



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. August 7, 2016

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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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
August 7, 2016
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, August 6, 2016

4:00 - Jeanette Lavoie - 11th Anniversary

Sunday August 7, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Bernard Gill - 10th Anniversary

Saturday, August 13, 2016

4:00 - Kay Grazado—12th Anniversary

Albert Ialongo—12th Anniversary

Linda Lynch—28th Anniversary

Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00 - Anna Biagi—21st Anniversary

10:30 - Kenneth McLaughlin — Memorial

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, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln & 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 St. John and— 9:30—10:30 1ST FRI of Month St. Ann's
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
August 7, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	Goal for fy 2016	\$5,900
<i>July 31, 2016</i>		\$5,087
	Below goal	813
<i>July 24, 2016</i>		\$4,114
	Below goal	1,786

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

August 7, 2016 — Catholic Relief Services
August 14, 2016 — No second Collection



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

Mason Helene Golarz
Jackson Michael Golarz

The Church Picnic is scheduled for September 18th
Tickets will go on sale
After each Mass
Beginning the weekend of August 13th.



What's happening in the Collaborative?

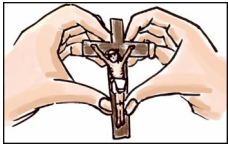
As you know the office has moved to West Bridgewater, however, we still have a contact in East Bridgewater, Lorraine Hopgood, our Religious Education Director.

Lorraine will be able to take care of Mass Cards if you cannot make it to West Bridgewater. Masses of Intention, baptisms, funerals, paperwork for confirmations etc. and any other tasks handled by the office will be taken care of as usual at 378-4207. We are having some difficulties with this number so if you call and cannot get through on the 4207 number, please try:

774-776-2678

Or 774-776-2692

**BINGO EVERY THURSDAY AT ST. ANN'S
6:30 p.m.
EVERY ONE IS WELCOME!**



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!**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
OUTDOOR CHAPEL @
LASALETTE 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 is next adventure.

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



Please keep the participants of the
Leadership Retreat in your prayers this week.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

My brother, a former Marine, used to tell me to "always remember the 'Five P's' – **p**rior **p**reparation **p**revents **p**oor **p**erformance". It was a good way to remember that the groundwork laid before a task is just as important as the task itself, and that when one has foresight, patience, and perseverance, one can accomplish most anything.

Jesus, in today's gospel, reminds His disciples that one's focus should always be on the Kingdom. It doesn't do anyone any good to store up for themselves treasures in this life, treasure that could be stolen or become moth-eaten. The true and lasting treasures are the ones which we store for ourselves which are rooted in heaven. We are the servants of whom Jesus is speaking. We have been placed in charge of a great treasure, the "deposit of faith" passed down from generation from generation. In being caretakers of this treasure, which is always growing and evolving, we would do well to be mindful of the master's return. This return, which will happen at the end of the earthly age, is not known. This is why we must be vigilant, for we know neither the day nor the hour. Perhaps it is a good thing that we don't know this; I think if we knew, we might become complacent. This "unknowing" gives us the benefit of having to be mindful that every day is a gift. This gift, freely given by God, is meant to be returned in the service which we offer to God as disciples.

We have been made known of this gift. In the two-thousand year history of the Church, countless teachings have been handed down to us. More importantly, this faith has been "imprinted" on our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is this divine inspiration which has led the Church forward for two millennia. You might remember when I first came to the parish, I mentioned that "I wasn't in charge". I'm sure this frightened many (if not most) of you! What I came to explain, however, is that "the Holy Spirit is in charge". This was not to let me "off the hook" as your shepherd; it was to help us all understand that we are all called by God to assume some level of leadership in our Church. This doesn't have to be done in a grand way. Often times, it is leadership by example that is the most powerful. In this way, it is more who we are and how we live, rather than what we say, that provides the Spirit a vehicle to be seen and felt in the world.

May we be vigilant in our watching. May we come to know the Lord intimately so that when He comes we may be ready. May we seek out opportunities to live and share fully this "deposit of faith" which has been entrusted to us. May the Spirit find in us a welcome home, a secure dwelling and a loving reception so that it may grow and flourish in our hearts, our homes and our world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul