaryAnne at 378-4704 or Rose at 583-5045. We donate to local hospitals, nursing Homes. and to people who are homebound or facing an operation .

## Our Shared Treasure August 16, 2015

Offertory: \$4,580

Budgeted: \$5,784

**\*\*Below budget: \$1,204**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present:

**Deficit \$3,178**

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

2nd Collection - August 30, 2015 - Christians of the Holy Land Collection

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be resuming on Monday evenings in the Religious Education office starting 9/14/15 at 7 PM. We will be studying "The Acts of the Apostles". All are welcome! If you are interested in joining us please email Deacon Joe Hopgood at [Deaconjoe@comcast.net](mailto:Deaconjoe@comcast.net) so the study materials may be ordered.

### ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to the following programs and retreat opportunities. Visit our website, [www.csjretreatcenter.org](http://www.csjretreatcenter.org), email Retreat.Center@csjboston.org or call 781-383-6024.

#### Join us for our mornings of prayer.

Sept 14: A Disciples's Heart; Oct 17 Discovering Good Things in Good Time: The Treasure Within; Nov 16: Living the Call to Discipleship. Arrival and light refreshments 9:00-9:30 a.m. reflective input 9:30 a.m. followed by private time for prayer, closing communal experience, departure by 12:15.

## The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 13, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass

The menu as always will be delicious. A variety of salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, watermelon beverages, and, of course, desserts.



There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volleyball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 8<sup>th</sup> after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included). Please get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count.



## WOMEN'S CURSILLO

Cusillo is a short course in Christianity.

**The dates for the Women's Cursillo is October 22—25**

Cost \$250, Deposit of \$125 non refundable

Campion Renewal Center

319 Concord Road

Weston, MA 02493

Contact Lorraine Hopgood at 508-378-1521

## South Shore Irish Festival

**Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th, 2015 at the Marshfield Fair Grounds —Gates open at 11:00 AM each day.**



**World Class Irish Entertainment, Children's Activities, Horse Shows, Irish Vendors, "Pat Patriot", New England Patriot cheerleader, the Inflatable Irish Pub, Trace you Irish Roots, Irish Wolfhounds and Setter, and so much more for a great Day of Irish Entertainment. Visit**

**[www.SouthShoreIrishFestival.com](http://www.SouthShoreIrishFestival.com)**

**To purchase tickets in advance or for more details.**

**Vendor and non-profit spots are available.**



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TUES., OCTOBER 13, 2015

Gr. 1—6            4:30—5:30            Tues, Weds, Thurs or  
                         9:00—10:00           Saturday

Gr. 7 & 8            6:00—7:00            Wednesday  
                         7:00—8:00            Thursday

Gr 9 & 10           7:00—8:30            Sunday Nights  
Each grade alternating weeks.

All changes to the Confirmation Classes will be explained at a meeting on September 13th at 7 PM



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We live in a society where we have plenty of choices. Choices of employment, housing, food, or the like. Some of these are easy, simple and have little consequence and some have life-changing or life-altering consequences. In today's readings, choices are given. They are, ultimately, choices between serving God and serving one's own interest. We have the free will, a gift from God, to choose God's way or our way. We have the ability and opportunity to freely decide the path we wish to walk. Again, like some life choices, this is not an easy one, and the consequences could, literally, mean life or death.

In our first reading Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel, asking them to make a choice between the gods of the people in whose land they inhabit or the god of their ancestors. Joshua makes his choice clear in the last line of his impassioned plea: "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Jos 24:15). The people make this same choice, acknowledging all that God has done for them in securing their freedom. This seems like an easy choice (freedom over slavery) but some, given a choice, might opt for the "security" (albeit a false sense of the same) of slavery. The Israelites, in recognizing all that God has done choose, along with Joshua, to serve the Lord.

Our second reading, which always sparks discussion if not controversy, speaks of choice as well. It is the choice between serving one's own interests and putting oneself at the service of another. St. Paul reminds us at the beginning of the passage to "be subordinate to one another out of reverence to Christ" (Eph 5:21). I dare say that the following lines of the passage don't matter, as each party (husbands and wives, in this case) is beholden to another, and we are all (no matter our state in life) beholden to Christ. This passage, which always seems to get mired in the "politics of language" needs to be seen for what it is: a uniform call to service, one to the other and all to Christ; anything less than that does it, and our baptismal call, a disservice. We are all subject to this same call.

In our gospel, Jesus starts to lose followers. They "fall away" because of the difficulty of the message at hand (the "Bread of Life discourse" continued and finished in this passage). It is hard to accept this truth of the Real Presence. There is only so much of it that can be taught and understood. At some point, one must come to **believe** that this *is* Jesus, truly present in Eucharist, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is not a "form", "symbol" or "image" of Christ – it is truly Him, alive and in our midst. This is, indeed, a hard thing to hear and accept; it is only through faith that one can come to believe that Jesus is truly and fully present in the Eucharist.

May we always make the right choices in our lives of faith. May we come to know and see Jesus for who He is: Lord and Savior, one who has come into the world and bring Eternal Life, a life only God can bring. May we share this truth and this life with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul