



**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.*

**June 12, 2016 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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“So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love.” - Lk 7:47a

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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.**

**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**

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.

**Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
June 12, 2016  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**

4:00 - Thomas Farley, 1st Anniversary

**Sunday June 12, 2016**

8:00 - Francis Figueiredo — 21st Anniversary

10:30—Susanne Lovell—6th Anniversary

**Saturday, June 18, 2016**

4:00 - Patrick W. Sullivan — 9th Anniversary

**Sunday, June 19, 2016**

8:00 - All Father's in the Parish

10:30 - All Father's in the Parish

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

*Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen DeBenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, 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, Jim Clem & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

*If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 6/8, 6/15**

**Sun. 6/19 — Mission Trip to Nashville**

**Sat. 6/25 — Parish Yard Sale — 9:00—2:00 PM**

**Tues. 6/28 — Taco Tuesday at Nancy Smith's**

**Fri. 7/15-17 — Stubenville East Weekend**

**On-going — PYM Bottle Drive — drop off parking lot in wooden container labeled for drive. — 'til June 11th**  
**Flocking in on-going — Call Nancy Smith to sign up.**



**Sat., June 25th  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Sponsored by:  
The Catholic Women's Guild  
& St. John's  
Fundraising Committee**

**Items can be dropped off at the Rectory Barn or call the Rectory to have items picked up. (with pickup, nothing too large or heavy please.)**

**Our Shared Treasure  
June 12, 2016**

**May 29, 2016**

**Offertory \$4,208**

**Budgeted \$5,784**

**Below Budget \$1,576**

**June 5, 2016 \$6,519**

**Above Budget \$735**

**Catholic Appeal — Goal \$26,392**

**97% in Currently \$25,645**

**Need \$ 747**

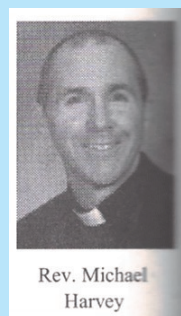
**If we reach our goal, we will receive a rebate on our assessment instead of a bill.**

2nd Collection — June 19th — Collection to defray Mission Trip Costs  
2nd Collection June 26 — Holy Father—Peter's Pence

Sacred Heart School is still accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year for Preschool through Grade 11. For more information or to apply, please contact the admissions office at 781-585-7511 or by email at [admissions@sacredheartkingston.com](mailto:admissions@sacredheartkingston.com)

**We are pleased to welcome Fr. Michael Harvey as the new Parochial Vicar of both St. John's and St. Ann's.**

**Fr. Harvey is a Brockton native, ordained in the class of 1999.**



**He is joining us from St. John the Baptist in Quincy.**

**Please make him feel welcome.**

**Catholic Appeal Update**

Our Catholic Appeal as of 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 6/7, we are at 97% of the target (\$25,645/\$26,392). Only \$747 to go.

**Mass Schedule for St. Ann's  
in**

**West Bridgewater**

**Daily Mass (9:00 a.m. M,T,TH,F)**

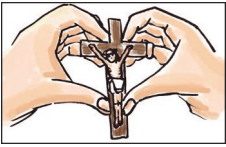
**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 10:30**

**A warm welcome has been extended to members of St. John to visit whenever convenient.**

**ARE YOU AWARE OF THE NEW CHRISTIAN LENDING LIBRARY LOCATED DOWNSTAIRS OUTSIDE THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE THAT THE LADIES OF THE LIFE MINISTRY HAVE CREATED? CHECK IT OUT. IT IS FOR ALL AGES AND TOTALLY FREE.**





## LOOP Life of Our Parish

July 15-17

Sign ups have started —  
Cost \$215  
Open to all HS students



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/stjohnsb>



Country Shindig  
Sat., July 23, 2016  
From 5—11 PM  
Church Backyard

This event is being planned by our Youth Leadership Team consisting of over 20 members. It will be an old fashioned night of summer fun including music, dancing, barbeque, corn-hole tournament, and games for all ages. Watch for ticket prices; coming soon.

**Our 3rd Annual Mission Team has almost reached their annual fundraising goal — \$300 away from goal.**



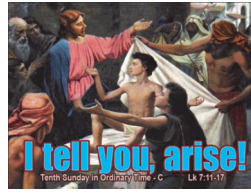
**FLOCKING HAS BEGUN!! Contact Nancy Smith -508-838-8490**

**On-going bottle drive in parking lot until 6/11  
Bin located just beyond chapel edge of grass.**

**"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 7 -- 11 at Craigville Beach  
Only 3 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](mailto:repstjohn@stjohnrep.net) for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In one of my favorite books, The Little Prince (by Antoine de Saint-Exupery), an oft-used quote is found: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye". Another way to say this is "seeing *isn't always* believing".

In the gospel passage before us, there is a "sinful woman" who bathes (and even kisses) Jesus' feet. She bathes Jesus' feet with her tears and dries them with her hair – such humility is a sight to behold for the Pharisee, and for the whole company of people gathered at the Pharisee's house. Such a sight would catch anyone off guard, I would imagine – if they were to look only with the eye! The idea of someone *seen* as "sinful" doing such a loving and caring act might be "off-putting" for some. Jesus reminds the crowd (and us), however, that by her actions the "sinful woman" (who is never identified by name) her sins are forgiven her. This should not surprise us, given Jesus' "track record" when it comes to associating with sinners, outsiders, people thought of as "less than" by polite society. Jesus has the ability to see that which is "essential".

How do we feel when we see someone who we "know" (note the quotes) to be a "sinner" (again, note the quotes) doing a charitable act? Do we laud them for this, or do we think "who do they think *they* are?"? Does *our* charity extend as far as *theirs*? Often times, it is the people who we think of as the "least likely" to act charitably (to "do small things with great love", as Blessed Mother Theresa is quoted as saying) that can surprise us the most. This is the case of the "sinful woman" highlighted in today's gospel. It is also the case of the folks spoken of in our second reading. As Paul is speaking to the Galatians, he reminds them that one is justified by faith, not works. It is our faith in Jesus Christ which will be our salvation; the works we offer are merely reflections (and pale ones at that) of the faith we are to put in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. There is nothing we can do to "merit" or "earn" the Kingdom – that price has been paid.

May we have the courage to look beyond the obvious (what is seen with the eye). May we see people as Christ sees them, seeing into the heart. May we continue to strive to "work" toward the Kingdom by placing our faith in Jesus and His merciful love. May we always believe that our sins are forgiven by the grace of God and the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which has as its root the love of God. May this reconciling love be at the heart of all that we do, say and are, and may we share this love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Paul