St. John is a Stewardship Parish

April 29, 2012 4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 29, 2012

8:00 – Ronald Federico—Month Mind 10:00 – Mass for the People of St. John 6:00 – Timothy Kelly – 5th Anniversary <u>Saturday, May 5, 2012</u> 4:00 – Michael Joseph White – 2nd Anniv. Sunday, May 6, 2012

10:00 – Carole Wyman – 7th Anniversary 6:00 – Mass for the People of St. John

Important Dates

- 5-02 First Communion Rehearsal 6:00 PM
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- 5-05 First Communion 10 AM
- First Communion 1 PM
- 5-12 Jr/Sr Retreat Car Wash 9:00 2:00
- 5-12 Mother's Day Rose Sale –
- & 13 following the 4:00, 8:00, & 10:00 Masses
- 5-13 Crowning of Mary after 10:00 Mass
- 5-13 Baptisms during 10:00 AM Mass
- 5-16 Pastoral Parish Council Mtg 7 pm

National Day of Prayer is May 3, 2012 -61st

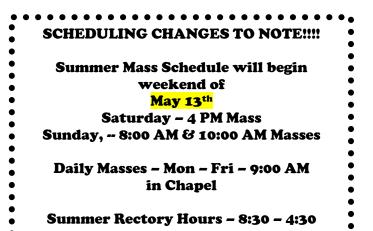
National Day of Prayer. A day when all our encouraged to pray for our Nation.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 50/50 Raffle Update \$\$\$\$\$\$ So far, we have sold 117 tickets with \$2825 presently in the kitty.

Feel lucky? Send your tickets in to win 5, 10, or 15 THOUSAND DOLLARS

Please keep the following in your

prayers: Pam Adornato, Cittadino Family, Nora Savoy, Frank McCarthy, Gerry Ahl, Steve Mason, MaryLou Marks, Don Kitchell, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, & John & Steven Webb, Leila Curley & Daniel LoRusso, George Millett.





Fr Kani will be leaving us on May 7th. A reception is planned for the Parish to say their goodbyes on May 5th after the 4:00 Mass. A basket will be provided on the Altar for any cards

or gifts that you may want to present him. We will miss him dearly but wish him a safe return to India and pray that some day in the not too distant future; he will be able to return to St. John's.

SCHOLARSHIPS—St. John's Parish will award two \$500 scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz—Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than May 10th.

NAME	300 Club Membership
ADDRESS	Form for 2012-2013
PHONE	Cut out and
ENVELOPE NUMBER (IF KNOWN)	send in with payment to enroll.
METHOD OF PAYMENT:	Help the parish & be a winner!!
\$60() 2 PAYMENTS OF \$30() 4 PAYMENTS OF \$15()	



In the Gospel this Sunday, St. John recounts for us the story of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who will search high and low and put forth a great and mighty effort to be reunited with just one of his lost sheep. When we make a sacrificial gift of time, talent, or treasure for a loved one, we echo the Good Shepherd's love. In this spirit, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Appeal. If you would like to make a difference that extends beyond our parish boundaries, please complete a pledge form available in the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Sixty-Seven families have currently pledged \$11,300 to the Catholic Appeal.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Coming Soon July 30th - August 3rd For information, Call Nancy Smith At 508-378-1521

Catholic Charities South proudly presents A Passion for the Mission – Our Annual Spring Gala – honoring the programs and services that bring our mission of "building a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people" to life! Join us on Wed., May 9, 2012 at The Shaw's Center, Brockton and help raise much needed funds for the Food Pantry, Educational Programs and Basic Needs Clients Services offered to the 24,000 men, women and children we assist yearly. Tickets are \$100 per person and available on line now at www.ccab.org/southgala or by phone at 508-587-0815 x264.

Miramar Retreat Center's "Miles for Miramar" Campaign

You can receive health and spiritual benefits when you support Miramar Retreat Center's Fourth Annual Miles for Miramar campaign from **April 15 through June 30**. Walkers, cyclers, joggers, kayakers and swimmers can pledge miles and donate to support Miramar. Support these athletes with a \$2 donation per mile. Contact Ann at Miramar Retreat Center: 781-585-2460 or online at <u>www.miramarretreat.org</u> to pledge miles or make a donation. Visa and Master Card accepted.

From the Pastor's Desk	
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Dear Fríends

Last weekend, 90 of our high school students received the sacrament of Confirmation from

Bishop John Dooher, our Regional Bishop. Both Confirmation Masses were beautiful--we should be so proud of our young people who spent the last two years preparing for this day. I would ask you to keep them in your prayers as Confirmation is but another step in their faith journey. This important sacrament is the completion of their Baptismal commitment and not the end of their faith journey. It gives our young people the gifts of the Holy Spirit--gifts that they will most definitely need as they grow older. It is not easy to be a young Catholic today. The commercials of our world are very powerful and would try to convince these wonderful young men and women to abandon what they have been taught and to embrace secularism which seems to define our society. So pray for our young people that they may continue to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit whose fruits are: Peace, Patience, Generosity, Happiness, Gentleness and Kindness. This weekend and the following weekend, we will have three celebrations of First Holy Communion for our 100 second graders. (More about these celebrations next week). After these celebrations. we look forward to our seniors' high school graduation. Shortly after June 6, Fr. Moses will return for three months to cover Fr. Skerry's and my vacations and to fill in for me as we once again take our juniors and seniors to Craigville Beach for their leadership retreats.

During these summer months, many people go away and thus the collection drops a great deal. For whatever reason, our financial health is not what it has been and there is not enough money in the savings account to make up for this anticipated loss of income; so *please*, when you go away, please send in your weekly contribution before you go so that we can continue to pay our employees.

God Bless Fr. Wally

