



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

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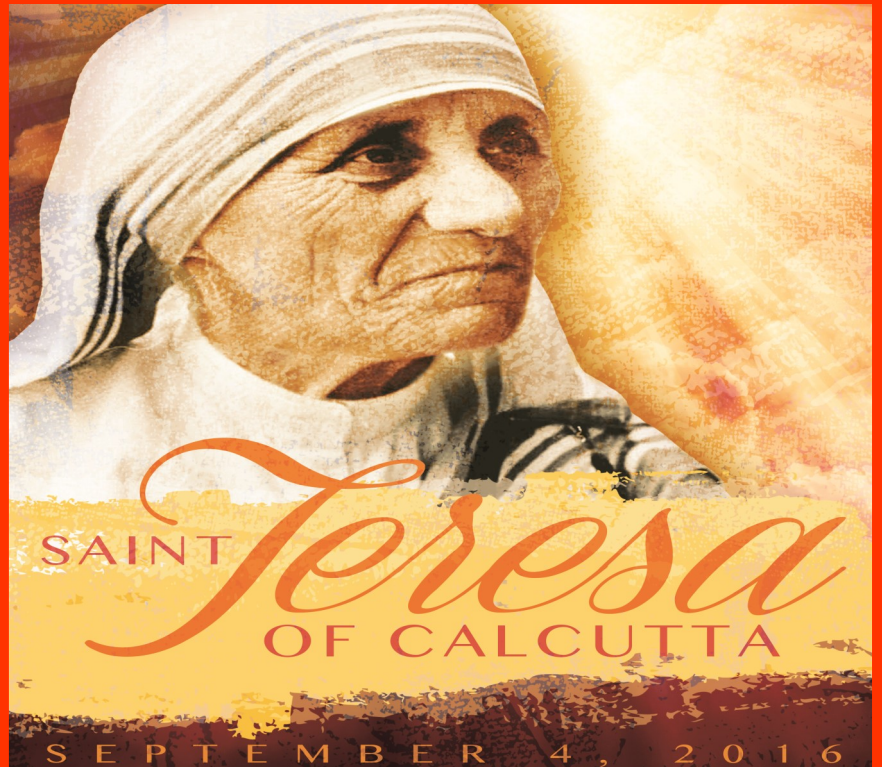
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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
September 4, 2016
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, September 3, 2016

4:00 - Richard Venesky — 9th Anniversary

Sunday September 4, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Jessica Thurston — 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, September 10, 2016

4:00 - St Vincent de Paul

Sunday, August 28, 2016

8:00 - Lena & Leonard Shepard —14th & 24th
Anniversaries

10:30 - William McEnany — 3rd 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 Margeson, 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, Jim Cassidy, Jackie Monahan, Danny Nichols & 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.
Sat. Sept. 3 — Service Saturday — 8:00—11:00 —
Run for Jess - PYM
Thurs., Sept 8 — Ultreya –7 PM in the Chapel
Sat., Sept. 10 — EBBA EXPO on the Common
Tues., Sept 12 — Fr. Stephen departs for home.
Fri. Sept. 16 — Fun Friday —7 PM — Parish Hall
Sun., Sept 18 — PARISH PICNIC

In today’s Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: “Vincentians witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice....the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.”

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

*Our Shared Treasure
August 28, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>August 28, 2016</i>		<i>\$4,924</i>
	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>\$ 976</i>

HAVE A HAPPY LABOR DAY!

MAY IT BE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL!

September 4, 2016 — 2nd Collection — Catholic University
September 11, 2016—2nd Collection - St Benedict’s School, Uganda

*The Parish Pastoral Council:
Agents of Grace
in a Church Full of Change*



**Elections for parishioners becoming members of
The New Joint Parish Pastoral Council
Will be held in September.
Anyone interested should contact Debbie for their
name to be on the ballot.**



**The Annual Parish
Picnic will be
September 18th
after the 10:30
Mass
Behind the church
at St. John’s
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

The menu as always will be delicious. A variety of: salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, beverage, and, of course, desserts.

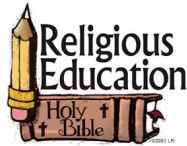
There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volley ball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 13th after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included). Please get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count.

Bible Study will return this fall.

**Religious Education
Grades 1–10**

**REGISTRATION
CLASSES**



**FOR FALL
HAS BEGUN!**

**PLEASE CALL MRS. HOPGOOD AT
508-378-1521**

**OR
VISIT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**OR
USE OUR WEBSITE
www.stjohnsb.org
To obtain a registration form
Class schedule options
Tuition rates
Payment Options
General information.**

St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Don't forget the food pantry. School is starting up soon and the usual foods for school lunches will be needed.

Money donations as well as gift cards are always helpful.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

A **pastoral council** is a consultative body in dioceses and parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that serves to advise the **parish** priest or bishop about **pastoral** issues.

The council is comprised of the Pastor, the Parochial Vicar, the Deacons, and five parishioners from both St. John's and St. Ann's.

The focus of the Council is to do just that advise the Pastor on the direction and needs of each parish.

If you would like to become a member of this council this fall, please contact us and we will put you on the ballot.

The "Caring Hands" shawl making group will meet September 11th at Riddell Hall at 2 o'clock. (note time change)
New members are welcome.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



You may have heard me compare the difference between involvement and commitment in the analogy of a plate bacon and eggs. The chicken was involved, the pig was committed! The same is true in the realm of discipleship; when one is a disciple, one is not merely involved – one is committed!

We here in the Collaborative of St. John's and St. Ann's have really started to take a long, hard look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The dedication required goes "above and beyond" what it means to simply "volunteer" for something. When one engages oneself in a life of discipleship, the commitment asked for goes beyond the task at hand; discipleship is more than, "getting the job done" – it is engaging in a way of living, a way of life in which God comes first.

Jesus illustrates this point by reminding the listener that God must come first in all that we do, above even family. This can be a hard thing for many, for the commitment to family is important. It cannot be so important, however, that it supersedes the commitment to God. It is from this commitment, this relationship that all other commitments and relationships stem and flow. Jesus further makes the case for committing to discipleship by citing the example of a builder and a king going into battle. Before engaging in either pursuit, one must look at the cost (financially in the first case, availability of soldiers in the second) and ask oneself "is it worth the cost"? If one isn't ready to "pay the price" (even to the extent of one's own life), then one must look at whether they are ready to be called a Christian.

This is a "hard line" which Jesus is taking. This is not, as we would say in the seminary, a "warm and fuzzy Jesus". This is a prophet who is unafraid to speak the hard truth, regardless of whether one wants to hear it or not. This is a messiah who lays out for folks what it takes to be His follower. If one is ready, however, then the rewards are amazing (one might say "out of this world"!)

May we have the courage to both hear and follow Jesus. May we come to know Jesus as Messiah and Lord, calling us to a new way of living. May we strive to follow the teachings of Jesus, and be unafraid to share them with our brothers and sisters. May we put God first in our lives and allow all other relationships be guided by that one. May we trust that God has set the path before us, and may we have the courage to walk that path in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul