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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**April 8, 2012**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

**4:00 – William Browne & John Ruzgis –  
Memorial Mass**

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**4:00 – Daniel Glover – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass**

**Sunday, April 15, 2012**

**8:00 – Arthur R. Baggia -- 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary &  
Stephen A. Baggia 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass**

**10:00 – Susan M. Quill & Mary Francis –  
Memorial Mass**

**6:00 – Mass for the People of St. John**

*Important Dates*

**4-10 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 6:30 PM**

**4-12 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:30 PM**

**4-20 – Confirmation – 6:30 PM**

**4-21 – Confirmation – 10:00 AM**

**4-26 – First Communion Rehearsal – 6 PM**

**4-27 – First Communion – 10:00 AM**



*From  
Fr. Wally  
Fr. Kani  
Fr. Don  
Deacon Joe  
& the  
Staff  
At St. John's*

***Our Shared Treasure***

**April 1, 2012: \$7140**

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

*Second Collection- April 15 Church  
Maintenance*

***Please keep the following in your***

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

**CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST COLLECTION**

The diocesan-wide Easter Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust supports the health, welfare, and retirement needs of the 683 active and senior priests in our Archdiocese. These men have served us in a 24/7 job for most of their lives. Without them, we could not fully live our Catholic faith. Please remember the priests who have been there for you, and consider honoring them through this special collection. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of the wellbeing of our priests.

**300 CLUB GRAND PRIZE WINNERS**

**\$1,000 – JEAN CLANCY**

**\$500 – ANDREW SMITH**

**\$250 EACH – BOB & PEGGY DIFAZIO,  
LILLA MORRIS, KATE WASSER**

**300 Membership Form for 2012-2013**

Cut out and send in with payment to enroll.

Help the parish & be a winner!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

\$60 ( )

2 PAYMENTS OF \$30 ( )

4 PAYMENTS OF \$15 ( )



*Dear Friends*

It is very difficult for me to write this letter and for you to read it on Easter Sunday. However, the Finance Council has strongly urged me to do so, allowing the largest possible reading audience to be achieved. In brief, the parish will run a deficit of about \$30,000 by the end of June. This is represented by a 13.3% decline in weekly Offertory from \$238,369 to \$207,280 over the last two years as well as an increase in expenses associated with running a vibrant parish. Without correcting this problem, the parish will not be able to continue to pay its bills and the salaries of the employees. There is \$18,000 in the parish savings account which will take us through April and perhaps the first part of May. As you know, the weekly collections in June, July and August are significantly smaller than the other nine months of the year. **The parish needs your help and it needs your assistance now.**

If you do not worship with us on a regular basis but count on the services of the parish for Baptisms, CCD, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals or Weddings, we need your help to continue to provide those services. The 20 % of parishioners who attend Mass regularly can no longer pay for the services used by the parishioners who do not contribute to the support of the parish. This is especially true for the 750 children who are enrolled in our CCD Program. Unfortunately, only about 200 children and their parents attend Mass. The tuition that we charge pays for about 1/3 of the cost of running our program. The parish no longer can subsidize the other 2/3 of the cost of this program. Because of the financial situation that we find ourselves in, the CCD program will need to be self sufficient. For this to happen, the tuition will have to increase significantly. Believe me, the Finance Council and I do not want to see the fees increase and this decision will be difficult, but due to the offertory issues, we have no choice. I hope that the increase can be minimized by a significant increase in the contributions from parishioners, who for whatever reason, do not worship with us regularly. The simple act of using the parish envelope system as a reminder that the parish needs your help tends to make an impact. Also, there are other ways that you can support the parish such as the monthly drawing known as the 300 club. The form to enroll in this fundraiser can

be found in the bulletin. Also, you will find a form to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets which hopefully will give the winner a sizable amount of money, as well as benefit our parish. This parish is a very important part of the East Bridgewater community. This parish has a history of responding well to crisis. Let us once again, come together to support God's work in our community

*Happy Easter,  
Fr. Wally*



As part of our bereavement program, "Turn To Us", we would like to invite you and your family to attend a seminar offered to those seeking caring support:

**Grief And The Change of Seasons**

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM  
Bridgewater Senior Center  
10 Wally Krueger Way  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

We have planned this seminar to assist individuals in understanding the emotional aspects of living with grief. We will discuss the experience of loss, the personal journey we make through grief, and explore the meaning and value of traditions and rituals. Our goal is to provide ideas to enhance healthy living and grieving.

There is no cost for this seminar and everyone is welcome however, pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Please call our office today at 508-697-4332 or email us at [bridgewater@ccgfuneralhome.com](mailto:bridgewater@ccgfuneralhome.com) to reserve your seat.

**OLD COLONY HOSPICE  
Walk to Make A Difference  
Please Join Us for the 14th Memorial  
Walk**

You can make a difference today! Sign up to walk now. Proceeds from our annual walk are used to meet the needs of the patient by providing medications to ease their pain, equipment to keep them comfortable, and support for their caregivers and family.

**Let's walk together to remember loved ones and help those who need our support today!**

Questions - please call us at 781-341-4145 x 503 or send an e-mail to [developmentoch@oldcolonyhospice.com](mailto:developmentoch@oldcolonyhospice.com) or go online to [steppingout2012foroch.kintera.org/](http://steppingout2012foroch.kintera.org/)