



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 8, 2015 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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Prayer for FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,
let your Spirit be with us today.
Hear our prayers,
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith
as we use the opportunities of our democracy
to shape a society more respectful
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,
especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



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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

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Masses of Intention

Saturday, November 7, 2015

4:00 - Marsha Marianos — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, November 8, 2015

8:00 - William, Geneva, Kendra, & Kenneth Frabetti — Memorial

10:30 - Mary & Elmer Proffitt — Memorial

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Monday, November 9, 2015

9:00 - Clement Powers — 6th Anniversary

Saturday, November 14, 2015

4:00 - Donald Brems — 2nd Month's Mind

Sunday, November 15, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

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, Holton Weingrad, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Kathleen Creighton, Tim Tully, Lori Cullen, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Judy Crowley, Dave Swartz & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED'S — 11/11, 11/18, 12/9, 12/16

Sun. 11/8 — Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Tues. 11/10 — LIFT — 7—9 PM — Dover, MA

Weds. 11/11 — Veteran's Day Parade — 10 AM

Sun. 11/15 — Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Fri. 11/20 — Fiesta Friday — 7—10 PM

Tues. 11/24 — Pick up for Edible Arrangements in Hall



PYM Edible Arrangements Fundraiser for Thanksgiving. Order and have in time for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Pick up Tuesday before Thanksgiving.



We're happy and proud to honor them; They gave so much more than they got. Our heroes, our veterans kept freedom safe; All of us owe them a lot. God Bless You All

Our Shared Treasure

November 1, 2015

Offertory: \$5,788

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Above Budget \$ 4**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$9,016**

All Saints: \$535

All Souls: \$669

Grand Annual: \$2, 315

Thank you for your continued generosity!

2nd Collection Nov. 15th — Special Parish Coll. — Roof repairs

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



Food Court

Christmas items

Baked Goods

Crafts of all kinds

Hand Crafted items

Jewelry

Attic Treasures

Raffles

Religious items

Something for everyone!

St. John's Catholic Women's Club

7th Annual Craft Fair

Sat, November 28th – 9 am 0 3 pm

PARISH & YOUTH MINISTRY (PYM) EVENTS



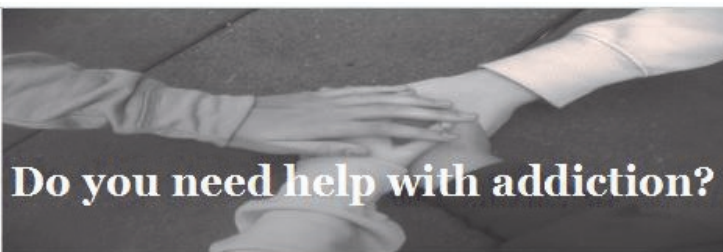
Christmas Pageant Start-Up Meeting
November 8th from 9:00—10:00
in the Hall



LIFT MINISTRIES
SAVE THE DATE — DECEMBER 4
AT
THE CATHEDRAL IN BOSTON
PYM is working on getting a bus!



FIESTA FRIDAY
Friday, November 20, 7—10 PM
Come enjoy a movie in your PJ's
Everyone is welcome!



Do you need help with addiction?

The EB HOPE Substance Abuse Outreach and Intervention Program will provide individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and/or family members information about professional health services and support resources.

First and Third Thursday of every month from 5-9PM

- Mental Health Triage Counselor professionals
 - Inpatient and Outpatient levels of care
- Recovery services from Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR)
 - Family support resources through Learn to Cope
 - On-site training of the proper use of nasal Naloxone
 - Faith Based Support



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East Bridgewater, MA 02333

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Thanksgiving is right around the corner!

The food pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving Dinners again this year and could use the following items:

Stuffing, gravy, Cranberry or Pumpkin bread mixes, pie crusts, pie fillings, cans of cranberry sauce, etc.

Gift cards to local stores are also greatly appreciated and money donations are always a huge help!



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Will be selling their THANKSGIVING Chocolate Lollipops

NOVEMBER 14 & 15
AFTER EACH MASS

Next week's collection Nov 14/15 is a Parish Special Collection!

This collection will be dedicated to very necessary roof repairs to prepare for the up-coming winter

Fr. Stephen has arrived safely home and sends his best. His email is lusteve2012@gmail.com for those of you who would like to contact him.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's economically challenging times, most of us give what we can. Whether it be in time, talent or treasure, we give to God that which we are able. Today's gospel, often referred to as "The Widow's Mite", is a reminder and a recommitment to the principle that we are called to give to God everything we have, not just the "surplus" or "leftover" – whether it be in time, talent or treasure.

In Jesus' day, according to the Mishnah (the "oral Torah"), there were receptacles (13 in all) standing against the wall of the Court of Women which were used to collect the gifts of the faithful for the Temple treasury. Jesus and His disciples observed the people coming into the Temple who offered their gifts of support for the works of the Temple. The thing that struck Jesus, and the point of today's gospel, is the fact that while many gave out of their surplus, the widow gave two *leptons* (the equivalent of two pennies), basically *all that she had*. This moved Jesus to comment, and the comment cut the Scribes and the Pharisees to the quick, for they knew the comment was meant for them.

Today's gospel is a poignant reminder to us that we owe God not just our surplus, our excess. We owe God all that we have, all that we are. We can give this in many ways. There is the aforementioned "schema" of "time, talent and treasure". You might be thinking to yourself, "well, yes Father Paul, we can give our time and talent, but don't you want our 'treasure'?" It would be foolish and disingenuous of me to sit here and say that the "treasure" part of the equation didn't matter. There are some in our community, however, who cannot give "treasure" but who can – and do – give of their "time" and "talent". I remember a situation with a young bride and groom who came to me to be married. They mentioned that they were paying for the wedding themselves, and if there is any way they could pay the Church offering over time, or come to another suitable arrangement, it would be appreciated. In speaking about this, the groom-to-be mentioned that he was a landscaper, and that he could "beautify" the property in lieu of the monetary offering. I jumped at the opportunity (knowing that the pastor had wanted to "spruce up the place"), and the arrangement was mutually beneficial.

God gives us an abundance of gifts. To some, God gives "treasure"; to some, "talent"; to some, "time"; to a lucky few, all three! No matter what God gives us, let us be prepared to give God our all, knowing that He has already given us His all. God gave Jesus to the world, and Jesus gave His life so that all might have life, and life abundantly. May we use our time, talent and/or treasure to the fullest, giving back to God all that He has given us.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul