St. John is a Stewardship Parish

April 12, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

<u>Saturday, April 11 , 2015</u> 4:00 – Parishioners of St. John <u>Sunday, April 12, 2015</u> 8:00 – Robert & Theresa Mason - Mem John & Mary Doherty - Mem 10:30 – Robert Small – 1st Anniversary <u>Saturday, April 18, 2015</u> 4:00 – Fay & McCarthy Families – Mem <u>Sunday, April 19, 2015</u> 8:00 – Kendra Frabetti – 13th Anniversary 10:30 – Maria Chaves – Memorial 6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Mondays - Bible Study - 7:00pm Sat. 4/11 - 1st Reconciliation & 2nd gr Retreat - 10:30 Sat. 4/11 - Irish Dinner - 5:00pm Wed. 4/15 - Confirmation Rehearsal for 4/17 at 6:30 Thu. 4/16 - Confirmation Rehearsal for 4/18 at 6:30 Fri. 4/17 - Confirmation at 6:30pm Sat. 4/18 - Confirmation at 10:00am

Please keep the following in your prayers: Pam Adornato, Bill Monaghan, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Edie & Howard Lincoln, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Joe Zbinski, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Sophie Costantino, Tom Farley, Robert Panza, Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang & The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

CLERGY BENEFIT

Every year, the diocesan-wide Easter collection is for our active and senior diocesan priests. Your gift to the Clergy Funds has a significant impact on our ability to help keep the promises we make as Catholics to provide for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of the 645 priest who have devoted their lives to serving us and our Church. This Easter, remember the priests who have been there for you, and consider honoring them through this special collection. All are welcome to make a gift online at <u>www.clergyfunds.org</u> or use the in-pew envelopes provided. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

Our Shared Treasure Apríl 5, 2015 -- Easter Holy Thursday: \$338 Good Friday: \$505 Easter Offertory: \$6,649 Budgeted: \$5,784 Mail ins- \$1,555 (2 weeks) On-Line Monthly: \$185, Weekly : \$333 Snow removal: \$1364

Thank you for your continued generosity

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

The St John The Evangelist Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start ! With \$21,055.00 already pledged, we are at 79% of our goal of \$26,637.00. The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make St John's a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit

www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, April 11th at 5:00pm Irish Boiled Dinner Tickets are \$20 p/p or \$35 per couple and will be sold after all the Masses



EASTER FLOWER REMEBERANCES Windsor, Moriarty & Hooper Families – Alice Hooper Jean Lyons, Austin & Mary Lyons, Shawn & Carol Lyons, James & Margaret Kelleher, Jake & Nancy Kelleher, Stan & Rachel Rabinovitz – Austin Lyons



Peace and love from St Benedict School Uganda. We are almost through with the first floor of the girls dormitory. In less than a month, they will have occupied this floor. We are very proud of you. Convey our thanx. I will update you soon with a finished floor. Fr. Steve

From the Office of Spiritual Life

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH Archdiocese of Boston – Men's Cursillo



Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the Men's Cursillo weekend is April 23-26, 2015.

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: <u>www.bostoncursillo.org</u> or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at <u>spiritual development@rcab.org</u>.



Mission Trip to Nashville TN

This is an amazing trip that is designed for our Junior, Senior and College Students. It is the next level involvement for your Faith Journey. We looking for one male adult chaperone (25yr or older) and there are 7 spots still open for students. Email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Some basic details: Date: June 28-July 4 Cost: \$350 Travel: \$270 (If we travel the least expensive way, which is by train) Rental Car Cost: \$100 Total: \$720 Expected Amount of Fundraising: \$300 (based on last year's numbers) Total Cost of Trip: \$420.00



My Dear Friends in Christ,

While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, "Jesus, I trust in You". When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, "my Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn't approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn't have to – he knows, through faith. that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we "take it on faith" that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who "have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul