



*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.*

*December 6, 2015 — 2nd Sunday in Advent*

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Monday – 9:00 – 4:00

Tues-Fri – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

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**Registration:**

Families not registered, please call the  
Parish Office

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

508-378-3760



#### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00**

**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**

**Please 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.**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
December 6, 2015  
2nd Sunday in Advent**

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*Masses of Intention*

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

4:00 - Donald Brems — Memorial

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 5th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, December 12, 2015**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

8:00 - Charles Matthews — 17th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**December 8, 2015 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation.  
Masses at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

*Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Patrick Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Rachel, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, William Lucini, William Estes, Paul Moreau, Holton Weingrad, Arthur Hornstra, Brittany Paluch, Kathleen Creighton, Tim Tully, Lori Cullen, Len Shepard, Emily Armand, Tracy Belmoore, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Aisling Grace Chapman, Roy Rossier, Roy Conrad & The residents of Sachus & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**ADORATION — WED'S — 12/9, 12/16**

**Sat. 12/5 — Christmas on the Common**

**Sun. 12/6, 13 — Christmas Pageant Rehearsal — 9-10 am.**

**Tues. 12/8 — Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Ob.**

**Thurs. 12/10 — Family Prayer Workshop — 6:30**

**Sat. 12/19 — Christmas Pageant following 4PM Mass**

**Sat/Sun 12/19-20 — PIME Mission Appeal weekend.**

**Sun. 12/27 — Skating Family Night—8 PM—Bridgewater Ice Arena**

**Fri. 1/8 — Fiesta Friday — 7 PM**

Come and learn the various ways to pray at  
**THE FAMILY PRAYER WORKSHOP**  
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015  
At 6:30 — Everyone welcome  
A great way to enter into Advent!



*Our Shared Treasure  
November 29, 2015*

Offertory: \$5904

Budgeted: \$5,784

**\*\*Above Budget \$ 120**

Fiscal yr. 7/1/15—Present: **Deficit \$10,405**

**Grand Annual: \$16,276**

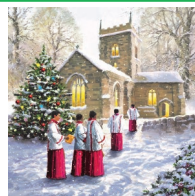
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

2nd Collection today for St. Vincent de Paul  
2nd Collection Dec. 13th — Special Parish Collection — Roof

Church Roof repair costs: \$2,600  
These are the repairs that must be done.  
\$4000 additional costs in other repairs that could be done over time for the Church & Rectory  
Collected \$1,541  
= reason for second collection



**Christmas Mass Schedule**



**4:00 Christmas Eve Upstairs**  
**4:00 Christmas Eve Downstairs**  
**6:00 Christmas Eve Upstairs**  
**12:00 Midnight Mass Upstairs**  
**Christmas Day 10:30 AM**

**SKI WEEKEND**

**Friday, Jan. 15th thru Mon, Jan. 18th  
Waterville Valley Resort**

Weekend will include three nights lodging, 2 day-lift tickets, meal, and transportation.



The resort includes a swimming pool, skating ring, and fireworks. The price can be adjusted for a one day ski lift ticket or not lift.

Any one interested, Please contact Nancy Smith for more information and pricing.

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In 2017  
With Catholic Heart Work Camps.**

**Join the PYM for an informational meeting on  
MONDAY, DEC. 7th AT 7:00 PM**





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Pilgrimage to Rome in  
2017 with Catholic Heart  
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Rome & Assisi.

Perfect for parishes, youth groups, or families. CHWC Roma is a service-centered pilgrimage, designed to inspire you and deepen your Catholic faith. This is *not* your average tour, or just another sightseeing trip. CHWC Roma provides travelers with a spiritual and historical experience of a lifetime.

With over 10 years of experience leading trips to Rome, CHWC Musician, P.J. Anderson will lead our tour and Rachel Anderson will manage all of the details.



DATE: July 16-26, 2017

Registration will open January 22, 2016. (If this week fills up, there will be an additional trip added July 23 – August 3, 2017)

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank all the high school students who donated their time and assisted with the Turkey meals before Thanksgiving. They did the lifting and brought the heavy boxes out to the cars for our clients. They will return in December to help with the Christmas meals.

St. John's Parish is always generous to the Food Pantry. Your generosity helps us keep the shelves stocked, not only during the holidays but all year round.

Please consider becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's. It only takes a few hours a month. If you are interested, call our hotline at 508-378-3760 and leave a message.



All gift cards should be returned by  
**December 13th**  
Make sure you write the \$ amount on  
the Gift Card.  
**'Tis the Season....**

Baptisms

Please welcome the newest members of our Parish:

Gabriella Mae Deragon    Sarah Ann Edkin  
Victoria Ella Langer      Ariana Lynn Morocco

Baptized on November 8, 2015



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When John the Baptist came upon the scene, he was unlike anything anyone had seen before. Yes, he spoke of repentance, as other prophets had. Yes, he spoke with authority and clarity, as other prophets had. Unlike other prophets, however, his arrival was heralded by those before him. No other prophet could lay claim to this. When Isaiah spoke of John (without naming him), there was an immediacy to the proclamation that had never been heard of before. This is why many thought that John was "THE ONE". By his unusual nature (wearing camel hair in the desert, feeding on locusts and wild honey), many people thought that John was the Messiah. They thought that these characteristics were surely the "hallmarks" of the Promised One of God. After all, no prophet had been spoken of before his arrival, and certainly no other prophet spoke with the level of authority with which John spoke. Luke, however, in today's gospel puts that notion to rest. Speaking of "a voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Lk 3:4, by way of Isaiah 40:3-5) Luke was obviously alluding to someone else *other than John*...and this, I'm sure, is perfectly fine with John. He knew he was just a messenger, and not The Message. John knew that his job was to lay the groundwork for one who is coming, one far greater than he.

John the Baptist's "job" was to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah; this is our job as well. As Catholic-Christians, we are called to let the world know that not only is the Messiah coming, but that He is already here. This is the great mystery of the Incarnation, which we will celebrate in a few short weeks. Jesus, who is to come to us as the "babe in the manger", is already in our midst. Yes, we celebrate Christmas as the promise of God fulfilled, the "Word made flesh". We cannot forget, however, that Jesus is in our midst, here and now. If we walk through the Advent Season thinking that we're doing so alone, we are sadly mistaken. Our "walk of faith" towards the Kingdom can only be realized if we come to recognize the presence of Jesus in our world here and now. It is this "two-fold coming" (the coming of the Christ Child and the coming of the King of Glory) that we celebrate each and every time we gather as a family of faith, a community of believers. May we come to celebrate Jesus when He comes to us at Christmas, but may we also celebrate His presence with us now. May we look to the Lord to lead us to deeper understanding of Him...and ourselves. May we use this Advent Season to deepen our relationship with the Lord, who calls us to share His presence with all whom we meet.

Wishing you continued Advent Blessings,

Fr. Paul