



*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 25, 2016—26th Sun in OT*

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Lord, help me to make time  
today to serve you in those  
who are most in need of  
encouragement or assistance.

—St. Vincent de Paul—

#### **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**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
September 25, 2016  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

4:00 - Stacia Franciosi—8th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

8:00 - Harold & Dorathea Barney --Memorial

10:30 - Robert Sullivan—12th Anniversary  
Ann Sullivan—1st Anniversary

**Friday, September 30, 2016**

9:00 - Paul & Ida Nisby—Memorial

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

4:00 - Donald Brems — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday October 2, 2016**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance

**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, Virginia Hopgood & 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.**

**Fri. Sept 23—Sons & Daughters Prayer Group-10-11 AM —Parish Hall**

**Sat/Sun Sept.24/25th— St V. de Paul Collection of Bags**

**Sat., Sept 24th —Sophomore Class Car Wash 9 am—1 pm**

**Sun., Sept 25th - Student/Parent Mgt. Grs 9 & 10**

**Wed. Sept 28 —Pizza Fundraiser—Parish Hall—5-7 PM**

**Sat. Oct. 1—Service Saturday—Prayer Garden Clean Up @ St. John’s— 8 AM**

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

**In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting families through our Food Pantry. Thank You!**

*Our Shared Treasure  
September 25, 2016*

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Goal for fy 2016</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>
<i>September 18, 2016</i>	<i>Below goal</i>	<i>4,880 \$1,020</i>
<i>Clergy Benefit</i>		<i>\$1,401</i>

September 18, 2016 — Clergy Benefit Trust  
September 25, 2016 — Pilot Subscription Envelope

This week’s second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).

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 Bridge-water. Remember what you give to the pantry is used for the pantry! Thank you in advance for



**The Annual Parish Picnic was a huge success.**

**Thank you Carmen Pearson And your Crew.**

**Collaboration News:**

Many have been asking about training dates for "Disciples in Mission" for the Collaborative of St. John and St. Ann. Attending one of these training sessions will give you insight into the mission we are called to live. Forming Disciples is being offered free of charge for parishioners within a current collaborative and one may register by going to the website [www.disciplesinmission.com/workshops](http://www.disciplesinmission.com/workshops)

10/1/16 — 9am to 5pm Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree MA

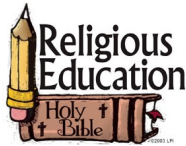
11/16/16 and 11/17/16 — 5:30 to 9pm, Resurrection Parish, 1057 Main Street, Hingham MA

1/10/17 and 1/11/17 — 5:30 to 9pm, Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree MA

**For further information you may call the St John / St. Ann Offices at 508-378-4207.**

**Religious Education  
Grades 1–10**

**REGISTRA-  
FALL  
CLASSES**



**REGISTRATION FOR  
HAS BEGUN!**

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

**OR  
VISIT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Calling all Volunteers for the  
Religious Education Program**

**We are in need of teachers for all grades  
As well as helpers for those teachers  
Please see Lorraine if you can help out  
this year!  
Classes meet Tues, Weds, Thurs, & Sat.**

**First Week of Classes**

**Sat. Oct. 1 — Grades 1-6  
Thurs. Oct 6 — Grades 1-8  
Sat. Oct. 8 — No classes —Columbus Day  
wkend**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

**AFTER THE 4:00 MASS**

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>	<b>JANUARY 28</b>
<b>OCTOBER 29</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 26</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>
<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>
	<b>MAY 27</b>

There will be a Permanent Diaconate Inquirers session on 9/27/16 entitled, **"Is Christ Calling You?"**

If you are being called to the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate you should plan to attend this first of a four session series to understand the vocation of a Deacon. The meeting is to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Brockton MA from 7-8:30pm.

If you are interested in attending you may contact Deacon Christopher Connelly at [deacon\\_vocations@rcab.org](mailto:deacon_vocations@rcab.org)

Monday, the 26th is the date for the "Praising Jesus thru Mary" rosary meeting. — Riddell Hall 10 A.M.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As I was reflecting on today's gospel, I couldn't help but think of "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens. Seriously. In "A Christmas Carol", Scrooge is visited by the Three Ghosts (Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future); in today's gospel, the "rich man" featured in the parable presented by Jesus begs Abraham to call forth someone who has risen from the dead to visit his brothers so that their fate does not "mirror" his. This is where the stories "part company", for a bit. Abraham realizes that their minds won't be changed even if someone who has risen from the dead visits them. This is primarily because they (the brothers) have Moses and the prophets to "steer them in the right direction" - they shouldn't need someone to rise from the dead to "get it". We know, from the benefit of two thousand years of salvation history, that God did send someone risen from the dead (Jesus, in His post-resurrection encounters with the disciples) to help His followers "get it". Did they need this? Some did, some didn't. God realized, however, that something "big" had to happen for people to be convinced of Jesus' claim that He was the Son of God.

What does/did/will (depending on where we are on our journey of faith) it take for us to "get it"? Was reading the Old Testament, specifically the books of the prophets, enough for us? Was reading the New Testament, specifically the Gospels, enough for us? Were the resurrection (and post-resurrection) accounts enough for us? Are we *still* not convinced that God has a plan for us? Each one of us must answer these questions for ourselves, for our faith journeys are just that – ours. No one else can live them for us. We can be coerced to believe. We can be "forced" (to a degree) to believe. Eventually, however, if our faith is to be a true and lasting faith, we must come to believe *on our own*.

Lazarus was given a share in the Kingdom because God has a special place in His heart (the Church would call it a "preferential option") for the poor. We must have a similar place in our heart for the poor, including not only the physically poor, but the emotionally and spiritually poor (who may actually be more prevalent in our community). The "rich man" would have had a similar place in God's heart if he realized how gifted he was, and took the time to share those gifts. God has gifted us similarly. We would do well to take the time – before it is too late – to assess our own "giftedness", and share these gifts of "time, talent and treasure" with our community, our family in faith here at Our Lady of Grace and the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul