



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.

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**15TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**“BUT A SAMARITAN
TRAVELER WHO CAME
UPON HIM WAS MOVED
WITH COMPASSION
AT THE SIGHT.”**

- LK 10:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 10, 2016
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

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

Saturday, July 16, 2016

4:00 - Leonard Shepard—Month's Mind

Sunday, July 17, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Deceased Members of the Mulkern Family

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
Tues. 7/5/16 — Taco Tuesday @ Nancy Smith's— 6:30
Fri. 7/15-17 — Stubenville East Weekend
Flocking is on-going — Call Nancy Smith to sign up.

Reflections from the Mission Trip

(Taken from Facebook Posts)

So many highlights of last night that won't make it onto Facebook but I will share one of the most powerful moments for me. In our small group earlier in the week we all shred our deepest fear or faults we wanted God to take away. We wrote them on the piece of wood. Last night as part of the Praise and Worship the Youth Ministers brought those boards on stage and broke that chain of fear. This job is such a blessing and this activity was a powerful reminder.

Wednesday was extremely hot here in Nashville but all did a great job at their work sites. It is also the most power prayer experiences of the week. Four Corners..

We prayed for you, pray for us as we head off to Day 3 of worksites.

It has been an amazing week. We are so blessed to have these experiences!! We are coming home Boston.

Our Shared Treasure

July 10 2016

Goal \$5,487

July 3, 2016 Due to the holiday, July 3rd figures will be available on July 17th bulletin.

Catholic Appeal — Goal \$26,526
98% in Currently \$26,742
Above goal \$216

We did it!



July 10, 2016 — Special Parish Collection — To cover moving expenses
July 17, 2016 — No Second Collection

The Yard Sale was a huge success thanks to our Fund-raising Committee lead by Charlene and John Tibbetts and the Catholic Women's Club and its president, Kerri Fabroski.

It was an enormous amount of work, fun, sun and success. It was a wonderful parish event which we hope to have more of. Come join us next time.

WE MADE IT! — WE EVEN EXCEEDED IT.

As of today, June 28th, we are at \$26,742, \$216 above our goal of \$26,526. Your support and generosity made this possible. Which means that we do not owe any money toward our assessment to the Archdiocese for the Catholic Appeal and in fact, we will receive a 65% reimbursement of any money over and above our goal.

A word of thanks to Elaine Meuse, our Catholic Appeal Chairperson for her efforts in making our goal for the third year in a row!

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.

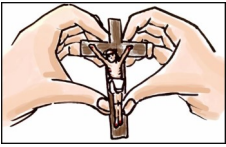
Lorraine Hopgood will still man the Religious Education Office in the Hall of St. John's.

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/stjohnsb>

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

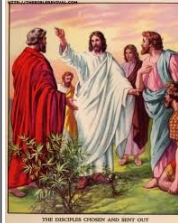


The bin for bottles and cans will be permanently in the same spot. This will be an on-going fundraiser for PYM.

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is
planned for August 7 -- 11
at Craigville Beach

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,

Most of you, by now, know my love of bumper stickers. I read them when I am stuck in traffic (which happens far too often than I'd like!), and they help pass the time. Sometimes, the bumper stickers I read make it into a homily or bulletin column (as is the case today). Recently, I read a bumper sticker that read, "If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us 'The Ten 'Suggestions'". I think the point of the sticker is that the Ten Commandments (the item to which the bumper sticker was alluding) are not merely things we *should* do, but that we *must* do (i.e. we are *commanded* to do them).

Jesus, in today's Gospel passage, is asked a question of the law. What is offered is a synthesis of the Commandments (of which there are 613 in the Jewish tradition), namely that you "shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk 10:27). This is a correct answer, but it wasn't enough for the scholar; he felt he needed to justify himself, so he took it further. The scholar asked Jesus who his neighbor was, and this is where it gets interesting.

Jesus, always looking for the hearer/reader of Scripture to grow in faith, takes the letter of the law and moves it beyond, to the spirit of the law. It is in the spirit of the law that one can live out the faith proscribed. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us what it means to be "neighbor", to go beyond what is expected, and to move into what is desired, by God. God desires us to extend ourselves beyond that which is comfortable. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man beaten is approached, first by a priest and then by a Levite. The priest avoids the man because he does not want to be rendered impure; the Levite avoids the man because he has no legal obligation to help and so he doesn't.

It is at this point that the Samaritan comes upon the scene. The Samaritan, being an "outsider" (that is, outside the Jewish Community) has no obligation to help this man...but he does so anyway. Beyond helping the man - by dressing his wounds, placing him on his own animal (thus forcing him to walk beside the injured man), and bringing him to an inn and caring for him - he takes it one step further, by letting the innkeeper know that if there is any further expense, he will take care of it on his way back. Why do all of this, if there is no obligation? Because faith isn't about obligation, it's about expectation - what God expects from us. God calls us to go beyond that which is comfortable, to reach out to those in need out of love, to see Christ in the "other" and to be Christ for them.

May we have the courage to act as the Good Samaritan did, by extending ourselves beyond that which is "comfortable" and do what God wishes us to do: to put our faith into action, to "put our money where our mouth is" by putting our faith into action. May we do this without "counting the cost", for we know that the "price is paid" already - by Jesus Christ, Himself.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul