



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 24, 2016 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9

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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 24, 2016
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, July 23, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday July 24, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners suffering with illness

10:30 —Peace on Earth

Saturday, July 30, 2016

4:00 - Maria C. Braga — 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, July 31, 2016

8:00 - Mary & Gordon Alden, David, Thomas & Daniel Alden, & Joshua Lawrence—Memorial

10:30 - Thomas J. O'Day — Month's Mind

Please pray for the repose of the souls of :

Cosmo Barbetto — Funeral Mass May 12, 2016

Leonard Shepard — Funeral Mass May 28, 2016

Hans Giesler — Funeral Mass June 30, 2106

Thomas J. O'Day, III — Funeral Mass July 2, 2016

Richard Bachman — Funeral Mass July 6, 2016

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, Pat Larson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

ADORATION — 7 PM WED'S — 8/10, 8/17

Rosary after daily masses

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Please call the rectory if you are interested.

We are hosting a night at the Rox.

Come see the Brockton Rox play the Marthas Vineyard-Sharks

Tuesday July 26th at 6:35.

Bring the kids.

Fun for the whole family!

Tickets can be picked up at will call the night of the game.

R.S.V.P. by July 12th
508-697-4332

Thank you

Mark, Bill, Shane, Sharon

Our Shared Treasure

July 24 2016

Goal for fy 2016 \$5,900

July 17, 2016

\$3,979

Below Goal \$1,921

Please don't forget St. John's when you are on vacation. Unfortunately, our bills do not go on vacation.

July 24, 2016 —No Second Collection

July 31, 2016 — No Second Collection



Please welcome the newest members of St. John's Parish

Gwendolyn Sage Green

Lillian Joyce Berry

Layla Jean Bryan

Fr. Stephen Lusiba

will arrive this Thursday, July 28th and will be staying with us until the 12th of August.

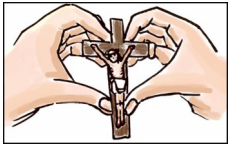
Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

What's happening in the Collaborative?

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Nancy Smith as Director of Parish and Youth Ministry for the Collaborative of St. John's and St. Ann's. Nancy has been serving in this capacity for two years at St. John's and brings her talent and enthusiasm to the job on the collaborative level. Please join me in congratulating her on this appointment. May God Bless our Parishes as they venture forth in the Collaborative Process.

As you know the office has moved to West Bridgewater, however, we still have a contact in East Bridgewater, Lorraine Hopgood, our Religious Education Director.

Lorraine will be able to take care of Mass Cards if you cannot make it to West Bridgewater. Masses of Intention and any other tasks that the office took care of will be taken care of as usual at 378-4207.



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 family members)



Join us for 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.

Including the

1st Annual Corn Hole
Tournament
\$25 per team

Prizes:
Restaurant Gift
Certificates



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,

The "Our Father" is one of the most, if not THE most, central prayer in the Catholic-Christian faith. It is the only "formal" prayer taught to the Twelve by Jesus. Jesus gave them this prayer after being requested by the Apostles for a way to pray; they had known of/experienced John's disciples praying and that John had given them "formulas" to pray. The prayer which Jesus gives them is a perfect blend of adoration, petition and thanksgiving - it has all of the elements of a great prayer. The "version" given in Luke's gospel is somewhat truncated, but it gets the point across that the sentiment and power of the full prayer (which we offer in our liturgy).

The other benefit of having prayers like the "Our Father" is that they give us words to put to the feelings which we experience which we would have a hard time otherwise expressing. When words fail us, prayers such as the "Our Father" give us the opportunity to put forth our inmost desires and thoughts. The beautiful thing about using the "Our Father" in our liturgy is that we realize that, when we pray in community, that we are not alone in our need for God or our desire to receive those things from God which will help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Jesus further elaborates on this prayer by extolling the virtue of being persistent in prayer. This is not to say that if we ask often enough, we will get what we want. I remember as a child asking (on long car trips), *ad nauseam*, "are we there yet?"; it was as if I had asked often enough that the answer would change. The only thing that changed was my mother's level of patience, decreasing with each petition! I think what Jesus is getting at in the gospel passage for today is that each time we ask for something and are told "no", then we have the opportunity to "nuance" our request and think about what we truly *need* (and not just what we *want*). If we "ask...seek...knock" (Lk 11:9), then we will "receive...find...be opened" (Lk 11:10). These are persistent actions with concrete results; they are opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love.

May we have the courage and patience to be persistent in prayer. May we be focused in our prayers so that we may ask for those things which we need, not just what we want. May we always know in our heart that God hears our prayers, gives us what we need and helps us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul