



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. OCTOBER 23, 2016—30th Sun in OT

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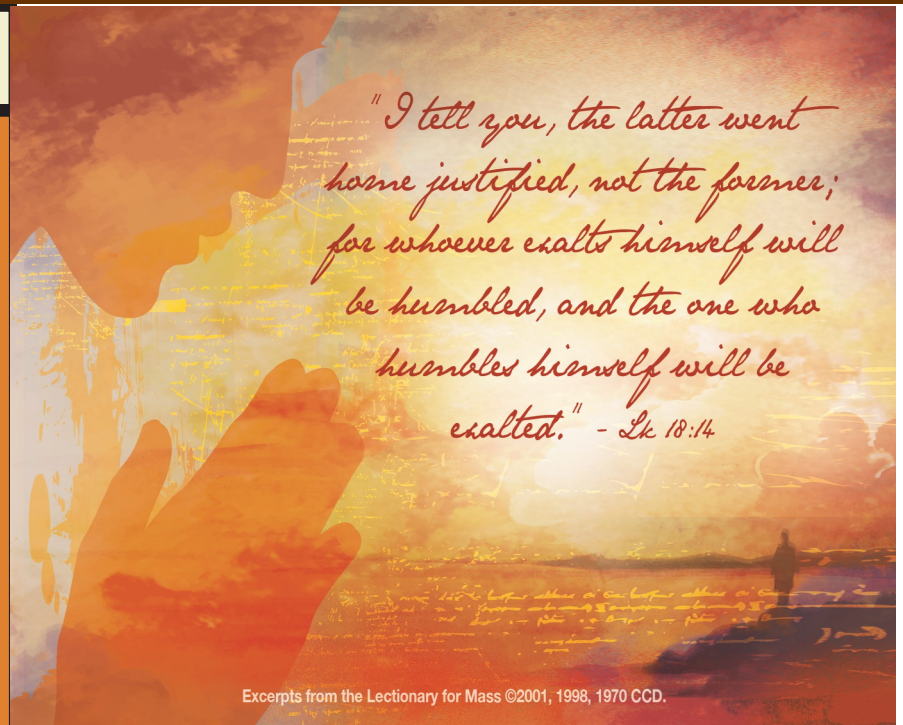
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"I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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
October 23, 2016
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Masses For The Week

Saturday, October 22, 2016

4:00 - James & Leona DeCoste – Memorial

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:00 - Doc & Marion Wood – Memorial

10:30 - Allan & Ruth Windsor - Memorial

Saturday, October 29, 2016

4:00 - Deceased Members of the McLaughlin Family

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Deceased Members of the Hanley Family

Thursday, November 3, 2016

9:00 – Lisa Cousineau – Month’s mind

“The Vigil Light this week is being donated by Lee and Debbie Conrad, in memory of their parents”.

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 Margesion, 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, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

**ADORATION — 7 PM WED’S — 10/12, 10/19 St. John and— 9:30—10:30 1ST FRI of Month St. Ann’s Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Sun. Oct 23—Pancakes with the Pastor— 9—10AM
Tues. Oct 25—Lift Ministries — 7 PM
Fri. Oct 28 — Sons & Daughters Prayer Group—10AM**



Join LIFT Ministries on **Tuesday, October 25th @ 7pm** for an inspiring night of worship at **St. John Church in East Bridgewater** with speaker Dave VanVickle. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is **FREE** to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

*Our Shared Treasure
October 23, 2016*

Offertory	Wkly Goal for fy 2016	\$5,900
October 9, 2016		\$4,896
	Below goal	\$1,004
October 16, 2016		\$4,121
	Below goal	\$1,779

St John’s was \$9,589 below budget. After this week, that total has risen to \$11,368.

2nd Collection — October 23, 2016—Special Parish Collection for the budget deficit
October 30th — Hurricane victims in Haiti

November 1, 2016

**All Saints Day — A Day of Holy Obligation
Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

CORI’S ARE DUE.

YOU KNOW THE DRILL.



St. John’s is in need of volunteers to help in the following capacities.

- GREETERS**
- LECTORS**
- EUCHARIST MINISTERS**
- HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST MINISTERS**
- CLEANERS**

Your help would be very appreciated to keep the parish moving in the right direction.

If you can help, please call Debbie at 508-378-4207.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
ELECTRONIC RECYCLE FUNDRAISER
FOR THE PARISH.



BLESSINGS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

St John's is beginning a program
of remembering loved ones by
Offering:

Masses of intentions (already in place)

Weekly vigil candle in their name

The gifts offered at Mass in their name.

Due to the limited number of masses available, we wanted to expand the opportunities of remembrance. The offertory for this service would be \$25 for Masses of Intention and \$30 for the gifts for the mass or the weekly vigil candle.

This would be posted in the bulletin.

October
30th
Is our
Collection



Haiti is reeling from the blows of Hurricane Matthew, which crashed ashore on October 4, bringing 145 mile per hour winds, storm surges and up to 40 inches of rainfall. The category 4 storm has caused massive devastation and flooding in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and which has yet to fully recover from a catastrophic earthquake in 2010.

Acknowledging that some parishes may have an existing second collection planned for October 15-16, please maintain the second collection schedule for your respective parish, and move this Collection to the next available weekend.

To process this collection, please ask parishioners to address their checks to your parish, with "2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection" in the memo. One check should be sent from the parish, payable to the Archdiocese of Boston, with

"2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection" in the memo.

Please send checks to:

Attn: Cashier, c/o 2016 Hurricane Matthew Collection Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center 66 Brooks Drive Braintree, MA 02184-3839

(letter sent by Cardinal Sean)

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Growing up in a family of five, one of the "pressing questions" we often had for my mother centered on who the favorite was. There were times, growing up, that it seemed that one of us would be favored over the others (if only for that moment) which added "fuel to the fire", as it were. When we pushed her to answer the question, her answer was always the same: "I love you all the same...I just love you differently". While this never seemed to satisfy me/us, I/we have come to realize what that answer meant. There were different times in our lives when we, more than the other siblings, needed her attention – and we got it, even if only for that one instance. At other times, other siblings got the attention. My mother seemed to know, instinctively, when that was.

The same can be said of our relationship with God. While it has been said that "God doesn't play favorites", there are times when God puts His attention towards those in need, especially those who approach with humility. This is the case with the tax collector in today's gospel. Unlike the Pharisee, who "blows his own horn" ad nauseam, the tax collector approaches God with such humility that he can't even bring himself to raise his eyes heavenward. All he does, in approaching the Almighty, is offer what has become known as "The Sinner's Prayer": "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13). This approach would be well imitated by me and you, for it is in humility that we are to reach out to God. In return, God casts His gaze on us and with the love of a parent who knows our needs (even before we do), gives us what we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

St. Paul speaks to this reality, of realizing that everything we have from God is a gift. Paul speaks in terms of being awarded a "crown of righteousness" (2 Tim 4:8) for having "kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7). For his part, Paul allows himself to be "poured out like a libation" (2 Tim 4:6); in other words, Paul allows God to work through him to achieve the goal of spreading the gospel. Paul, through conversion, has come to see God as a "just judge" (2 Tim 4:8). He realizes that he will be judged, but it will be done so on how he has lived his life overall, not just the times before his conversion. Each one of us, for our part, must come to a point of conversion. If we are there, let us keep our hearts focused on God and Kingdom; if we are not there, let us not waste a moment to "put our house in order".

May we know God's love for us. May we know that God is at work in our lives, bringing us to conversion and helping us to deepen our relationship with Him. May we never fail to approach God for those things we need, but let us do so with humility. May we always be open to receiving those gifts from God that help us grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul