



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 31, 2016 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN HE SAID TO THE
CROWD, "TAKE CARE TO
GUARD AGAINST ALL GREED,
FOR THOUGH ONE MAY BE
RICH, ONE'S LIFE DOES NOT
CONSIST OF POSSESSIONS."

- LK 12:15



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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
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Masses For The Week

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

Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016

4:00 - Jeanette Lavoie - 11th Anniversary

Sunday Aug. 7, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Bernard Gill - 10th 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, 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a fundraiser on Friday, August 26th at the Kingston K of C Hall, 91 South Street, Kingston, MA. This event will feature Jimmy Keys, an international Comedy Entertainer!! Whenever he performs, people leave sore from laughing!! The doors open at 6:45, cocktails and hors d'ourves will be available, and there will be snacks at every table. Tickets are \$30. There will be prizes with the purchase of raffle tickets.

All of the good works St. Vincent de Paul does is because of your generosity, and your donations will help our local communities including East and West Bridgewater. A ticket will ensure you a night of laughter, friends, and fun!!!

*Our Shared Treasure
July 31, 2016*

Goal for fy 2016 \$5,900

Figures for July 24th will be available next week.

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

July 31, 2016 — No Second Collection
August 7, 2016 — Catholic Relief Services



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

Gwendolyn Sage Green
Lillian Joyce Berry
Layla Jean Bryan

**Fr. Stephen Lusiba
Has arrived!**
He will be staying with us until the 12th of August.

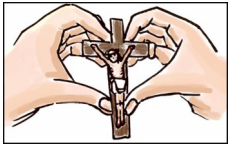
Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

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

The bin for bottles and cans will be permanently in the same spot. This will be an on-going fundraiser for PYM. We look forward to being your families' drop off.



**10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**
SAURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
OUTDOOR CHAPEL @
LASALLETTE SHRINE
947 PARK ST. ATTLEBORO

MASS @ 4PM, BBQ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
LIFT @ 7 PM.

The PYM Team is working diligently to plan the calendar for next year. We are looking forward to our third year filled with opportunities to grow as a faith family with both fun activities and moments filled with the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ. The Adult Team as well as the Youth Team are meeting to formulate ideas and activities for everyone... Pancakes with the Pastor, Service Saturdays, PJ's return, and so much more!

If you are in the 5th grade on up, your input is welcome on the Youth Team. Please contact Nancy Smith if you are interested in becoming part of this fast-growing ministry.

Thank you to Jonathan Hamilton for all his help this summer filling in for Pat McKenna as the Rectory Assistant. We couldn't have done it without you Jon and we wish you complete success at Harvard. Please don't be a stranger. Please include Jon in your prayers as he undertakes his next adventure.

"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.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I am the bread of life."

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lawyer-friend of mine who is fond of saying that "where there's a will, there's a way...and greedy relatives!" While this is humorous, it speaks to the readings we have before us today. The danger of wealth is that it can come to possess us and become the "driving force" in all that we do in life. To have the "best of everything" might get us far in this world, but it won't "get us to the (Pearly) Gates", as my mother would say. The treasures we store up for ourselves in this life perhaps will give us comfort and security for a time, but that time eventually runs out. It is at that time that we have to make an accounting of how we spent our time, talent and, yes, treasure.

This final accounting, given to Almighty God, is one that won't take into account how much wealth we amassed, how many zeros are in our bank account or how "secure" we made ourselves in this life. We might well be asked questions like "how did you spend your time with your family?", "how did you reach out your hand to a brother or sister in need?" or "what 'heavenly treasures' (such as love, justice and peace) did you store up for yourself?" These questions are indicative of how we should be spending our time here on earth. Many have the mistaken notion that "this is all there is", or that "God won't care how I spent my time, as long as I was a good person". These misguided thoughts are fostered as a result of "buying into" a culture that offers platitudes such as "Follow the Golden Rule – the one who has the gold makes the rules!" or "The one with the most 'toys' at the end wins". How sad it must be to live one's life like this.

The beauty of the Christian life is that it offers so much more than the world can give. The strength of the Christian life is that the "treasures in heaven" which we store up for ourselves are the "bricks" that pave the way to the "road" to the Kingdom. This not to say that we can "earn" our way into heaven, for the gift of Eternal Life is just that – a gift. It is one freely given by God, paid for by Jesus through His death on the Cross. It is not something we merit on our own, but it is something in which we can participate. This participation comes when we offer ourselves as "gift" to the world, using our God-given talents and abilities to their fullest.

May we heed the words of Scripture given to us today by realizing that all that this world has to offer isn't all there is. May we believe that we are destined for great things and that we can participate in them with the help of the Holy Spirit. May we come to the Kingdom and be welcomed in with those beautiful words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul