



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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 9, 2015

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."

- Mk 14:22-24

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St. John the Evangelist Parish –210 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

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.

St. John is a Stewardship Parish
August 9, 2015
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 2015

4:00 – John Merianos – 4^{3rd} Anniversary

Sunday, August 9, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Kenneth McLaughlin – 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

9:00 – John & Marguerite Flaherty – Memorial

Saturday, August 15, 2015

4:00 – Kay Grazado – 11th Anniversary, Albert

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Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00 – Anna Piagi – 20th Anniversary

10:30 – George DeChristopher – 15th Anniversary

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, Ruth Marx, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes & 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

Sat., August 14, 2015 ASSUMPTION OF THE BELSSED VIRGIN MARY

Mon. 8/27 — Fr. Stephen arrives

Sat/Sun—9/12-9/13 — St. Vincent de Paul bag distribution
SUN. 9/13 — CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

Sun. 9/13/15 — 7 PM Confirmation Family Meeting



Please welcome John Francis Sullivan, Jr. into our Faith Community today.



Please congratulate John & Pat Morowski as they renew their vows on their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Our Shared Treasure August 2, 2015

Offertory: \$5289

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$495**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$1895**

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection — August 23, 2015 — Special Parish Collection

Thanks to Deacon Joe, we will have the opportunity to come before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00—8:00 pm. In the Church.



ADORATION & DEVINE MERCY

EVERY 2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
IN THE CHURCH
FROM 7-8 PM.

PLEASE JOIN US BEGINNNING AUGUST 12TH.

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 8th 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.

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$24,960 pledged	94% participated
\$26,637 our goal	93% of goal
165 participants	176 our goal of participants
Stayed the same this week.	
Only need \$1677 to meet our GOAL	

Praying for Families: Join us for our Hour of Mercy as we Pray for Families **every Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm** with Exposition, Adoration, Quiet Prayer, Chaplet of Diving Mercy, Litany to St. Joseph, Holy Cross Prayers, Prayer for Pope Francis and Benediction. Remembering **The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.** Held at: Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02356. For more info: Holy Cross Family Ministries: 508-238-4095, Ext. 2027 www.FamilyRosary.org/Events

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TUES., OCTOBER 13, 2015



Gr. 1—6	4:30—5:30 9:00—10:00	Tues, Weds, Thurs or Saturday
Gr. 7 & 8	6:00—7:00 7:00—8:00	Wednesday 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,

Something that has been (and will, I think, continue to be) debated is the “nature” of Jesus. For centuries, theologians have pondered the question of “what did he know, and when did he know it?” when it comes to the divinity and/or humanity of Jesus. Some “camps” will say that Jesus always knew, He was divine; some will place this knowledge at the point when He was found in the temple by Mary and Joseph; some will say

that He had some knowledge early, and that He “grew” into full understanding when He started His public ministry.

Certainly, when Jesus encounters the Jewish crowds in today’s gospel passage, He has full knowledge of who He is. In this continuation of the “Bread of Life discourse” (found in the sixth chapter of John’s gospel, and the source of our gospel for the last few weeks), Jesus declares Himself as having come “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). The Jewish audience (who has been following Him) are surprised (one might even say shocked) to hear this. They know Jesus to be the son of Joseph and Mary; they know His relatives (especially John the Baptist); they know His background – or at least they *think* they do. This encounter is much like when Jesus goes back to Nazareth, where the people “knew him when...” Much like that encounter, they feel they have Jesus all figured out.

There’s only one problem with that logic: they’re only seeing one “side” (the humanity) of Jesus. I say “side” because to speak of Jesus, one must walk a “theological tightrope”. One cannot give too much weight to either the divinity or humanity of Jesus; they are equal in measure, equal in importance. Without divinity, there is no salvation; without humanity, there is no connection to you and me – both are necessary for us to have any chance at full redemption. While it is true that God could have saved us anytime, anyway, anywhere, God chose Jesus (with the fullness of humanity and divinity) to be among us, similar to us in all things but sin. In this way, “one of our own” saved us. This is where it gets tricky for the Jewish audience: according to tradition, no one is supposed to know the origins of the Messiah – but they know Jesus’ roots. This is not so important for us as Christians (we should be happy that God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus as savior and messiah!), but it is a major issue for the Jewish audience of the day (and continues to be a point of division between Christians and Jews).

Today’s passage gives us hope, both for today and for the future. Today’s hope comes in the fact that Jesus gives us Himself as “food for the journey”, spiritual food that strengthens our souls. Future hope comes in the fact that Jesus came “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41), showing us the way to the Kingdom, and that with this “Bread of Life” we will live forever. May we come to know, appreciate and share this life, this life in Christ, with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul