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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**April 5, 2015  
Easter Sunday  
The Resurrection of the Lord**

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

**4:00 – Parishioners of St. John**

**Sunday, April 12, 2015**

**8:00 – Robert & Theresa Mason - Mem**

**John & Mary Doherty - Mem**

**10:30 – Robert Small – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Important Dates**

**Mondays - Bible Study – 7:00pm**

**Tue. 4/7 – Sat. 4/11 – Last CCD Class**

**Sat. 4/11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & The residents of Sagem & 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 [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) or use the in-pew envelopes provided. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

***Our Shared Treasure***

***March 29, 2015***

**Collection: \$ 5,151**

**Budgeted: \$ 5,784**

**Snow removal: \$ 1310**

***Thank you for your continued generosity***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for next weekend is for paying for the snow removal costs.***

***The 2015 Catholic Appeal***

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign. Through the generosity of Catholics like you, the Catholic Appeal strengthens the ministries that serve our Archdiocese and helps us to live our faith together. If you wish to make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge form and fill it out. You can also make a gift or pledge online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your support and for helping us to reach our parish goal.

**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**



***From Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, Deacon Joe and the Staff of St. John Parish***

## 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: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email us at [spiritual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spiritual_development@rcab.org).



My Dear friends in Christ

We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song! I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very blessed Easter Day and Season. We tend to forget that Easter is a season, and not just one day on the calendar. In all truth, each day God gives us is a "little Easter". Each day is a new opportunity for us to "rise and shine" (even those of us who aren't "morning people"! ) and look for ways to serve our God in our brothers and sisters. Each day is a chance to engage in discipleship and to spread the Good News that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mary of Magdala (or Mary Magdalene, as she is more commonly known to us) is given that opportunity on that first Easter Sunday. Mary is given the chance to share the news of the Resurrection, even if she doesn't fully understand what is happening. She approaches the tomb, which is empty, and on seeing the stone rolled away she runs to get Simon Peter and "the other disciple whom Jesus loved" (Jn 20:2) (who biblical scholars have come to identify as John, the "Beloved Disciple").

Here is where "the plot thickens", as writers like to say. On approaching the tomb, John arrives first but does not enter; he waits for Simon Peter to arrive. Why? Mainly because faith (as represented by John) always *precedes* knowledge/authority (as manifested in Simon Peter), but waits for knowledge to *verify* our faith before acting. Our first encounter with Christ – our Baptism - was taken on faith; the actions entailed in the Sacrament were undertaken by our parents, Godparents and the clergy who performed the Baptism. We trusted that our parents had our best interest at heart in bringing us to the baptismal font. It wasn't until our Confirmation, when we had the wisdom to do so, that we fully took on our faith for ourselves.

Easter is a season of new possibilities. It gives hope in a brighter tomorrow, even in the midst of challenge and struggle. It helps us to realize that our lives do not end in death if we have faith that Christ's life, death, and resurrection happened so that we might have newness of life. May we celebrate this day and season with a renewed sense of hope in God's promise of Life Everlasting. May we come to the understanding that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us the gift of Eternal Life.

*Happy Easter*



### 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](mailto: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