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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**August 21, 2011  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

**4:00 – John & Marguerite Flaherty –  
Memorial Mass**

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

**8:00 -- Kay Grazado – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Albert Ialongo – 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:00 – Mass for the People of St John’s**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

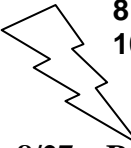
**9:00 – John Falvey Sr. – Memorial Mass**

**Saturday, August 27, 2011**

**4:00 -- Mary Ellen Deandrade – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary**

**Sunday, August 28, 2011**

**8:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s  
10:00 – Frank Hart – 3rd Anniversary**



**Important Dates**

- 8/27 – Reception for Dorrie and Rolly Bessette  
Following 4:00 Mass**
- 8/27 – Knights of Columbus-Meat Raffle – 1-3pm  
582 Bedford St., Bridgewater**
- 9/7 – CCD Grades 6, 7, & 8 Trainings @ 7 p.m.**
- 9/11 – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting – 7 p.m.**
- 9/14 – Catholic Women’s Club Mass – 6 p.m.**

**CCD News**

**CCD registrations are due now! The deadline for registering was August 1<sup>st</sup>. Many classes are already full. The CCD office is open Mon - Fri from 9:00 to 4:30. If you are unable to pay the full amount, we do offer payment plans. Please call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 for more information.**

**We are in need of teachers for all grade levels and all days.** Please consider sharing your faith with our children. We will train, supply materials, and help anyone who feels they need some help preparing for the classes.

We have a brand new and exciting program for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> classes that we know that the kids and teachers will love! A special training and presentation by the publisher will be held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Anyone interested please come.

Classes will begin the end of September!

**Our Shared Treasure  
Aug 14, 2011  
Collection - \$5004  
The Assumption - \$573**

*If you know someone who is in need of healing, physical, emotional, spiritual, marital and/or family prayers and has given you permission to place their name in the prayer list, please contact Debbie at the Rectory at 378-4207. Please keep the following in your prayers:  
Maureen Ronan, Diane Naughtton, Tim Ayers, William F. Borden, Frances D’Arcangelo, Kristina D’Arcangelo, John D’Arcangelo, Charlene D’Arcangelo, Gianna & Joe Cuccarello, Donna Dvorak, Chip Langer, George Corr, Mary & Louis O’Donnell, Pam & Vince Adornato, Dorothy Howe, Margaret Rogerson, Nancy O’Connor, Brendan Handrahan, Janet Johnson, Mark O’Reilly, Christina Wedge, Brooke DiBon, John Vass, Jane & Michael Sheehan, Anthony Lambiase, Sam Ascii, Wayne & Louise Goodwin, Nelson Powers, Lana Thomas, Don Kitchell, Betty & Bill DiPietro, Bill Browne, Russell L. Clifford Jr. & Ruth Russell, Jack, Sheila and Joseph McElhiney.*

*\*If you placed someone on the prayer list and they no longer need our prayers, please let us know and we will remove their name.*

**Back to School Giving Tree**

Thank you to all who took a tag from our tree. The tags are almost gone. Please bring the gift cards and place them in the basket in front of the altar so we can get them to the families in time for shopping while the sales last. Remember to write the \$ amount on the card. Thank you! If you know a family that needs our help for "back to school" expenses, please call Lorraine @ 508-378-1521.

The Catholic Women’s Club will be starting their new season with a Mass at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John’s. After Mass, we will meet at Riddell Road Hall and enjoy a supper. All are invited!

**God Bless and Thank you.  
MaryAnn Boyle, President**

**\*\*\*\*\*CLEANERS NEEDED\*\*\*\*\*  
Please call the Rectory if you are interested.  
We could really use your help!!!**

**Music News** We are pleased to announce that Erica Wasil has accepted the position of Music Minister for the Saturday, 4 pm Liturgy. Erica comes to us from Braintree, where she has been an active member of the Folk Group at St. Francis of Assisi. Erica has also worked at St. Clare Parish, Braintree and St. Nicholas of Myra, North Dighton as cantor and pianist. Erica received her Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Southern Maine, with a concentration in vocal performance.

Erica sings with the Braintree Choral Society in her spare time, and has been a soloist with that ensemble. This past winter Erica and her mother, Suzanne, joined our adult choir. We look forward to Erica contributing her talents to our worshipping community. Please be sure to welcome her when you see her!



Dear Friends  
On August 14 I completed my seventh year as your pastor. I have two observations: one, that was a quick seven years and two, how grateful I am for the time we have been able to be together in the Lord's service. You have not only welcomed me but you have welcomed my family, many times. My parents, brother and nieces love to come here and have done so many times.

During these past seven years, you have also welcomed priests from Africa and India and you have had a profound effect on the lives of these priests. They are better able to serve their people because of your generosity. We may miss a word or two once in a while but we gain so much more by their witness to the gospel. Because of your generosity, you even made it possible for Fr. Christopher Adombila, upon his death, to be returned home to Ghana for a proper Catholic burial. Now it is Fr. Kani's turn to experience your kindness and generosity and I know that he is very grateful for all that you have done for him thus far. These past seven years have seen a tremendous expansion of ministry to our children and young adults and our music program. Our CCD program is second to none, and so are the many additional programs offered to our children such as the Vacation Bible School. The Peer Ministry Program offered to our high school students, as well as, their five day leadership retreat is one of the few such programs in the Archdiocese of Boston. The repairs we have made to our church and rectory are too numerous to mention here but we have done the best we could with the money that we have been able to raise. Much of the work has been done by parishioners. As we speak, Mike McLaughlin is installing new windows in the parish hall.

I want to give special recognition to my dear friends, the Bessettes. Seven years ago I hired Dorrie and Rollie to run our music program. Some time ago, they handed the leadership part of the music program off to Paul Hoffman who has been a terrific Director of Music. Now, the Bessettes have need to put some free time in their lives so that they can continue to work full time at their regular jobs and to care for Dorrie's mom who lives with them, as well as, taking care of her two grandchildren on a regular basis. In your name and in my own name I extend a heart-felt thanks to Dorrie and Rollie and Heidi and Jill and to all their musical friends who have inspired us with their music over the past seven years.

This could become a very long letter as there is much to say about the past seven years. But let the word "thanks" suffice for now and know that it comes from a very grateful heart.

God Bless,  
Fr. Wally

## Adult Confirmation Class to be Held in the Fall!

Starting in October, St. John's will offer adult Confirmation classes for those Catholics who have been baptized and have received their First Communion and for whatever reason did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will be presented in 6 sessions over three weeks on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Participants of this program should be committed to attending all the classes, as well as, a willingness to attend Mass as often as possible.

## RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes for this program will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 beginning in the Fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

**KINDRED MOM'S CLUB—Volunteers needed!!!** If you love kids, we need you!!! We are starting a Kindred Mom's Club and need volunteers for child care starting Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 9:30-11:30 am and every other Wednesday after that for the school year...Even if you can only help once in a while, we would love to have you. Contact Brenda Armand at [bmarmand@hotmail.com](mailto:bmarmand@hotmail.com) or 508-456-1142