



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.

April 24, 2016 — 5th Sunday of Easter

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

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5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only
a little while longer. I give you a new
commandment: love one another." *Jn 13:33a, 34a*

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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 for the Week

Saturday, April 23, 2015

4:00 - Families Suffering with Cancer

Sunday, April 24, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Susan Quill — 7th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, April 30, 2016

4:00 - Susan Fitzgerald — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday May 1, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Martha O'Brien — 2nd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemarie Chaves whose Funeral Mass was celebrated April 16, 2015.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Teri Callanhan, Don Bernier, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Theresa Capachione, Louise Registre, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 5/11, 5/18

Mon. 4/25 — Fr. Kani arrives for a visit

Weds. 4/27 — Fin Comm Mtg. — 7 PM

Thurs. 4/28 — PYM Committee Mtg. -7 PM in Rectory

Wed. 5/4 — 1st Communion Rehearsals — 6 PM

Thurs 5/5 — 1st Communion Rehearsals — 6 PM

Sat. 5/7 — 1st Communions—9 AM & Noon

Thurs. 5/12 — 1st Communion Rehearsal — 6 PM

Sat. 5/14 — 1st Communion — 9 AM

Sat. 5/20 — EBHS Media Club Car Wash — 12-4 PM

Sun. 5/22 — PYM Meat Raffle — 2-4 PM

June 1, 2016 — Collaboration Officially begins with St. Ann's in West Bridgewater

Praising Jesus Thru Mary Rosary Group

Fifteen years ago Mother Angelica asked for help in distributing rosaries to the world. Enter *Praising Jesus Thru Mary Rosary Group*. So far we have made 601,000 Rosary Beads and are still going strong. Anyone interested in joining our group call Maryann and join us. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 10 a.m, at Riddell Rd. Hall.

Our Shared Treasure

April 24, 2016

April 17, 2016

Offertory \$5,103

Budgeted \$5,784

Below Budget \$ 681

Confirmation \$760

Grand Annual \$ 34,718

Goal \$35,000

We wish we made it!

Below Goal \$282

Mia Culpa on the reported error of last week.

2nd Collection — April 24th — Home Missions

No 2nd Collection — May 1st

A parishioner is in need of rides to and/or from the Brockton VA Hospital for medical treatments. If you can help please call the Rectory.

Fr. Kani arrives tomorrow. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!!!!

We need help planting the Easter Lilies and the Hydrangeas in the new prayer garden that Jonathan Hamilton created for his Boy Scout Project. Please call the Rectory if you can help.

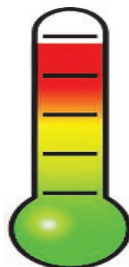
LENDING LIBRARY

Family Life Ministry is sponsoring and has started a Christian Books Library for adults and children. It is located outside the CD Office and will be available during the hours the Church is open. There will be a log book in which to sign books in and out. Hoping the reading selections will be enjoyed by all and additional reading material will be an ongoing process.

Catholic Appeal Update

Our Catholic Appeal as off 4/12 we have made 160% of our In-Pew Goal (128 in-pew donors out of a goal of 80); this means if we made our overall goal, we will get a 5% bonus. We are well on our way to making the overall goal, as of today 4/12, we are at 89% of the target (\$23,570/\$26,392).

GRAND ANNUAL (April Fools)



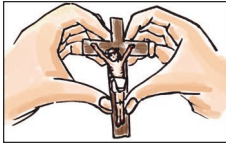
\$35,000

\$34,718— To-Date

WE'VE ALMOST MADE IT!!!!!!

JUST A LITTLE MORE WILL TAKE US TO THE GOAL.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION — St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 103 Center St. Bridgewater, will host the first of the 2016 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker for May 13 will be Rev. Adrian Milik, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



LOOP Life of Our Parish



LIFT
April 26th at 7 pm.
Cardinal Spellman High School



Baccalaureate Mass—10:30 Mass
May 1, 2016
Brunch to Follow



Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip
June 18—June 25th
Open to Juniors or older
Spots still open
Cost \$600—800 approx.
Fundraising to offset
Spots open

PYM MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
Sunday, May 22, 2-4 pm
@ Standish Grill
Lots of Fun, Great prizes.



July 15—17th
Sign ups have started —
Cost \$215
Open to all HS students
(incoming Fresh to Graduated Srs.)
One Spot open



VBS - July 25th -29th
Sign ups have begun
Cost \$43 per Child;
\$100 fam max.

Register though this website
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohneb>

Flocking to begin in May



See Nancy Smith for more info.
nhenn71@hotmail.com



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I think that many of us wonder what heaven will be like. Some have a “traditional” view, one with which we’ve grown up – complete with angels strumming on harps while perched on puffy clouds. Some have come to believe heaven as not so much a “place” as it is a “state of being”/“way of living”. No matter what our view, those who have a view of heaven see it as a completely different thing as compared to the reality of our life on earth.

John, the ascribed writer of the Book of Revelation, would share that view. In seeing it as something new, John recognizes not only the end of our earthly days as bringing about a radically different way of living, but also as the fulfillment of everything which God has promised His people. This “new order” of things is a reimagining of how we are to live our lives in relationship with God. God will take away all of the “stumbling blocks” that keep us from seeing God and living life to the full with God – tears, mourning, pain. God will replace these challenges with a fulfillment of this “new order”.

There is a challenge to this way of thinking, however, namely what we do between now and then? How do we live our lives knowing that while here on earth there will be these difficulties, these challenges? It’s not like we can avoid pain, tears or death. They are part of our “makeup”, of who we are as human beings. We must, therefore, strive for a vision like John’s. We must see beyond the limitations of this world and keep our eyes on the Kingdom. Again, this can be challenging but it is how we must live our lives. If we contain our “vision”, our thinking and living to this world then we will be caught unexpectedly when the time comes for us to enter into the Kingdom, either at the end of earthly days or at the end of time.

God is with us now, leading us in His way of living. God will be with us at the end of the age to call us home to Himself. God will usher us (we pray) into the Kingdom, where we will spend all eternity in everlasting peace, joy and life. May we use our time here on earth wisely, spending time growing in relationship with God. May we prepare ourselves here and now to be ready for that day when we are called home. May we enter into the Kingdom when God calls us home to spend everlasting life with Him.

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul