



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.

January 24, 2016 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FAX 508-378-7317

Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

E-MAIL: stjohnnebridge@comcast.net

Registration:

Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring

fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Donald Skerry

Permanent Deacon:

Deacon Joe Hopgood

Deaconjoeh@comcast.net

Director of Music:

Paul Hoffman

p.hoffman@stjohnneb.org

Minister of Music:

Erica Wasil

Administrative Assistant:

Deborah Conrad

stjohnnebridge@comcast.net

Business Manager:

Jaelyn Buccigross

Jackie808@hotmail.com

Religious Education: 508-378-1521

Lorraine Hopgood

Nancy Smith

repstjohn@stjohnrep.net

www.stjohnneb.org

Facebook: St. John the Evangelist-EB

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free.*

Lk 4:18



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc. | Photos © 28865872 Photos.com/2111111111

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
January 24, 2016
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 23, 2015

4:00 - William McEnaney

Sunday, January 24 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Sheila Crenney — 2nd Anniversary

6:00 - Ralph Ortenzi — 36th Anniversary

Saturday, January 30, 2016

4:00 - Patrick Abati & Wendel Harrington

Sunday, January 31, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Angelina Chaves — 4th Anniversary

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, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Teri Callanhan, Tim Tully, Don Bernier, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad, Theresa Capachione, Louise Registre & The residents of SACHEM & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED’S — 1/13, 1/20, 2/10, 2/17
Sun 1/24 - PMY Meat Raffle at Standish Grille - 2-4 PM
Mon 1/25—Meeting Christ in Prayer — 7 PM
Tues 1/26 — Meeting Christ in Prayer — 9:30
Fri 1/29—PJ Anderson arrives—See LOOP for details
Sat. 1/30—Retreat at St. Basil Chapel, BSU 9 am—2 pm
Sat. 1/30 -- Concert by PJ Anderson in the Hall .
Thurs 2/4 — Night of Mercy — 6:30—7:30 Reconciliation Workshop
Fri 2/5 — Fiesta Friday — 7 PM

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

By prayer, reflection and faith sharing “Meeting Christ in Prayer” can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ in Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Deacon Joe & Lorraine Hopgood leading the sessions. We will have 2 separate groups- one group will meet on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 beginning January 25 and the other group will meet on Tuesday mornings after the 9:00 Mass. Sign-up sheets will be in the church.

*Our Shared Treasure
January 24, 2016*

January 17, 2016

Offertory: \$3,929

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below Budget: \$1,855**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15 — Present

Deficit \$ 10,976

Special Collection Sunday: \$1,117

Grand Annual \$ 31,463

January 24th — 2nd Coll. for the Churches in Latin America
No 2nd collection on the 31st.

**Ash Wednesday — February 10, 2016
Masses at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

Make this your best Lent ever by using a free email program offered by The Dynamic Catholic Institute.

Sign up online at DynamicCatholic.com/lent

You will receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew and a member of the team who will guide you through the 40 chapters in **Rediscover Jesus**.

You will discover simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday lives, leading a more personal relationship with Jesus and your best Lent ever.

**PYM MEAT RAFFLE—STANDISH GRILL
2-4PM SUN. JANUARY 24, 2016**

St Vincent de Paul

If you know of anyone in East Bridgewater who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 508-378-3760 and leave a message.
Remember: What you give to the pantry is used for the pantry!



Please welcome our newest members of the Parish.

Tyler Jacob Smith
Gracie Kathleen Prioli
Natalie Maryann Ridfol



LOOP Life of Our Parish

Fri. Jan 29-31 — PJ ANDERSON WEEKEND

**Friday service activities 3:30-5:30, 6-9:30
dinner and Year of Mercy & the Holy Door
retreat (parish wide) .**

**Saturday 9:30-2:30 Jrs & Srs. in HS/College
Retreat @ St. Basil Chapel BSU.**

**Saturday, 7 PM — PJ Anderson Concert —
inspirational night of song and stories.**

**Sunday —10:30 Mass — PJ Anderson joins our
choir.**

**2017 Pilgrimage to Rome— in order to reserve a
spot each person will need to put down a \$295
deposit by January 20th — [http://
www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-
catholic](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-catholic)**

**Feb 26- 28th — Deep Freeze, Camp Berea — a
fun weekend away for 6th grader and up. Mu-
sic, paintball, tubing and more. 11 spots open.
[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-deep](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-deep)**

See Nancy Smith for more info

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual Parish Baby Shower from Saturday December 26th through Sunday, January 24th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed below:

- 0-3 and 3-6 month clothing
- Layette nightgowns Baby sleep bags
- Toiletries (rash ointment, body wash) NO Baby Power
- Baby bottles
- NEWBORN disposable diapers
- Size SMALL Sleep and Play outfits
- Sweaters
- Crib sheets for pack n plays
- Socks
- Pacifiers
- Baby bath towels and wash Cloths
- Baby health and grooming items
- Maternity Clothing



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in January of 1981, my brother and I (along with a friend of ours) travelled down to Washington, D.C. to take in the inauguration of (the re-elected) President Ronald Reagan. Regardless of one's politics, if you've ever been to an inauguration you know that there is something interesting, unique, even spectacular about such an event. At the centerpiece of this event is the Inaugural Address. It is an opportunity for the President to "set a course" and to "lay the foundation" for the work that they hope to accomplish over the next four years. One remembers (either through personal memory or history lessons) the famous charge laid out by President Kennedy in 1961, that one should "ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Stirring words, indeed!

In today's gospel, Jesus puts forth what is, in essence, His "Inaugural Address". The words that Jesus reads, from the prophet Isaiah, are not only *spoken by* Him, they are *about* Him. These prophetic words, spoken at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and fulfilled in the hearing by the people that day, would be lived out and fulfilled by Jesus in His public ministry and ultimately by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus isn't just "talking the talk" here; He is letting those who would have ears to hear know what the reign of God is all about, both here on earth and in the Heavenly Kingdom. It is not just poetic words that will bring about the Kingdom. It is the action of Jesus, in bringing "glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives...sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18), as well as those who would choose to follow Him (read: you and me), that will usher in a new day, a new way of living.

At first, the people are taken with and amazed by Jesus prophetic way. They are amazed that this "native son" could have all of this command and power. Ultimately, however, they will find Him altogether too much, driving Him out of the town and attempting (unsuccessfully, of course) to put an end to Him. I think we can all relate to this, to a certain degree. How many times have we tried to correct a loved one, close friend or co-worker, only to be rebuffed and rejected? Just like Jesus, however, this should not keep us from speaking the truth about our faith. Just like Jesus, the rejection we feel/face will be nothing as compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom.

May we have the open ears and hearts to hear the Word of God touch us and change our lives. May we have the courage to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. May we know that the Word of God, bringing us challenge and hardship at times, will ultimately lead us to know Christ, to live Christ and to follow Christ with our whole heart, soul and life.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul