



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 19, 2016 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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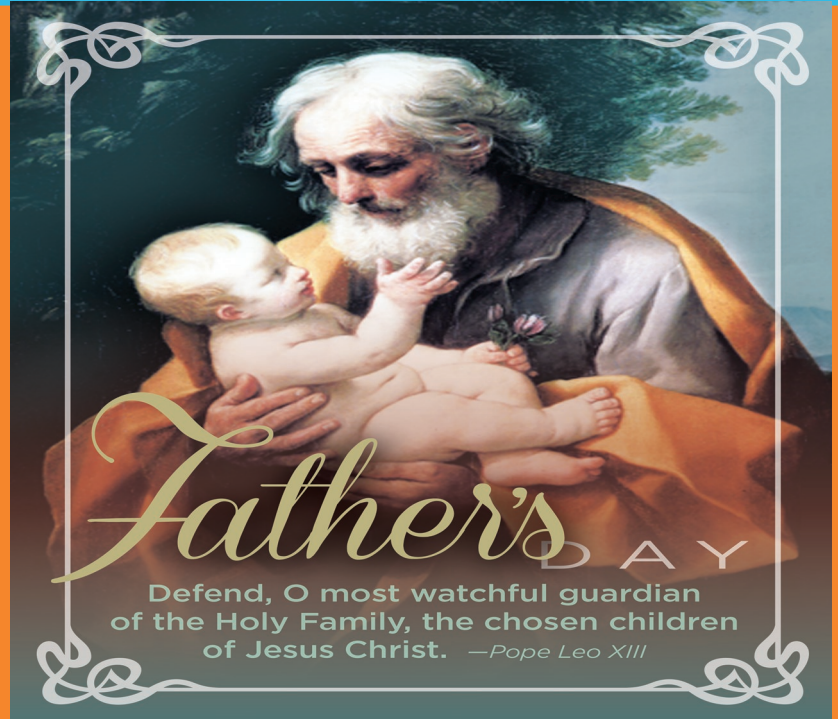
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508-378-3760



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

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
June 19, 2016
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

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

Saturday, June 25, 2016

4:00 - Ruth & Roland Marx—Memorial

Sunday June 12, 2016

8:00 - Manuel Luz Tavares — 21st Anniversary

10:30—Maria Chaves — Anniversary (wedding)

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, Florence Lacey & 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

Thank you to Prohett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home for providing St. John's & St. Ann's with beautiful reservation signs to be used during funerals, baptisms, and Weddings.

We appreciate your generosity very much.



**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 19, 2016*

June 5, 2016 \$5195 Below Budget \$589
Special Parish Collection \$1,890

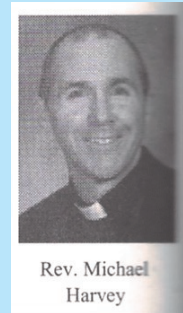
Catholic Appeal — Goal \$26,392
97% in Currently \$25,645
Need \$ 747

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

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.



Rev. Michael Harvey

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

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.

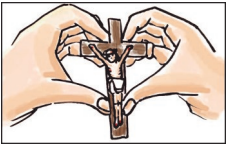


PLEASE WELCOME ST. JOHN'S NEWEST MEMBERS.

NICHOLAS JAMES JOHNSTON

LILA GAIL MACDONALD

BLAKE DANIEL SCHWEITZER



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



**"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 for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

One definition of an “enigma” is “one that is puzzling, ambiguous or inexplicable”. I mention this in light of today’s celebration of Father’s Day, with my own father having “gone home to God” and the fact that he was a bit of an “enigma”. He was not educated beyond high school (having left school in 11th grade for the war), but he was bright and knew many things. He was not athletic (although in his younger days, he played Park League Football (a highly athletic group of men)), but he was always out with us, teaching us how to throw/catch/run. He was quick-witted and could “cut you down to size” easily, but was very gentle and forgiving when he needed to be. We often wondered “who IS this man?”, but never quite had him figured out completely.

Jesus was, for many, an enigma. As testified by the apostles, Jesus was seen as many things: a healer, a prophet and a holy man. The apostles (Peter, specifically) see Him for what/who He is: “the Christ of God” (Lk 9:20); in other words, the Messiah. Yes, they see Jesus as prophetic, with a healing touch, but they see much more than that. This is largely due to the proximity in which they see Jesus. They are with him day in and day out, so they see all “sides” of Him. He must have, however, remained a mystery (an “enigma”) to many of the people, the disciples included.

Who is Jesus for us? I dare say that each one of us may have a different answer to that question, depending on many things. Depending on our life experience, our current state of mind/way of life, and where we are on our journey of faith. At different times, Jesus is seen by us in different ways. This isn’t a bad thing; in fact, it can be a wonderful thing. It reminds us that Jesus is, indeed, all things for all people. Jesus comes to us in our need, where we are, to be with us in the way we need Him to be there. For our part, we need to be open to receiving Jesus as He *is* and not how we *want* Him to be. This can be a challenge, because we may feel we know, inherently, what it is we need. Jesus, however, knows us better than we know ourselves. This is why we need to be open – it is the only way that we can grow in knowledge of and relationship with, Jesus.

When we listen to today’s readings, we see what Jesus did for us. When Zechariah prophesies about Jesus, he speaks of Him as being mourned and grieved for like “an only son...a firstborn” (Zec 12:10); this alludes to Jesus’ death, a death accepted for us. St. Paul reminds us that we were “baptized into Christ” (Gal 3:27); this reminds us of the relationship we have with Jesus, as brothers and sisters. Finally, our gospel reminds us of Jesus’ place in our lives as Messiah and Savior. All of these images, put together, give us a pretty full picture of Jesus. We will not fully understand who Jesus is for us, and what He did for us, until we reach the Kingdom. Until then, let us continue to discover who Jesus is for us, being open to the wonderful possibilities which this mystery holds!

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Paul