



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.

July 3, 2016 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
July 3, 2016
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, July 2, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, July 3, 2016

8:00 - Ronald Federico — Memorial

10:30 - Joseph Zemeitas — 10th Anniversary

Saturday, July 9, 2016

4:00 - Robert Gale — 5th Anniversary

Sunday July 10, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30—Rick Hutchins — 4th Anniversary

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, 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 Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home for providing St. John's & St. Ann's with beautiful reservation signs to be used during funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.

We appreciate your generosity very much.



One of our parishioners has graciously donated a statue of Our Lady of Fatima formally known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima with the hope that our parishioners will say the Rosary more frequently and teach their children the Rosary.

The statue is currently in the Chapel near the tabernacle.

There are Rosary beads there for your family.

There are several sites on the web on how to say the Rosary and apps that you can download on your phones.

Our Shared Treasure

July 3, 2016

June 26, 2016 Goal \$5,487
 \$3,778

Below Budget \$1,709

Peter's Pence \$1,504

Catholic Appeal — Goal \$26,526

98% in Currently \$25,940

Need \$ 586

If we reach our goal, by June 30th, we will receive a rebate on our assessment instead of a bill.

No second collection on July 3, 2016

July 10, 2016 — Special Parish Collection — To cover moving expenses

Congratulations to the Catholic Women's Club and the Fund-raising Committee for a very successful Yard Sale last Saturday. A special thank you to Kerry Fabroski and Charlene & John Tibbetts for the hard work they put in organizing, fetching, setting up and breaking down all the tables of goodies. It would not have been a success without them.

We are so close — \$586 away from meeting our goal of the Catholic appeal. If we meet or exceed this goal, **by June 30th** we retain 60% of the overage for our parish.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, July 4th for the holiday.

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 6/21, we are at 98% of the target (\$25,940/\$26,526). Only \$586 to go.

What's happening in the Collaborative?

As of July 12th, the offices at the Rectory of St. John's will be moving to the Rectory at St. Ann's. Our telephone numbers will remain the same so reaching us should be as easy as always. St. Ann's address is 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

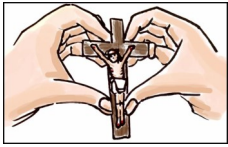
Lorraine Hopgood will still man the Religious Education Office in the Hall of St. John's.

Fr. Paul will be in residence at St. John's Rectory and Fr. Mike will be in residence at St. Ann's Rectory offering the presence of a priest in both locations.

The Mass schedule will remain the same.

Fr. Paul will continue to be available Wednesday through Sunday and Fr. Mike will be taking Wednesday and Thursday For his days to rest and reflect.

We hope that you will stop by whenever you need us. We are only an additional 5 minutes away.



LOOP Life of Our Parish



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/stjohnb>

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



Church Backyard
Tickets: \$10 teen/adults, \$5
Seniors/children
\$25 Family Pass (immediate fami-
ly members)

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. Pony rides, three-legged races, volleyball, face painting, sack races, country line dancing, music & BBQ and more.

1st Annual Corn Hole
Tournament
\$25 per team



Prizes:
1st—\$250,
2nd—\$125
3rd—\$50,
4th—\$25

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

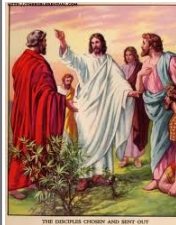


The bin for bottles and cans will be permanently in the same spot. This will be an on-going fundraiser for PYM.

"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 Hoppood at
508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at
repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this column, we are in the midst of another “holiday weekend”. On the 4th of July, when celebrating the gift of freedom, I thank God for the gift of *religious* freedom. I thank God that I live in a country where I can exercise my “freedom of religion” by publicly praying to our God for all of the good things that God has provided me over this last half century of life.

Among the things which God has provided to me is an opportunity to serve His people in my priestly ministry. Over the last 21 years, God has given me the chance to respond to the call which He placed on my heart many, many years ago. While it took me a while to respond to that initial call (placed on my heart when I was in high school, responded to (finally) after college), these last twenty-one years have been amazing in all of the various ways God has opened up to me to bring souls to Christ by preaching, teaching and serving. In my preaching, God has given me the opportunity to enflame people’s hearts with “a word that will rouse them”. In teaching, God has given me the chance to educate God’s people about the truths of our Faith. In serving, God has placed in me a “servant’s heart”, putting me at the disposal of others, assisting them in ways that bring them closer to God.

The challenges to our religious freedom are there, as well. Now, more than ever, the ability to bring our faith into the “public square” is under attack. We are told that “religion is best kept for worship services” and that “it might be best if we didn’t bring God into this (situation)”. So, America, how’s that working for you? Are we better off now that we cannot pray in school? Are we better off now that we have put God in a “box”, like He is an article of clothing that we pull out only when necessary and when it is “convenient” (to all). I don’t think so. There is a growing attitude that “freedom of religion” means “freedom from religion”. I do not believe that this is what the founders of our great nation intended.

May we have the courage to live out our lives of faith “in season or out of season, whether convenient or inconvenient” (1 Tim 4:2). May we know that it is our God that calls us to live our lives in union with Him. May we cherish this union by living out our belief that we are sent by God to be His heralds. May our great land know the gift of God’s love. May God bless our Parish, may God bless our Church, and may God bless the United States of America.

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul