

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.

May 15, 2016 — Pentecost Sunday

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: stjohnebridge@comcast.net Registration:** Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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EUCHARISTIC 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 are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please co

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.

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# St. John is a Stewardship Parish May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday

#### Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 14, 2016 4:00 - Armand Franciosi — Birthday Remem. Sunday May 15, 2016 8:00 - Maurice Hennessey — 1st Anniversary 10:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial 6:00 Parishioners of St. John Saturday, May 21, 2016 4:00 - Fr. Paul's 21st Anniversary of Ordination Sunday, May 22, 2016 8:00 - Parishioners of St. John 10:30 - Jacqueline Hennebury 6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

The Lehane Family with St. John's help has dedicated a tree on the side lawn of the church as a tribute to Tim & Ellen's 50th years of Holy Matrimony. Their marriage has deeply and honorably rooted the lives of their family, their church and EB Community, and will continue to blossom and grow through the lives they have touched.

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Teri Callanhan, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Roy Rossier, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Charles Micalizzi, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Jeanne Lavin, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne & 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 Sat. 5/21 — EBHS Media Club Car Wash — 12-4 PM Sun. 5/22 — PYM Meat Raffle — 2-4 PM Wed. 5/25 — Fin Comm Mtg. — 7 PM Sat. 5/28 — PYM — Car Wash — 8—11 AM Wed. 6/1 — PPC Mtg. — 7 PM Sat. 6/18 — Mission Trip to Nashville On-going — PYM Bottle Drive — drop off parking lot in wooden container labeled for drive. — 'til June 11th

#### ST JOHN'S BE PROUD!

Two of our young adults, Lauren Benvie and Pat McKenna, who were afforded the opportunity to go on past mission trips to Catholic Heart Work Camps in Nashville, have been hired by Catholic Heart to work as a Media Manager and a Tool Room Assistant Manager respectively. This summer they will be traveling around the country as ambassadors of their faith founded here at St. John's. They are very excited and so are we.

## Our Shared Treasure May 15 2016

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Offertory	\$5,732	Budgeted \$5,784	ſ
		Below Budget \$52	
Catholic Communication First Communion		\$918	
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Grand Annual \$ 35,667 Goal \$35,000

WE MADE IT AND MORE!!!!! Thank you!!!

2nd Collection — May 15, — Seminarians (Pentecost) No Second Collection on May 22, 2016

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priest. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

### THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Is a great way for families to say the Rosary together daily. As Fr. Peyton says, "The family that prays together, stays together."

Families are asked to sign up for one week and take possession of a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to inspire pray.

Any questions can be directed to MaryAnn Boyle (508-378-4704) or John O'Malley (508-378-7789) Why say the rosary? Because Our Lady of Fatima says so!!!

#### Catholic Appeal Update

Our Catholic Appeal as off 4/12 we have made 160% of our In-Pew Goal (142 in-pew donors out of a goal of 80); this means if we make our overall goal, we will get a 5% bonus (if we meet the \$ total goal). We are well on our way to making the overall goal, as of today 5/2, we are at 96% of the target (\$25,320/\$26,392). Only \$1,072 to go.



JOIN LIFT MINISTRIES ON TUESDAY, MAY 17TH @ 7 PM For an inspiring night of worship At ST PAUL CHURCH, HINGHAM Fr. Eric Cadin, music, relevant talk, & confession

~ATTENTION~ MAY 22, 2016 LAST 6:00 PM MASS OF THE SEASON



# LOOP Life of Our Parish

PYM MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER Sunday, May 22, 2-4 pm @ Cameron on the Green Lots of Fun, Great prizes.

STEUBENVILLE FAST

July 15-17 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



On-going bottle drive in parking lot until 6/11



Taco Tuesday June 28th 6:30 pm Nancy Smith's House

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 7 -- 11 at Craigville Beach Only 6 spots open Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.







My Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Birthday! You may be saying to yourself, "But it's not my birthday!" Well, as you may know the Church traditionally celebrates its "birthday" on the Feast of

Pentecost, the feast in which we find ourselves engaged today. This "watershed" moment in the Church's history comes about in many ways and is significant for many reasons: the crowds who gather to hear the Apostles are able, through the power of the Spirit, to hear and understand them in their own language, diverse as they are; Paul speaks of the Body of Christ, citing the unity of spirit in the diversity of gifts; Jesus gives His disciples the gift of peace so that they may confidently go forth and proclaim the Good News. All of these moments work together to establish the beginnings of the Church as we experience it today.

Today is significant for us as a Church, as well. We, like the first disciples of Jesus and the Apostles, are called to use our gifts and talents to assist our brothers and sisters in their need, to lift up the Church to be the Body of Christ and to always strive for the greater glory of God. We do this both in individual and corporate ways. We are called to use those God-given talents so as to fulfill our baptismal call to serve God and God's people. We do this most profoundly when we pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, the same Spirit given to the disciples at Pentecost. Our recognition of ourselves as members of one Body (in Christ) is important to take note of as well. We would do well to realize that nothing we do stands alone. All of our actions should be undertaken with an understanding of their impact on the whole Body of Christ: when one hurts, we all hurt; when one celebrates, we all celebrate. Another way of putting it can be found in the lyrics of the song "None Of Us Are Free" (by the Blind Boys of Alabama, who I heard while vacationing in New Orleans a few years ago): "when one of us are chained, none of us are free... none of us are free".

This sense of freedom comes as well when we receive (and thus are ready to offer) forgiveness. This gift of forgiveness lived out for us as Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is something that the world doesn't always understand because it has little to no concept of "sin". In the world, we make "mistakes" or "errors in judgment". Sin comes into play when we realize the impact our actions have on others and God; it goes beyond just us. The "ripple effect" felt in sin is overcome, however, with the forgiveness and reconciliation given by God out of His love for us. This power, given to the apostles at Pentecost, is experienced when we seek out the mercy of a loving God. This Pentecost is an opportunity to feel the power of God's love in the unity of the Body of Christ and the power of the Sacraments. May we know, feel and share this love with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Pentecost, Fr. Paul