



*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.*

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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508-378-3760



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

**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 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  
September 27, 2015  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses For The Week

Saturday, September 26, 2015

4:00 – St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 – Alexis Doucette — Memorial

10:30 – Jennie Kucinski — 22nd Anniversary

6:00 -- Harold & Dorathia Barney — Memorial

Saturday, October 3, 2015

4:00 – Maurice Figueiredo — 17th Anniversary

Sunday, October 4, 2015

8:00 – Alfred Smith — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 — Bronislaw Morawski — Memorial

6:00 — Ida Nisby — 3rd 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, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad, Arthur Hornstra & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ADORATION — WED’S — 10/14, 10/21, 11/11, 11/18**

**Mon. 9/14 — Bible Study in Rel. Ed. Office — 7 PM**

**Sun, 9/20 —Gr. 10 Religious Education Class — 7 PM**

**Sat/Sun—9-19/9-20—Collection of St. Vincent Bags**

**Sat. 9/26 — Blood Pressure Clinic following the 4:00 Mass**

**Sun, 9/27 — Gr. 9 Religious Education Class — 7 PM**

**Mon, 10-6 — 1st Children's Choir Rehearsal— 6 PM**

**Mon. 10/6 — Lector, Eucharistic Ministry Training**

**Sun. 10/11 — First Mass for Children's Choir — 10:30**

**Tues. 10/13 — RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS GR. 1-8**

**Sat. 10/24 — 6:30 — Spooky Salsa Saturday — Parish/Youth Ministry**

**CRAFT FAIR**

**Is coming November 28th.**

**It's time to get all the Attic Treasures together**

**And sign up for a table for all you crafters — it fills up fast, so don't be left out**

**Call MaryAnn Boyle**

The 1st Children's Choir Rehearsal will be at 6 PM on Oct. 6

*Our Shared Treasure*

*September 20, 2015*

Offertory: \$5,464

Budgeted: \$5,784

**\*\*Below budget: \$320**

Clergy Trust Fund \$1,925

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$6,290**

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

2nd Collection — Oct.4, 2015 — St Benedict's School Uganda

**Clergy Trust**

Thanks to you our Parish raised \$1,925 in honor of Fr. Paul, Fr. Wally, Fr. Skerry and the 614 active and senior priests who serve the Catholic faithful in our Archdiocese of Boston. Thank

On the weekend of October 2-4 2015, the Bridgewater Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive, a charitable fund that assists those under the age of 21 with special needs. Members of Council #488 will be present with their Tootsie Rolls to receive donations after all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Through this program, the Knights have been able to provide assistance to individuals with special needs in the Bridgewater area. The Knights are grateful for the generous support you have provided over the years.

**OCTOBER IS "RESPECT FOR LIFE" MONTH**

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the dignity of every life. Please join us

**Sunday, October 4 2015 — 10:30**

**St Jerome Parish, 632 Bridge St. Weymouth  
Main Celebrant, Most Rev. John A. Doohar**

Dear Parishioners of St. John, I bring you greetings of love and appreciation from St. Benedict school, Uganda. My community I serve is so grateful for what you are to us especially your helping hand in building a girls' dormitory. The first floor is done and it is intended for 100 girls much as at the moment it is accommodating 160 girl students because of need! The main reasons for building a girls' dormitory range from giving them maximum protection, curbing long distances of about six miles to school from homes, women empowerment in education, avoiding early pregnancies and marriages...

Our next step/target/priority is to construct the second floor on top worth \$35,000.00. This will also accommodate 100 girls. It is on this note I am appealing to your generosity.

The second priority is a school wall fence worth \$ 45,000.00. This will go around the school premises in order to give maximum security to the students, teachers and property.

How to donate? Write a check to St. John and indicate in the memo St. Benedict school Uganda.

Contact Fr. Stephen Lusiba at: [lusteve2012@gmail.com](mailto:lusteve2012@gmail.com)

## Successful Parish Picnic

A Message from Carmen Pearson — Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make our Parish Picnic a success. Donations were received from businesses from Roche Bros., Stop & Shop, Trucchi's, Pepsi Co. and Lipinski's Farm. To Loretta Connelly for obtaining the coolers of ice, Bill Dowling for the use of his grill and all the grillers, John Tibbetts for music that was enjoyed by all, Brenda Armand with her "count how many in the jar contest", for all those who donated the many delicious desserts and Patrick McKenna who was there to help as we needed. And to Father Paul for his support, trust and faith in me.

The picnic was enjoyed by all because so many people helped make it happen (from ticket sales to clean up).

*Grief is the price we pay for love*

East Bridgewater COA

New Loss/Grief Support—6 wks:

Mon 3-4 PM: 9/28, 10/5, 10/19, 10/26

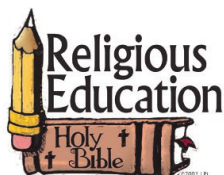
General Support: Every third Monday 3-4 PM

All are welcome anytime.

For more info, contact Vicki Wagner, Bereavement Coordinator, at 508-324-1900 or visit the poster on our bulletin board.



**Teachers and Assistants are needed for the Religious Education Classes.**



**Grades 1-6.**

**Please contact Lorraine Hopgood 508-378-**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING IS BACK FOLLOWING THE 4:00 MASS**

The dates are the last Saturday of the month.

Sept 26  
Oct 31  
Nov 28  
Dec 26  
Jan 30  
Feb 27  
Mar 26  
April 30  
May 28

Please post these dates in your home.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old saying which states that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend". It surmises that if someone is combating another who is at cross-purposes with your goals and objectives, they are "in your camp" as your ally. This can be true in the realms of government, military or even ministry. This is the point which Jesus is making in today's gospel.

As the renown of Jesus grows, the number of followers and disciples grows as well. The Twelve report back to Jesus that they saw others (not of their company) performing miraculous acts. Jesus "sets the record straight" by letting the listener know that one cannot both do the works of God and speak/act against God. If they are truly "of God", that is working, speaking and acting with the purpose of building up the Kingdom and furthering the mission of Jesus, then they cannot be wrong. There are ways to test this ministry; Jesus would later remark that "each tree is known by its own fruits" (Mt 7:20). In this way, one can determine if one is acting in the name of God or if one is working for one's own purpose and gain. It can be as simple as providing a cup of water, for the work of God is charitable love.

St. Paul speaks of this in our second reading. He speaks of the rich storing for themselves treasures. In doing so, they are not looking to build up the Kingdom – they are looking to build up their own bank account. This might give them security for now, but in the long run it will be held in testimony against them (see Jas. 5:3). The "treasures" which we are to store up for ourselves are not things which this world can provide. They are things such as mercy, understanding, patience, peace, and love. When we secure treasures such as these, we unite ourselves to Christ and His Kingdom.

May we have the courage to prophesy in the name of God. May we pray for the knowledge and wisdom which comes from God alone, a spiritual "sight" which allows us to see things for how they are and not how they are perceived. May we come to know God's mercy for us and may we share that mercy, forgiveness and love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul