



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.

February 14, 2016 — First Sunday of Lent

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Happy Valentines Day



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." - Lk 4:1-3

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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
February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent**

Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 13, 2016

4:00 - Barbara Deal — 1st Anniversary

Sunday February 14, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, February 20, 2015

4:00 - Patrick W. Sullivan—Birthday

Sunday, February 21, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - John Sylvia, Sr.—Memorial

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, Phyllis MacDonald & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — WED'S — 2/10, 2/17, 3/9, 3/16
Mon 2/15 — 7 PM & Tues 2/16 — 9:30 AM — Meeting
Christ in Prayer

Weds 2/17 — (Confession) — 7-8 PM

The Light is on for You (every Wed. in Lent)

Fri. 2/18 — Simple Supper — 5:30—7:00

Weds. 2/24 — Fin Com Meeting — 8 PM

Fri. 2/26 — Divine Mercy — 7 PM

Fri—Sun 2/26-28 — Berea Weekend

Sun. 2/28 — Alteration

**SURPASSED 2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL —
THANK YOU!**

Congratulations! St. John's Parish has surpassed its 2015 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$26,637**. I am truly grateful to the **174** parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán's call to witness more clearly the depths of God's love for each

*Our Shared Treasure
February 14, 2016*

February 7, 2016

Due to the snow storm, monies for January 7th will be reported in next week's bulletin. Thank in advance for your patience.

Grand Annual \$ 31,763 Goal \$35,000
So Close

2nd Collection—Feb. 14th — Religious Education Program
No second Collection on February 21st.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Almsgiving -- Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."



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**Friday Evenings in Lent
Feb 19th, Mar 4th & 18th
5:30 – 7:00**

**Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread, Mac n' Cheese
Good Will Offering – All are welcome!**



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PJ ANDERSON IS BEGINNING A
KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN
TO FUND HIS NEXT ALBUM**



LOOP Life of Our Parish

Feb 26- 28th — Deep Freeze, Camp Berea — a fun weekend away for 6th grader and up. Music, paintball, tubing and more. 11 spots open. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daba82ca3ff2-deep>

Bowling Night, Mon. Feb 29th 7-9 PM, Tickets \$10 each and include unlimited Cosmic Bowling and Shoe Rental.

Fiesta Friday — March 11th—7 PM

See Nancy Smith for more info.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISH & YOUTH MINISTRY

For a very successful weekend of retreats and service when PJ Anderson visited with us. Please refer to last week's bulletin for the specifics. They are quite impressive.

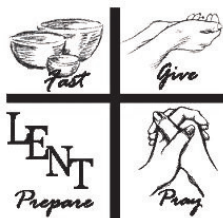
BRAVO TO PYM FOR THIS WONDERFUL WEEKEND!!

As we enter the season of Lent let us think about giving back rather than giving up. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. John's serves many families on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

We are always in need of the same items you use at home such as; peanut butter, jelly, soup, white tuna, canned fruit, pasta and rice side dishes, ketchup, mustard, mayo, coffee and tea, juice and juice boxes, cake and brownie mixes, pudding and Jell-O. Other very helpful items are bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant (for men and women), shaving cream and razors, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper and household cleaning items.

Please consider purchasing a second item when you shop during Lent. Help us keep our shelves stocked. Remember: What you give to the party is used for the pantry!

*Confessions - The Light is on for You
Every Wednesday night in Lent
From 7:00 - 8:00 pm
February 17th --March 23, 2016*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent has begun! Our forty day period of “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” has kicked off, and I hope and pray that this Season is a time of grace and joy for you. Yes, I said joy! When we think of joy, we think of a festive feeling of frivolity, but joy to the Christian is something entirely different. Joy to the Christian is rooted not in this world, but in the Kingdom; this is why the concept is so difficult for many to grasp. We live in a world of instant gratification, of living “in the now”. There is nothing wrong, per se, with “living in the moment” – it can make the present reality that much more “present”. The challenge with living in the here and now, however, comes to bear when we forget why we are here. The present life isn't just a “stop over” until we get to heaven, but neither is it the “be all, end all” that world would have us believe. The “pitfall” of living a fully human life is to think that this all there is; it is a temptation to be avoided, for if we do not our very soul could be at risk.

Jesus knows all about temptation. Today's gospel presents three very real temptations to humanity – physical deprivation and need, power and glory, and safety and security. In being presented with these three temptations, Satan acknowledges Jesus' humanity. This is something of which we need to remind ourselves. When we remember that Jesus (along with being “fully God”) is “fully human”, we find our own humanity “raised up”. A reminder of this comes in our Mass, when the priest (in preparing the water and wine for consecration, so as to become the Blood of Christ), says the words “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity”. In doing so, he is reminded (and thus, by his actions, reminds the congregation) that Jesus knows what it is to be tempted as a “flesh and blood” human being, but did not give into those temptations.

In moving forward in our Lenten journey, may we realize that there will be temptations. May we also realize that we can, with the help of God through the presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, overcome those temptations. May this Lenten Season be for us a time of cleansing, purification and healing. May this Season also be a time of hope, peace and....JOY!

A Prayerful and Peaceful Lent to All,

Fr. Paul