



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. September 11, 2016—24th Sunday in OT

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” - Lk 15:10

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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.

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish
September 11, 2016
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, September 10, 2016

4:00 - St Vincent de Paul

Sunday, September 11, 2016

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

10:30 - William McEnany — 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, September 17, 2016

4:00 - Daniel Briggs - Memorial

Sunday September 18, 2016

8:00 - Pamela Adornato - Month's Mind

10:30 - Maria Chaves & Family -2nd Anniversary

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, 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, 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. 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 — 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. 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
Sun/Sat., Sept 17/18—distribution of St. V de Paul Bags
Mon., Sept. 19—Food Pantry —3:00—4:30
Fri. Sept 23—Prayer Group—10—11 AM —Parish Hall
Sat/Sun Sept.23/24th— St V. dePaul Collection of Bags
Sun., Sept 24th —Pancakes w/the Pastor—9-10 am— Parish Hall.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

*Our Shared Treasure
September 11, 2016*

Offertory *Goal for fy 2016* *\$5,900*
September 4, 2016 *5,607*
Below goal *\$ 293*

Catholic University Fund *\$ 949*

MAY IT BE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL!

September 11, 2016—2nd Collection - St Benedict's School, Uganda
September 18, 2016 — Clergy Benefit Trust

*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.

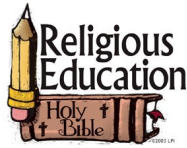
There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volley ball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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.

**GOOD BYE FR. STEPHEN.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND
THE CHILDREN AT ST. BENEDICT'S.**

**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

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USE OUR WEBSITE

www.stjohnsb.org

**To obtain a registration form
Class schedule options
Tuition rates
Payment Options
General information.**

Elmwood Church Reopens

Rev. Donna Keane hopes curiosity about the new building will encourage people to come inside and check it out. The ideal opportunity will be on September 11, when Elmwood New Church will be hosting an Open House. There will be a service at 1:00pm followed by a reception from 2:00-4:00pm. The public is invited to one or both parts of the celebration. There will be other opportunities in the future, too.

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive will take place in September. The distribution of food bags will be held on September 17/18. Please return your donations when you come to Mass the weekend of September 24/25. Your donations serve the needs of people in East Bridgewater. Remember what you give to the pantry is used for the pantry! Thank you in ad-

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.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



While the Church celebrates the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our nation takes time out on this day to remember the events of this day from fifteen years ago. I'm sure we all remember where we were on that morning of September 11, 2001. I, myself, was moving and getting ready to begin a new parish assignment at St. Mark's in Dorchester. I remember standing in the UHaul office, waiting to rent a truck when word of the first plane crashing into the Twin Towers. We all looked on and listened in disbelief as word came forth of another plane, and then others crashing in various locations. The death toll was staggering, registering almost 3,000 people lost that day, with over 6,000 injured. It was, to quote another oft-remembered tragedy, "a day that will live in infamy". Our lives have gone on since that terrible day, and while we have taken measures to secure our populace we have also been forever changed by the loss of life registered on that day. The men and women whose lives were lost cannot be regained; we can only commend them to God and pray that we will see them again when we enter into the Kingdom. There are, among us, however, men and women who seem "lost" to us as well. They are those who have left the active practice of the faith. While they may seem irretrievably lost, these "prodigal sons (and daughters)" are still among us. We may not see them in Church (save for Easter, Christmas, weddings, and funerals), but they are still our brothers and sisters in Christ. We must, like the father in today's parable told by Jesus, either wait patiently and longingly for their return or actively seek them out. I suggest a "both/and" approach.

While we can pray that these men and women, our brothers and sisters in Christ, return to the "fold", we can also go and look for these "lost sheep" (to use another biblical metaphor). We know where they are. On Sunday mornings, they can be found at home, on the ball fields, in the diners and restaurant having brunch, or engaging in any number of worldly pursuits. We must work to get them back into pursuing "otherworldly" pursuits, namely attending Mass and participating in the sacramental life of the Church. It is our duty as Catholics to seek those who have "wandered from the fold" and to bring them back to the "family table" (i.e. the altar at Mass). These brothers and sisters may seem, to many, to be a "lost cause", but we can never be so jaded as to think that God cannot work to bring them back, through us, in the "fold". May we have the courage to actively seek out those "prodigal sons and daughters" and welcome them back with us, back home.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul